

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2010-002

Date:

JAN 27 2010

In re: MANUEL O. MONTELONGO, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

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

On September 2, 2009, the Supreme Court of Nevada issued an "Order of Disbarment By Consent", disbaring the respondent from the practice of law. The court noted that the respondent had submitted an affidavit in which he consented to disbarment, conceded that material facts in allegations against him were true, and conceded that if the state bar prosecuted pending complaints and grievances, he could not successfully defend against the charges. Consequently, on January 11, 2010, the Disciplinary 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. The Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS") then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. 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)(2010).

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.



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FOR THE BOARD