

## SOS suspensions

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This blocks future suspensions but what about those already suspended? I assume we're expected to continue to uphold the suspensions until further clarification from the Court or SOS. My most common misdemeanor is DWLS and probably the greatest revenue generator too!! This will certainly make January dockets interesting. Happy Christmas and a Joyous New Year. Brennan

Sent from my iPad

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