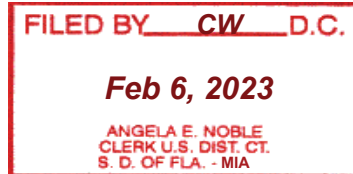


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-12
CASE NO. 22-MC-21447

IN RE: JULIO CESAR MARRERO
FLORIDA BAR # 784664



ORDER ON FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On March 30, 2021 and April 5, 2021, then-Chief United States District Judge K. Michael Moore issued two Remand Orders referring attorney Julio Cesar Marrero to the Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer Review, and Attorney Grievance for investigation of his actions in two cases. *See Black River Partners I, LLC v. Conategi, LLC*, Case No. 21-cv-20912-KMM, Remand Order (S.D. Fla. March 30, 2021) [ECF No. 1]; and *MJM Structural Corp. v. Columbus Apartments, LLC, et al.*, Case No. 21-cv-20631-KMM, Remand Order (S.D. Fla. April 5, 2021) [ECF No. 2]. Following those referrals and a hearing before the Committee, the Committee issued a Proposed Report and Recommendation on September 29, 2022 [ECF No. 7] giving Mr. Marrero 14 days to respond in accordance with Rule 6(c)(2)(B)(ii) of the Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys. Mr. Marrero filed three motions for extension of time to respond [ECF Nos. 8, 10, 11], which were all granted by the Court [ECF Nos. 9, 12], but no response was filed within the time provided.

Thereafter, the Committee submitted a Final Report and Recommendation to the Court on November 10, 2022. [ECF No. 15]. An Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 16] was issued on November 23, 2022, giving Mr. Marrero an opportunity to respond to the Final Report and Recommendation. Mr. Marrero filed five motions for extension of time [ECF Nos. 17, 19, 21,

23, 24], two of which were denied as unnecessary as they fell within the time already provided for a response [ECF Nos. 18, 20], two of which were granted [ECF Nos. 22, 25], and one of which was denied as moot as the time sought had already passed [ECF No. 26]. No response was filed.

In accordance with Rule 6(c)(2)(B)(v) 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, the Undersigned submitted this matter to the Court for its consideration at a regularly scheduled Judges' Meeting held on February 2, 2023. Upon review of the Final Report and Recommendation and attachments, by unanimous vote of all District Judges and Senior Judges eligible to vote, the Court approved and adopted the Committee's Final Report and Recommendation in full.

Given this background, in accordance with Rule 6(c)(2)(B)(v) 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.”),

IT IS ORDERED that the Committee's Final Report and Recommendation is **ADOPTED**, and the matter is **CLOSED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, consistent with the Final Report and Recommendation, as follows:


1. Mr. Marrero is suspended from practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida for a minimum of 12 months¹ and, unless and until such further time as he demonstrates to the Committee an understanding of his ethical obligations, including

¹ The Committee provided an exception for Mr. Marrero's representation in Case No. 22-cv-61706-RKA, but that case has since been dismissed (*see* [ECF No. 5]), and the exception is no longer necessary.

his duty of candor to the Court, duty of fairness to opposing party and counsel, a clear understanding of what is required by 28 U.S.C. section 1441, and recognition of the provisions of 28 U.S.C. section 1927 and Federal Rule 11.

2. During his one-year suspension, Mr. Marrero shall provide notice to the Committee within 3 business days of any removal motions filed by any counsel in his firm.
3. Mr. Marrero shall: (1) complete within the next six months 6 CLE credits in ethics courses and 6 CLE credits in the areas of the law outlined in paragraph 1 above; and (2) provide the Committee at the end of the six-month period a certification of the courses completed, the credits per course and the dates completed, as well as the outline for each course and proof of his submission of the courses to the Florida Bar for CLE credit.
4. Should Mr. Marrero wish to regain the privilege to appear and practice in the Southern District of Florida following his suspension, he should submit to the Committee a written report outlining what he learned from the CLE courses, and an explanation as to how it pertains to the pattern of his conduct in the matters outlined in the Final Report and Recommendation.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 6th day of February, 2023.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies furnished as follows:
See attached

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