

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2005-271

Date: June 12, 2006

In re: LUIS ALBERTO FLORES, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL: Jennifer J. Barnes, Esquire

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

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On September 21, 2004, a jury in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey found the respondent guilty of conspiracy to launder money, money laundering, and conspiracy to structure transactions. The respondent was sentenced to 32 months in prison, beginning on March 17, 2005. The felony crimes are "serious crimes" within the meaning of 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(h). On October 4, 2005, the respondent was indefinitely suspended from the practice of law in New York, by the Appellate Division, Supreme Court, First Department, effective January 20, 2005.

Consequently, on May 25, 2006, the Office of General 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. On May 26, 2006, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS," formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency.

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).

Accordingly, 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. The respondent shall maintain records to evidence compliance with this order. Moreover, we direct 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