

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2005-046

Date: April 14, 2005

In re: LINDA IRENE PEREZ, 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

AMENDED ORDER¹

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. Complaints against the respondent were brought to the State Bar of Texas by two individuals, one involving a contract dispute case and the other involving the defense of two defendants charged with the transport of illegal aliens. The State Bar of Texas found that the respondent had violated several provisions of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. On November 5, 2004, the Evidentiary Panel for the State Bar District No. 10B-3, State Bar of Texas, suspended the respondent from the practice of law in that state for a period of 5 years, with active suspension from November 15, 2004 to November 14, 2006, and probated suspension effective November 15, 2006, to end November 14, 2009.

Consequently, on March 8, 2005, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals. On March 14, 2005, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS," formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before the Immigration Courts and the DHS.

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

¹The order on the petition for immediate suspension issued by the Board on March 28, 2005, is amended only insofar as to correct the typographical errors in the dates of suspension listed in the first paragraph. The content of the order remains otherwise the same.

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.



FOR THE BOARD