

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2000-114

Date: DEC 4 2000

In re: GEORGE A. VERDIN, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF GENERAL COUNSEL: Jennifer Barnes, Esquire

ON BEHALF OF SERVICE: Javier Balasquide, Appellate Counsel

ORDER:

PER CURIAM. On April 21, 1999, the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii indefinitely suspended the respondent from the practice of law in that state. On May 26, 1999, the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii took the same action

Consequently, on November 3, 2000, 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 November 21, 2000, the Immigration and Naturalization Service moved to join that petition and asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency.

The petition is granted, and the respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the Service pending final disposition of this proceeding. *See* 65 Fed. Reg. 39,513, 39,527 (June 27, 2000) (to be codified at 8 C.F.R. § 3.103(a)). Absent a showing of good cause, this suspension shall remain in effect until the imposition of a final administrative decision in the underlying disciplinary proceedings. *Id.*

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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