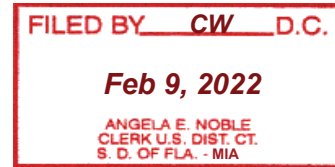


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-16
CASE NO. 21-MC-21893

IN RE: PATRICK MICHAEL MEGARO
FLORIDA BAR # 738913



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On April 27, 2021, the Disciplinary Hearing Commission of the North Carolina State Bar entered an Order of Discipline, suspending Patrick Michael Megaro from the practice of law. *See The North Carolina State Bar v. Patrick Michael Megaro*, No. 18 DHC 41 (N.C. D.H.C. April 27, 2021) [ECF No. 1]. The Clerk served Mr. Megaro by certified mail with an Order to Show Cause why this Court should not impose the same discipline, accompanied by the Order of Discipline. (*See* [ECF No. 3]). Mr. Megaro filed a Response to Order to Show Cause, informing the Court that he had appealed his suspension and requesting additional time to respond to the Order to Show Cause. (*See* [ECF No. 4]).

The Court granted Mr. Megaro's request, giving him an additional ninety (90) days to respond. (*See* [ECF No. 5]). Following that extension, Mr. Megaro filed a Request for Additional Time to Respond (*see* [ECF No. 6]) and a Second Request for Additional Time to Respond (*see* [ECF No. 7]), both asking for an additional ninety (90) days to respond to the Court's Order to Show Cause. This second request was granted, giving Mr. Megaro until February 6, 2022, to file a response and noting that no further extensions would be given. (*See* [ECF No. 8]). As of the date of this Order, no further response has been filed.

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.” *Id.* (alterations added). Rule 8(d) provides in 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.” *Id.* Given this background, pursuant to Rules 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.” (alteration added)),

IT IS ORDERED that Mr. Megaro is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Mr. Megaro may not resume the practice of law before this 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 the Clerk of Court shall attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Suspension upon Mr. Megaro at his court record and Florida Bar addresses. Mr. Megaro shall forthwith advise the Clerk of Court of all pending cases before the Court in which he is counsel or co-counsel of record.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this 9th day of February, 2022.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies furnished as follows: See attached

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