

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2001-047

Date: OCT 1 2001

In re: FRANK A.K. AWUAH, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

ON BEHALF OF SERVICE: Javier Balasquide, Appellate Counsel

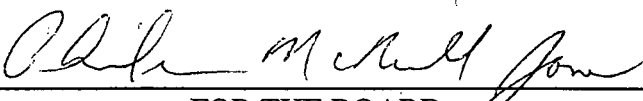
ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On July 29, 1997, the respondent was indefinitely suspended from practice in Maryland by that state's Court of Appeals. On February 12, 1999, the court extended the 1997 indefinite suspension order for an additional thirty days. The respondent has not been reinstated to practice law in Maryland. The District of Columbia Court of Appeals reciprocally suspended the respondent on September 16, 1999, and June 29, 2000. The respondent has not been reinstated to practice in the District of Columbia.

Consequently, on September 14, 2001, 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 September 19, 2001, 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.



FOR THE BOARD