UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-53 CASE NO. 22-MC-21538

IN RE: ROBERT PEREDA FLORIDA BAR # 81985 FILED BY CW D.C.

Jun 22, 2022

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On May 18, 2022, Southern District of Florida Bankruptcy Judge Robert A. Mark entered an Order Sanctioning Attorney, Robert Pereda, and Suspending Him from Practice in this Court (hereinafter "Order of Suspension"). *See In re: Jose Javier Rodriguez*, Case No. 21-18097-RAM, Dkt. No. 52 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. May 18, 2022) [ECF No. 1]. The Clerk attempted to serve Mr. Pereda by certified mail with an Order to Show Cause why this Court should not impose the same discipline, accompanied by the Southern District of Florida Bankruptcy Court Order of Suspension. (*See* [ECF No. 2]). The return receipt for service at Mr. Pereda's court record address was signed by Rebeca Carnevale without the designation of "agent." The return receipt for service at Mr. Pereda's Florida Bar address was signed by Kathleen Otero without the designation of "agent."

Subsequent to the Court's Order to Show Cause, Southern District of Florida Bankruptcy Judge A. Jay Cristol entered an Order Dismissing Case, with Prejudice, Sanctioning Attorney Robert Pereda, and Granting Prospective Stay Relief, suspending Mr. Pereda consistent with Judge Robert Mark's May 18, 2022 Order of Suspension. *See In re: Zsa Zsa S. Pereda*, Case No. 22-13504-BKC-AJC, Dkt. No. 30 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. May 25, 2022) [ECF No. 3]. The Florida Supreme Court also issued an order suspending Mr. Pereda. *See The Florida Bar. v. Pereda*, No.

SC22-770, 2022 WL 2188977 (Fla. June 17, 2022).

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 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) requires that members of the Bar 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, and Local Rule 5.1 mandates compliance. Given this background, under 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 Mr. Pereda is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Mr. Pereda may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by order of the 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 that the Clerk of Court shall attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Suspension upon Mr. Pereda at his court record and Florida Bar addresses. Mr. Pereda 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 in Miami, Florida, this 22nd day of June, 2022.

CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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All Southern District of Florida District Judges, Bankruptcy Judges, and Magistrate Judges
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