

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2003-237

Date: NOV 22 2004

In re: STEVEN Y. LEE, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Rachel A. McCarthy, Ethics Counsel

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL: Jennifer J. Barnes, Bar Counsel

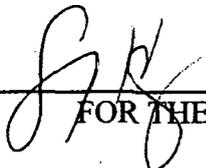
ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On October 28, 2003, the respondent's license to practice law was revoked in Virginia. The respondent consented to the revocation of his license and admitted wrongdoing. Namely, the respondent admitted that he committed immigration fraud, as charged by the United States Attorney and as admitted in an October 22, 2003, plea agreement. On April 8, 2004, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals disbarred the respondent from the practice of law in that jurisdiction.

Consequently, on October 22, 2004, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS," formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service), initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the DHS. On November 1, 2004, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before EOIR, including the Board and immigration courts.

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), 1292.3(c).

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