

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2004-069

Date: March 18, 2005

In re: MANLIN MAUREEN CHEE, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL: Jennifer J. Barnes, Bar Counsel

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On November 23, 2004, the respondent pled guilty in the United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina to conspiracy and fraud and misuse of visas/permits, in violation of federal law. The crimes, which related to the respondent's representation of immigration clients, are "serious crimes" within the meaning of 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(h).

Consequently, on February 17, 2005, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS," formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the DHS. On February 23, 2005, the Office of General Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before EOIR, including the Board and immigration courts.

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).

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.

  
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FOR THE BOARD