

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2010-141

Date:

JUL 20 2011

In re: FRANK PATRICK SPROULS, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Jennifer J. Barnes, Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Eileen M. Connolly
Chief, Immigration Court Practice Section - East

On March 30, 2011, the respondent was suspended from the practice of law for one year, stayed, with an actual suspension of 90 days, and probation for two years, by the Supreme Court of California. Consequently, on July 5, 2011, 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.¹

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* 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.



FOR THE BOARD

¹The respondent submitted a "Response to Notice of Intent to Discipline" on July 13, 2011. The respondent's filing will be addressed when the Board issues a final order in summary disciplinary proceedings under 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(b).