

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2002-107

Date: APR - 8 2003

In re: SAMUEL G. KOORITZKY, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF SERVICE: Theresa A. Repede, Appellate Counsel

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL: Jennifer J. Barnes, Esquire

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On December 11, 2002, the respondent was found guilty on all counts in a 57-count indictment in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division. The crimes involved conspiracy, labor certification fraud, making false statements, immigration fraud, and laundering of monetary instruments, in violation of federal law. The crimes, which related to the respondent's representation of immigration clients, are felonies and thus "serious crimes" within the meaning of 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(h).¹ On January 15, 2003, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals issued an interim order of suspension against the respondent. On January 22, 2003, the respondent's license to practice law in the state of Virginia was revoked.

Consequently, on March 6, 2003, the Immigration and Naturalization Service ("the Service", now part of the Department of Homeland Security, (DHS)), initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Service. On March 14, 2003, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before EOIR, including the Board and immigration courts.

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 Service pending final disposition of this proceeding. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1292.3(c)(2).

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

¹Regulations relating to the Executive Office for Immigration Review, found in title 8 of the Code of Federal Regulations, were reorganized on February 28, 2003, due to the Homeland Security Act of 2002. *See* 68 FR 9824 (February 28, 2003). There was no substantive changes made to the regulations. *Id.* at 9825. Until February 28, 2003, 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(h) was found at 8 C.F.R. § 3.102(h).