

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2004-166

Date: NOV 4 2004

In re: ALFRED G. SANTOS, 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 April 26, 2004, the District Court of Harris County, Texas, 29th Judicial District, suspended the respondent from the practice of law in that state for a period of 5 years, with 1 year active suspension and the last 4 years probated.

Consequently, on October 13, 2004, 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.¹ On October 18, 2004, 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.



FOR THE BOARD

¹It was additionally noted that on or about August 9, 2004, after the Texas suspension order became effective, the respondent apparently filed a motion to reopen and notice of entry of appearance (Form EOIR-27) on behalf of a respondent before the Board, holding himself out as an attorney in good standing in Texas (NID, Att. 2). *See* 8 C.F.R. §§ 1001.1(f); 1003.102(e), (f); 1292.1(a)(1).