

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2015-0245

Date: FEB 03 2017

In re: JUDITH SPORN, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Catherine M. O'Connell, Disciplinary Counsel

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

On September 18, 2015, the Superior Court for the Judicial District of Stamford/Norwalk at Stamford suspended the respondent from the practice of law in Connecticut for 2 years. The respondent's requests for stays of her suspension were granted until October 25, 2016. The Superior Court denied the respondent's additional stay requests in orders dated November 17, 2016, and December 14, 2016. Consequently, on January 19, 2017, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security ("Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS") petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before that agency. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board") and the Immigration Courts. The petition will be granted.<sup>1</sup> See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(2) and (4) (stating that the Disciplinary Counsel for the DHS may file a petition to immediately suspend from practice any practitioner who has been suspended from practice by the highest court of any state or who has been placed on suspension pending a final resolution of a disciplinary matter 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 Department of Homeland Security ("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.

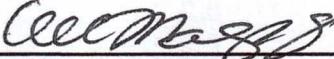
FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall maintain records to evidence compliance with this order.

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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