U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review

Decision of the Board of Immigration Appeals

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2002-061

Date: JUN -6 2002

In re: CHARLES ALLEN <u>GRUTMAN</u>, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

ON BEHALF OF SERVICE: Mark N. Glickman, Appellate Counsel

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On December 11, 2001, the respondent pled guilty to one count of stealing government money, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 641, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida. The crime is a felony and therefore is a "serious crime" within the meaning of 8 C.F.R. § 3.102(h). On March 7, 2002, the respondent was disbarred from the practice of law, by order of the New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department.

Consequently, on May 17, 2002, 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 May 21, 2002, 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 Service pending final disposition of this proceeding. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 3.103(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 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.

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FOR THE BOARD