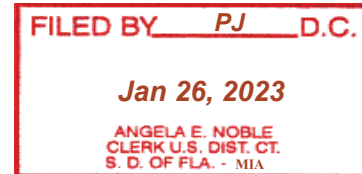


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-10
CASE NO. 22-MC-23739



IN RE: CHELSEA ELIZABETH HARITAN
FLORIDA BAR # 98182

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On November 14, 2022, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Chelsea Elizabeth Haritan from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Haritan*, No. SC22-1193, 2022 WL 16918382 (Fla. Nov. 14, 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 attempted to serve Ms. Haritan 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 Ms. Haritan's Florida Bar address was returned with the notation, "Return to Sender—Attempted—Not Known—Unable to Forward," and no return receipt was received from service at her court record address. A second attempt was made on December 21, 2022, using an updated Florida Bar address, but the return receipt was not filled out, and no return receipt was received for service upon Ms. Haritan's court record address.

Under 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, “[a]n attorney admitted to practice before this Court shall, upon being subjected to reprimand, discipline, suspension, or disbarment . . . by any other court of the United States . . . promptly inform the Clerk of the Court of such action.” *Id.* (alterations added). Rule 8(d) 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) imposes upon 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, under Rules 8(a) and (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. Haritan is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Ms. Haritan 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 Ms. Haritan 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. Haritan at her court record and Florida Bar addresses. Ms. Haritan 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 at Miami, Florida, this 26th day of January, 2023.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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