## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW IMMIGRATION COURT FALLS CHURCH, VIRGINIA

In the Matter of:	) .	Date: October 29, 2003
James C. DRAGON,	)	File Number: D2002-143
Respondent	) ) 	In Attorney Discipline Proceedings

Charges:

8 C.F.R. § 3.102(e)(1), Practitioner subject to final disbarment or suspension in the jurisdiction of any state, possession, territory, commonwealth or the District of Columbia, or any Federal court in which the practitioner is admitted to practice.

On Behalf Of The Respondent:

Pro Se

On Behalf Of The Government:

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## **DECISION AND ORDER OF THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE**

Pursuant to proper notice, the above-captioned matter was scheduled for a hearing on March 19, 2003 for the respondent to show cause why he should not be suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals (Board), the Immigration Court and the Department of Homeland Security ("the DHS" formerly the Immigration & Naturalization Service). The respondent failed to appear at the Immigration Court in Boston Massachusetts for a televideo hearing. Instead, the respondent submitted a motion asking the Board to reopen and/or reconsider its decision of January 30, 2003 suspending the respondent from practice "before the Board, the Immigration Courts and the Service." The Immigration Court forwarded the respondent's motion to the Board with an order that if the Board denied the respondent's motion, the respondent would be ordered suspended in his absence. On June 24, 2003, the Board denied the respondent's motion. This matter was properly scheduled for a hearing on September 30, 2003. The respondent failed to appear.

The court finds that the Government, through Bar Counsel, Jennifer Barnes has submitted probative evidence establishing conclusively that on August 23, 2003, a judge in the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts ordered that the respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in the State of Massachusetts. Bar Counsel has established as well that reciprocal disciplinary action stemming from the respondent's disbarment in Massachusetts should be imposed upon the respondent. The respondent has not shown good cause why collateral disciplinary action should not be imposed.

WHEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2003 that the respondent be suspended indefinitely from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts and the Department Of Homeland Security unless and until such time as the respondent can demonstrate that he meets the definition of an attorney or representative as set forth in 8 C.F.R. § 1.1(f) and (j).

Phillip T. Williams,

**Assistant Chief Immigration Judge** 

Notice of Decision and Order in Attorney Discipline Case D2002-143, has been served on the following persons, in the manner so noted, on the 29th day of October 2003.

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