

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2005-043

Date: March 16, 2005

In re: RICHARD P. ZIPSER, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Eileen M. Connolly, Appellate Counsel

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. The hearing panel of the Attorney Discipline Board of the State of Michigan found that the respondent failed to comply with court orders, failed to timely and diligently prosecute a client's matter, and failed to file an answer to a request for investigation. On February 11, 2005, the Attorney Discipline Board, State of Michigan, suspended the respondent from the practice of law in that state for a period of 180 days, effective February 4, 2005.¹

Consequently, on March 3, 2005, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts. On March 7, 2005, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS," formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency.

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. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a).

Accordingly, 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. 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 DHS.



FOR THE BOARD

¹ The Attorney Discipline Board gave the respondent credit for the 35 days he was suspended during the pendency of the case in Michigan.