

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

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File: D2008-062

Date:          **MAR 26 2008**

In re: HANI ALEX AZZAM, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

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

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

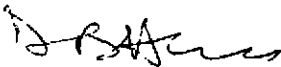
ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On March 5, 2008, the respondent was convicted in Michigan's 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of 3 felony counts of stealing, retaining, or using a financial instrument device without consent. The respondent has been convicted of a "serious crime" within the meaning of 8 C.F.R. § 1003.102(h).

Consequently, on March 14, 2008, 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 March 17, 2008, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS") 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.



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FOR THE BOARD