UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2019-12 CASE # 18-MC-25162

In re: PETER DALE FELLOWS Florida Bar # 170089

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ORDER OF DISBARMENT

On December 4, 2018, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Disbarment, disbarring Peter Dale Fellows from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Fellows*, No. SC16-1922, 2018 WL 6326239 (Fla. Dec. 4, 2018) (ECF No. 1). The disbarment was predicated on a report of the referee. The Clerk attempted to serve attorney Fellows 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. (ECF No. 2). Service at Fellows' Florida Bar address was signed for by Kathleen Garcia without notation as to "agent." Service at the attorney's court record address was attempted but no return receipt was received. A second attempt was made to the attorney's court record address on January 18, 2019, which was returned – "Return To Sender – Vacant – Unable to Forward."

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 . . . 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 "failure to comply shall not constitute grounds for relief from deadlines imposed by Rule or by the Court."

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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 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 Disbarment upon the attorney at his court record and Florida Bar addresses.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this <u>20th</u> day of February, 2019.

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K. MICHAEL MOORE UNITED STATES CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE

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