

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2003-011

Date: DEC 23 2003

In re: DENISE A. MANISCALCO, 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. On October 30, 2003, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board issued a "Second Revised Summary Order", in which the respondent was suspended from the practice of law for three years, effective November 7, 2003. The Disciplinary Board issued an "Order of Public Reprimand and Suspension" on November 13, 2003, which showed that its actions were based on two matters, one a domestic relations case, and the other an immigration matter. The respondent was found to have violated numerous disciplinary rules in her handling of these cases.

Consequently, on November 25, 2003, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Immigration Courts. On December 3, 2003, 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