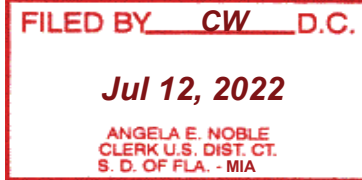


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-55
CASE NO. 22-MC-21729

IN RE: JONATHAN BENJAMIN LEWIS
FLORIDA BAR # 41362



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On June 6, 2022, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Jonathan Benjamin Lewis from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Lewis*, No. SC22-592, 2022 WL 1948657 (Fla. June 6, 2022) [ECF No. 1]. The suspension was predicated on The Florida Bar's Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause and the attorney's failure to file a response to the Supreme Court of Florida's Order to Show Cause.

The Clerk served Mr. Lewis 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]). Service at Mr. Lewis's court record address was signed for by Deza with the designation of "agent." Service at Mr. Lewis's Florida Bar address was attempted, but no return receipt was received.

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.* Given this background, under Rule 8(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. Lewis is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Mr. Lewis 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. Lewis at his court record and Florida Bar addresses. Mr. Lewis 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 12th day of July, 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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