

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2016-36

In re: RICHARD JOHN DE SANTO  
FLORIDA BAR # 254371

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<b>July 11, 2016</b>
STEVEN M. LARIMORE CLERK U.S. DIST. CT. S. D. OF FLA. - MIAMI

**ORDER OF DISBARMENT**

On May 19, 2016, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order Granting an uncontested Petition for Disciplinary Revocation with leave to seek readmission after five years filed by Richard John De Santo. *See In Re Petition for Disciplinary Revocation of Richard John De Santo*, No. SC16-428, 2016 WL 3223722 (Fla. May 19, 2016). 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.” Under these circumstances involving disbarment on consent, service of an Order to Show Cause is 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.”),

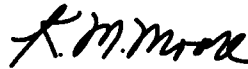
IT IS ORDERED that the above named attorney be disbarred from practice in this Court, effective immediately. The attorney may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by Order of this Court. *See* Rule 9(a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall strike this attorney from the roll of attorneys for 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 11 day of July, 2016.



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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 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit
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- Richard John De Santo