

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2014-99

In re: ERIC LESLIE MERL
Florida Bar # 223573

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ORDER OF DISBARMENT

The Supreme Court of Florida has entered an Order of Suspension dated August 7, 2014, suspending Eric Leslie Merl from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Merl*, No. SC14-1535, 2014 WL 3888136 (Fla. Aug. 7, 2014). The suspension was predicated on a Notice of Determination or Judgment of Guilt, which disclosed that Merl entered a guilty plea to Count I, conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service, and Count 46, making false statements to the Internal Revenue Service, of a Superseding Indictment, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, both of which are felony offenses. *See United States of America v. Eric Merl, et al.*, Case No. 12-444. Following the August 7, 2014 Order of Suspension, Merl filed an uncontested Petition for Disciplinary Revocation with Leave to Reapply for Readmission with the Florida Supreme Court. On October 9, 2014, the Florida Supreme Court granted the Petition, *see In re Merl*, No. SC14-1635, 2014 WL 5093128 (Fla. Oct. 9, 2014), and dismissed the case that was the basis for the August 7, 2014 Order of Suspension.

Disciplinary revocation is tantamount to disbarment pursuant to Rules 3-7.12 and 3-5.1(g) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. Rule 6(b) of the Rules Governing Attorney Discipline, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, provides that "[a]n attorney . . . who shall be . . . disbarred on consent or resign from the bar of any other court . . . while an investigation into allegations of misconduct is pending shall . . . cease to be permitted to practice before this Court and be stricken from the roll of attorneys admitted to practice before this Court." Disbarment on consent makes service of an Order to Show Cause unnecessary and the attorney may be

immediately disbarred. Pursuant to Rule 6(b) and the inherent authority of this Court to oversee officers admitted to membership in its bar, *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 the above named attorney be disbarred from practice in this Court, effective immediately.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall strike this attorney from the roll of attorneys from 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 shall 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 4th day of November, 2014.

Kevin Michael Moore

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