

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2018-17
CASE NO. 18-MC-20299

In re: GERALD WAYNE ADAMS
FLORIDA BAR# 394548



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

The Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension January 4, 2018, suspending Gerald Wayne Adams from the practice of law for ninety-one (91) days. *See The Florida Bar v. Adams*, No. SC16-2223, 2018 WL 287212 (Fla. Jan. 4, 2018). The suspension was predicated on an unconstested report of the referee. The Clerk served attorney Adams 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 Suspension. Service at attorney Adams's Florida Bar address was signed for by Gerald Adams.

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 by a court of any state . . . 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." Given this background, pursuant to Rule 8(a) and (d) 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 suspended 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 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 Florida Bar address.

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

K. Michael Moore

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