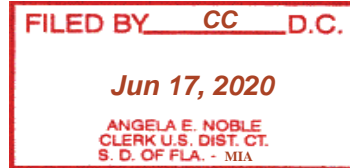


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-38
CASE # 20-MC-21470

IN RE: BRIAN MICHAEL BECHER
FLORIDA BAR # 160393



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On April 6, 2020, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Brian Michael Becher from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Becher*, No. SC18-999, 2020 WL 1673210 (Fla. Apr. 6, 2020) (ECF No. 1). The suspension was predicated on a Preliminary Report of Referee as to Guilt and Final Report of Referee. The Clerk of Court attempted to serve attorney Becher 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. (ECF No. 2). A return receipt was received from service at attorney’s court record and Florida Bar address although without signature or notation as to “agent” or “addressee.” A second attempt was made on May 12, 2020, with a return receipt received with an illegible signature but with notation of “agent.”

Becher, through his attorney, filed a Response to Order to Show Cause indicating that Becher has “no objection if this Court determines to impose a similar two-year suspension from the practice of law” and that he “has no pending matters in the Southern District of Florida.” (ECF No. 3).

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, discipline, suspension, or disbarment by a court of any state . . . 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 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 the Clerk of Court attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Suspension upon the attorney at his court record and Florida Bar address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 17th day of June, 2020.



K. MICHAEL MOORE
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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