

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2008-063

Date:

MAR 11 2009

In re: PATRICK G. TZEUTON, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Rachel A. McCarthy, Bar Counsel

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

On February 11, 2009, in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, the respondent was found guilty of a "serious crime" within the meaning of 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(h), relating to his immigration law practice. That is, the respondent was convicted of 9 felony counts in the indictment. These included one count of conspiracy; seven counts of knowingly presenting to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services an application, affidavit, or other document required by the immigration laws and regulations which contained a false statement with respect to a material fact and which failed to contain any reasonable basis in law and fact; and one count of corruptly obstructing, influencing and impeding an official proceeding before the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS"), in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, 18 U.S.C. § 1546(a) and 2 and 18 U.S.C. §§ 1512(c)(2) and 2. Consequently, on March 4, 2009, the DHS initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the DHS. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before EOIR, including the Board and Immigration Courts. The petition will be granted.

**ORDER:** 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); 1292.3(c).

**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.

**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.

  
FOR THE BOARD