

Falls Church, Virginia 22041

File: D2017-0103

Date: MAY 11 2017

In re: LORETO KUDERA, ATTORNEY

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Catherine M. O'Connell, Disciplinary Counsel

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

On January 31, 2017, the United States District Court for the District of Vermont entered a judgment convicting the respondent of conspiracy to commit immigration fraud under 18 U.S.C. §§ 371 and 1546(a) on the basis of his guilty plea. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security then petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before that agency on April 24, 2017. The Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review asked that the respondent be similarly suspended from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals ("the Board") and the Immigration Courts. The petition is granted.¹ See 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.103(a)(1), (2) and (4) (discussing grounds for immediate suspension).

ORDER: The petition is granted, and the respondent is immediately suspended from the practice of law before the Board, the Immigration Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security ("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).