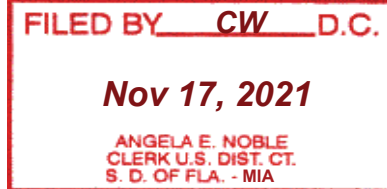


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-96
CASE NO. 21-MC-23638

IN RE: JUAN CARLOS MERCADO, JR.
FLORIDA BAR # 1003320



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On October 14, 2021, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Juan Carlos Mercado, Jr. from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Mercado, Jr.*, No. SC21-1404, 2021 WL 4786912 (Fla. Oct. 14, 2021) [ECF No. 1]. The suspension was predicated on a Stipulation as to Probable Cause and Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment. (*See* [ECF No. 2]).

By letter dated October 25, 2021, Mr. Mercado has notified the Court of his suspension and requested that his admission to this Court be suspended consistent with his Florida Bar suspension. (*See* [ECF No. 3]). Rule 9(b) 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, provides that “[a]n attorney . . . who shall be suspended . . . on consent . . . from the bar of any state . . . 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.” *Id.* (alterations added). Under these circumstances involving suspension on consent, service of an Order to Show Cause is unnecessary, and the attorney may be immediately suspended.

In accordance with Rule 9(b) and the inherent authority of the 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

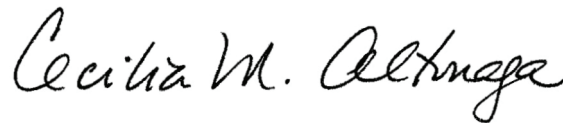
before it.” (alteration added)),

IT IS ORDERED that Mr. Mercado is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Mr. Mercado may not resume the practice of law before the Court until reinstated by Court order. *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 that Mr. Mercado shall 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 that the Clerk of Court attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Suspension upon Mr. Mercado at his court record and Florida Bar address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 17th day of November, 2021.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: All South Florida Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges
All Southern District of Florida District Judges, Bankruptcy Judges, and Magistrate Judges
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