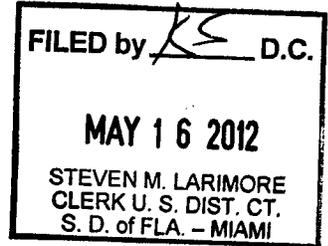


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2012- 40

IN RE: FRANCIS X. SANTANA
Florida Bar # 270970



ORDER OF DISBARMENT

The Supreme Court of Florida has entered an Order of Disbarment dated October 6, 2011, disbaring Francis X. Santana from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Santana*, 73 So.3d 761 (Fla. 2011). That Order of Disbarment was predicated upon an uncontested Report of Referee entered between the attorney and The Florida Bar. The Clerk attempted to serve attorney Santana 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 Disbarment. Service at Santana's court record address was returned "Return to Sender-No Such Number-Unable to Forward." Subsequently, Santana was held in contempt and permanently disbarred by the Supreme Court of Florida for failing to file a response to the Court's Order to Show Cause, which was based upon The Florida Bar's Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause. *See The Florida Bar v. Santana*, No. SC12-394, 2012 WL 1550864 (Fla. May 1, 2012).

Rule 5(d) of the Rules Governing Attorney Discipline, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, 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, Local Rule 11.1(g) imposes upon the members of this Bar an obligation to provide updated contact information to the Clerk within seven days of any change, and "the failure to comply 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 5.1. Given this background, pursuant to Rule 5(a) and (d), Local Rule 11.1(g), 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 disbarred 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 he 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 Disbarment upon the attorney at his court record address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 6th day of May, 2012.


FEDERICO A. MORENO
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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All Southern District Judges
All Southern District Magistrate Judges
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