

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2016-63

In re: **CARLOS R. ZEPEDA**
Florida Bar # 45239

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

The Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension dated January 4, 2016, suspending Carlos R. Zepeda from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Zepeda*, No. SC15-2402, 2016 WL 30276 (Fla. Jan. 4, 2016). The suspension was predicated on a Notice of Determination or Judgment of Guilt, which disclosed that Mr. Zepeda was found guilty of Aggravated Assault with a Firearm and Trespass to a Structure with a Firearm, both third degree felonies, before the Miami-Dade Circuit Court on November 9, 2015. *See The State of Florida v. Carlos Rene Zepeda*, Case No. F15-003286 (Fla. 11th Cir. Ct. Nov. 9, 2015). On June 15, 2016, Zepeda filed a Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment with The Florida Bar. On August 18, 2016, based upon an uncontested report of the referee, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension suspending Zepeda from the practice of law for three (3) years. *See The Florida Bar v. Zepeda*, No. SC15-2402, 2016 WL 4399105 (Fla. Aug. 18, 2016).

Rule 4(a) of the Rules Governing Attorney Discipline, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, provides that “[u]pon the filing with this Court of a certified copy of a judgment of conviction demonstrating that any attorney admitted to practice before the Court has been convicted in any court of the United States . . . of any serious crime . . . the Court shall enter an order immediately suspending that attorney.” A “serious crime” has been defined by Rule 4(b) to “include any felony.”

Pursuant to Rule 4(a) and (b), 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

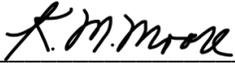
(1991) (“[A] federal court has the power to control admission to its bar and to discipline attorneys who appear before it.”),

IT IS ORDERED that said attorney be suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately, for a period of three (3) years. The attorney may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by order of this Court. See Rule 9 (a). 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 Suspension upon the attorney at his court record address and Florida Bar address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 8th day of November, 2016.



K. MICHAEL MOORE
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

- c: All South Florida Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges
- All Southern District Judges
- All Southern District Bankruptcy Judges
- All Southern District Magistrate Judges
- United States Attorney
- Circuit Executive
- Federal Public Defender
- Clerks of Court – District, Bankruptcy and 11th Circuit
- Florida Bar and National Lawyer Regulatory Data Bank
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- Carlos R. Zepeda