

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2018-14  
CASE NO. 18-MC-20300

In re: IAN JAMES CHRISTENSEN  
Florida Bar # 102992

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**ORDER OF DISBARMENT**

The Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Disbarment dated January 18, 2018, disbaring Ian James Christensen from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Christensen*, No. SC16-1081, 2018 WL 459360 (Fla. Jan. 18, 2018). The Clerk attempted to serve attorney Christensen 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 Christensen’s court record address was returned – “Return To Sender – No Such Street – Unable to Forward.” Service at attorney’s Florida Bar address was signed for by Declan O’Neil without notation as to “agent.” Attorney Christensen contacted the Court by email on February 14, 2018, stating that he is no longer eligible to practice law in Florida, not currently representing any clients before the Southern District of Florida, and to update his email address, but did not acknowledge receipt or otherwise directly respond to the Order to Show Cause.

Rule 8(a) of the Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, requires that “[a]n attorney admitted to practice before this Court shall, upon being subjected to reprimand, suspension, or disbarment . . . shall promptly inform the Clerk of the Court of such action.” Rule 8(d) 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.” Even if service is contested, Local Rule 11.1(g) imposes upon the members of this Bar an obligation to provide updated contact information to the Clerk within seven days of any change,

and that “the failure to comply 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 5.1. Given this background, pursuant to Rule 8(a) and (d), Local Rule 11.1(g) and the Court’s inherent power to regulate membership in its bar for the protection of the public interest, *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 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 12(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 the Clerk of Court attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Disbarment upon the attorney at his Florida Bar address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 13th day of March, 2018.

  
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K. MICHAEL MOORE  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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All Southern District Judges  
All Southern District Bankruptcy Judges  
All Southern District Magistrate Judges  
United States Attorney  
Circuit Executive  
Federal Public Defender  
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