

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2016-0316

Date: JAN 05 2017

In re: CHRISTINA J. WANIES-GUIRGIS, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Jennifer J. Barnes
Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Jeannette V. Dever
Associate Legal Advisor

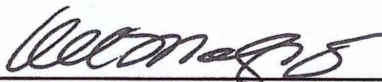
On July 11, 2016, the District 4 Grievance Committee, Evidentiary Panel 4-4, State Bar of Texas issued a "Default Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension." The order suspended the respondent from the practice of law for 3 years, with the respondent actively suspended from the practice of law for 2 years beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2018. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review ("EOIR") petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("Board") and the Immigration Courts on December 12, 2016. The Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before that agency. The petition will be granted.¹

ORDER: The petition is granted, and the respondent is immediately suspended from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall 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 contents of this notice shall be made available to the public, including at Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of the DHS.



FOR THE BOARD

¹ The Board may set aside the order of immediate suspension upon a showing of good cause when it appears in the interest of justice to do so. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).