UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-96 CASE NO. 22-MC-23613

IN RE: MONIKA LYNN WOODARD FLORIDA BAR # 126106

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ORDER FOR PLACEMENT ON THE INACTIVE LIST

On November 3, 2022, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order classifying attorney Monika Lynn Woodard as an inactive member under Rule 3-7.13 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. *See The Florida Bar v. Woodard*, No. SC22-1429, 2022 WL 16641090 (Fla. Nov. 3, 2022) [ECF No. 1]. That Order was predicated on a Joint Petition for Placement on Inactive List for Incapacity Not Related to Misconduct. [ECF No. 2]. Rule 11 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 "[w]hen it comes to the attention of the Court that an attorney has been judicially declared incompetent, involuntarily committed to a mental hospital, placed on inactive status or resigned, or has been suspended by another jurisdiction due to such mental incompetence or incapacity or on the basis of physical infirmity or illness, the Court, upon proper proof of the fact, shall enter an order immediately placing the attorney on the Court's inactive list until further order of the Court." *Id.* (alteration added). Under these circumstances involving incapacity, service of an order to show cause is unnecessary, and the attorney may be immediately placed on the inactive list.

Given this background, under Rule 11 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. Woodard be placed on the Court's inactive list, effective immediately. Ms. Woodard may not resume the practice of law before this Court until further order of this Court. *See* Rule 11. 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 for Placement on the Inactive List upon Ms. Woodard at her court record and Florida Bar addresses. Ms. Woodard 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 4th day of November, 2022.

CECILIA M. ALTONAGA

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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c: All South Florida Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges

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

United States Attorney

Circuit Executive

Federal Public Defender

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