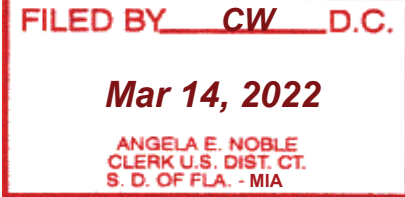


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-26
CASE NO. 22-MC-20087

IN RE: CATHERINE ELIZABETH CZYZ
FLORIDA BAR # 105627



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On January 6, 2022, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Catherine Elizabeth Czyz from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Czyz*, No. SC19-1545, 2022 WL 58329 (Fla. Jan. 6, 2022) [ECF No. 1]. The suspension was predicated on a referee's report.

The Clerk attempted to serve Ms. Czyz 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. (*See* [ECF No. 2]). The return receipt for service at Ms. Czyz's court record address was signed with an illegible signature without the designation of "agent." Service at Ms. Czyz's Florida Bar address was attempted, but no return receipt was received. On February 9 and February 21, 2022, Ms. Czyz emailed the Clerk's Office documents relating to her Florida disciplinary proceedings as required by The Florida Bar. (*See* [ECF Nos. 3 and 4]).

Rule 8(d) 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 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.* 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; "the failure to comply shall not constitute grounds for relief from deadlines

imposed by Rule or by the Court.” *Id.* 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(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.” (alteration added)),

IT IS ORDERED that Ms. Czyz is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Ms. Czyz 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 Ms. Czyz at her court record and Florida Bar addresses. Ms. Czyz shall forthwith advise the Clerk of Court of all pending cases before the Court in which she is counsel or co-counsel of record.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 14th day of March, 2022.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies furnished as follows: See attached

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