

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2000-051

Date: SEP 15 2000

In re: SYLVIA ANITA RYAN, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL: Jennifer Barnes, Esquire

ON BEHALF OF SERVICE: Barry O'Melinn, Appellate Counsel

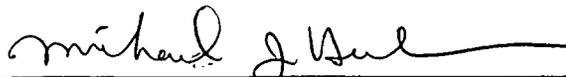
ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On January 29, 1996, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals suspended the respondent for four months from the practice of law, and conditioned her reinstatement on proof of fitness to resume the practice of law. To date the respondent has neither sought nor been granted reinstatement in the District of Columbia. On January 27, 1997, the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department, suspended the respondent from the practice of law in that state for one year, and indefinitely thereafter, until further order of that court. To date, no further action has been taken.

Consequently, on September 1, 2000, 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 and the Immigration Courts. On September 7, 2000, the Immigration and Naturalization Service moved to join that petition and asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency.

The petition is granted, and the respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the Service pending final disposition of this proceeding. *See* 65 Fed. Reg. 39,513, 39,527 (June 27, 2000) (to be codified at 8 C.F.R. § 3.103(a)). Absent a showing of good cause, this suspension shall remain in effect until the imposition of a final administrative decision in the underlying disciplinary proceedings. *Id.*

Accordingly, the respondent is directed to promptly notify, in writing, any clients with cases currently pending before the Board, the Immigration Courts, or the Service 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 Service.



FOR THE BOARD