## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2010-68** 

IN RE: STEVEN CURTIS LAWSON FLORIDA BAR #381410

JUN 0 8 2010

STEVEN M. LARIMORE CLERK U. S. DIST. CT. S. D. of FLA. – MIAMI

## **ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

The Supreme Court of Florida has disbarred the above-named attorney from practicing law in Florida, effective immediately, following a May 14, 2009 order. That disbarment was predicated on an uncontested Report of Referee. The Clerk attempted to serve the attorney 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 his court record address was returned "Attempted Unknown" 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." Although the Clerk of Court has not been able to effect service, 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 court record address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this

FEDERICO A. MORENO

CHIEF UNITED 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

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day of June, 2010.

Steven Curtis Lawson