UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2010-56

IN RE: SCOTT HENRY LEBOWITZ FLORIDA BAR # 168051

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

FILED by <u>5</u>D.C. JUN 0 1 2010 STEVEN M. LARIMORE CLERK U. S. DIST. CT. S. D. of FLA – MIAMI

The Supreme Court of Florida has disbarred the above-named attorney from practicing law in Florida, effective *nunc pro tunc*, December 8, 2008, following a December 10, 2009 order. That disbarment was predicated on an uncontested Referee's Report and Recommendation finding allegations relating to mishandling of client funds. Thereafter, the Clerk of this Court attempted to serve the attorney at both his court record address and his Florida Bar address with an Order to Show Cause why this Court should not impose the same discipline, accompanied by the Supreme Court of Florida's December 10, 2009 Order of Disbarment. The return receipt for service at his Florida Bar address was signed. Service at his court record address was returned as "Forward Expired" and other attempts to serve him via certified mail have been unsuccessful.

Rule 5(d) of the Southern District of Florida Attorney Discipline Rules 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." Based upon the above circumstances, it is unclear whether the Clerk of Court has been able to effect service as normally required by our Rules. However, 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(d) of the Rules Governing Attorney Discipline of the Southern District of Florida, Administrative Order 2005-38, and the Court's inherent power to regulate membership in its bar for the protection of the public interest,

IT IS ORDERED that said attorney be suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. The Clerk shall immediately revoke the attorney's CM/ECF password.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this suspension shall remain in effect until final disposition of the disciplinary proceedings commenced by the Order to Show Cause, or until such time as the Court lifts this suspension upon the appearance and request of the attorney.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that said attorney advise the Clerk of the 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 Florida Bar address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this <u>20</u> day of May, 2010.

FEDERICO À. MERENO CHIÉF UNIPED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: Honorable Joel F. Dubina, Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit All Miami Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges All Southern District Judges All Southern District Magistrate Judges United States Attorney Circuit Executive Federal Public Defender Clerk of Court Clerk of Court, 11th Circuit National Lawyer Regulatory Data Bank Florida Bar Attorney Admissions Clerk Library Scott Henry Lebowitz