

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2009-208

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SEP 29 2009

In re: STEPHEN A. RODRIGUEZ

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Scott Anderson, Deputy Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Eileen M. Connolly, Appellate Counsel

On July 1, 2009, the Review Department of the California State Bar Court, In Bank, suspended the respondent from the practice of law indefinitely, because the respondent did not comply with the terms of his probation as specified in a February 21, 2008, California Supreme Court order. Consequently, on September 2, 2009, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts. The Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS") then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. The petition will be granted.

ORDER: The petition is granted, and the respondent is hereby suspended, absent a showing of good cause, from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding. See 73 Fed. Reg. 76914, 76924 (December 18, 2008)(to be codified at 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)).

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent is directed to promptly notify, in writing, any clients with cases currently pending before the Board, the Immigration Courts, or the DHS that the respondent has been suspended from practicing before these bodies.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall maintain records to evidence compliance with this order.

FURTHER ORDER: The Board directs that the contents of this notice be made available to the public, including at Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of the DHS.

  
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FOR THE BOARD