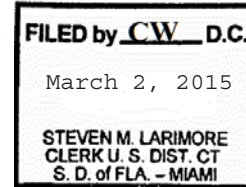


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-15

In re: LOUIS R. TOWNSEND, JR.
FLORIDA BAR # 46825



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

The Supreme Court of Florida has entered an Order of Suspension dated December 17, 2014, suspending Louis R. Townsend, Jr. from the practice of law for ninety-one (91) days. *See The Florida Bar v. Townsend*, No. SC11-2286, 2014 WL 7188869 (Fla. Dec. 17, 2014). That Order of Suspension was predicated on an uncontested report of the referee, which was based upon a Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment for Discipline. 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 suspended . . . on consent . . . from the bar of any state . . . 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.” Under these circumstances involving suspension on consent, service of an Order to Show Cause is unnecessary and the attorney may be immediately suspended. 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 said attorney be suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately, for a period of ninety-one (91) days. 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.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 2nd day of March, 2015.

Kevin Michael Moore

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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All Southern District Judges
All Southern District Bankruptcy Judges
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