

Falls Church, Virginia 20530

File: D2014-335

Date: FEB 19 2015

In re: MICHAEL M. CARRASCO, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Caitlin Shay, Acting Disciplinary Counsel

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

On February 4, 2002, the respondent was disbarred from the practice of law in New Mexico, by the Supreme Court of New Mexico, after the court approved the respondent's agreement not to contest, but consent to discipline. On November 5, 2014, the Supreme Court of New Mexico issued an order deferring a decision on whether the respondent should be held in contempt of court orders. The court's November 5, 2014, order did state, however, that "until further order of the Court, respondent shall not provide any immigration-related services to any immigrant, which includes soliciting business, accepting retainers, completing forms, attending hearings, and providing translations or other services to immigrants." Consequently, on February 2, 2015, the Department of Homeland Security (the "DHS") initiated disciplinary proceedings against the respondent and petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the DHS. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) then asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before EOIR, including the Board and Immigration Courts. The petition will be granted.

ORDER: The petition is granted, and the respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(2013); 8 C.F.R. § 292.3(c).

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.



FOR THE BOARD