

Falls Church, Virginia 20530

File: D2014-010

Date: SEP 30 2014

In re: ALBERT BALDEO, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

~~ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Jennifer J. Barnes, Disciplinary Counsel~~

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Diane H. Kier
Associate Legal Advisor

On August 11, 2014, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, the respondent was found guilty by a jury of a "serious crime" within the meaning of 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(h). That is, the respondent was found guilty of one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice, and six counts of obstruction of justice, in violation of 18 C.F.R. § 1512(b)(3); (k) and 18 C.F.R. § 1512(b)(3); (2). Consequently, on September 8, 2014, the Disciplinary 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. The Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS") then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. The petition will be granted.

ORDER: 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. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a) (2013).

FURTHER ORDER: 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.

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall maintain records to evidence compliance with this order.

FURTHER ORDER: The Board directs 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