

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2016-0333

Date: JAN 04 2017

In re: THOMAS ALAN STANLEY, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Jeannette V. Dever, Associate Legal Advisor

On September 15, 2016, the Supreme Court of California issued a final order suspending the respondent from the practice of law in that state for a period of 6 months. Consequently, on December 15, 2016, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR") petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board") and the Immigration Courts. The Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. The petition will be granted.<sup>1</sup> See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(1) and (4) (stating that the Disciplinary Counsel for the EOIR shall file, with appropriate documentation, a petition to immediately suspend from practice any practitioner who has been suspended from practice by the highest court of any state and that the Board shall grant the request).

ORDER: The petition is granted, and the respondent is suspended 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).

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.

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<sup>1</sup> The Board may set aside the order of immediate suspension upon a showing of good cause when it appears in the interest of justice to do so. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).

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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.

  
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FOR THE BOARD