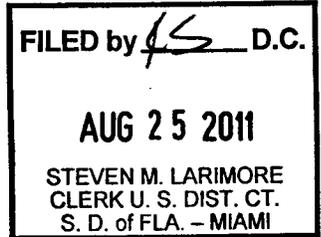


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2011-64

IN RE: PENNY E. GRADES  
Florida Bar #91189

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**ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

The Supreme Court of Florida has entered an Order of Suspension dated February 21, 2011, suspending Penny E. Grades from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Grades*, 56 So. 3d 767 (Fla. 2011). The suspension was predicated on The Florida Bar's Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause. The Clerk attempted to serve attorney Grades by certified mail with an Order to Show Cause why this Court should not impose the same discipline, accompanied by the Supreme Court of Florida's Order of Suspension. Service at Grades' court record address was returned "Attempted - Not known - Unable to Forward." Service at her Florida Bar address was signed for with an illegible signature and without notation as to "addressee" or "agent."

Rule 5(a) of the Rules Governing Attorney Discipline, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, requires that "[a]n attorney admitted to practice before this Court shall, upon being subjected to suspension or disbarment . . . promptly inform the Clerk of the Court of such action." Rule 5(d) provides in pertinent part that after expiration of the time for submitting a response to an Order to Show Cause, "the Court may impose the identical discipline or may impose any other sanction the Court may deem appropriate." Even if service is contested, Administrative Order 2005-38 imposes upon the members of this Bar an obligation to provide in writing updated contact information to the Clerk within five business days of any change, and orders that "the failure of counsel . . . to provide such information to the Clerk . . . shall not constitute grounds for relief from deadlines imposed by Rule or by the Court." This obligation to maintain current contact information is reiterated in the Court's CM/ECF Administrative Procedures Manual, section 3D, compliance with which is mandated by Local Rule 5.5. Given this background, pursuant to Rule 5(a)

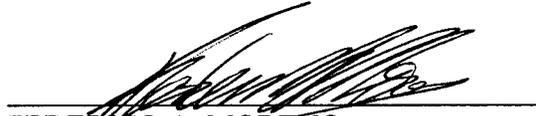
and (d), Administrative Order 2005-38, and the Court's inherent power to regulate membership in its bar for the protection of the public interest, *see Chambers v. NASCO, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 32, 43 (1991) (“[A] federal court has the power to control admission to its bar and to discipline attorneys who appear before it.”),

IT IS ORDERED that said attorney be suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. The Clerk of Court shall strike this attorney from the roll of attorneys eligible to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and shall also immediately revoke the attorney's CM/ECF password.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that said attorney advise the Clerk of Court of all pending cases before this Court in which she is counsel or co-counsel of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that the Clerk of Court attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Suspension upon the attorney at her court record address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 22 day of August, 2011.

  
FEDERICO A. MORENO  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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