

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-22
CASE # 23-MC-20747

IN RE: JOSIE KERRIE-ANN JAMES
FLORIDA BAR # 21736

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On February 23, 2023, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Josie Kerrie-Ann James from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. James*, No. SC23-215, 2023 WL 2181144 (Fla. Feb. 23, 2023) [ECF No. 1]. The suspension was predicated on a Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment. (*See* [ECF No. 2]).

Under Rule 9(b) 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 . . . who shall be suspended . . . on consent . . . from the bar of any state . . . while an investigation into allegations of misconduct is pending shall . . . cease to be permitted to practice before this Court and be stricken from the roll of attorneys admitted to practice before this Court.” *Id.* (alterations added). Under these circumstances involving suspension on consent, service of an order to show cause is unnecessary, and the attorney may be immediately suspended.

In accordance with Rule 9(b) and the inherent authority of this Court to oversee officers admitted to membership in its bar, *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. James is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Ms. James may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by

Court order. *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 Ms. James shall advise the Clerk of Court of all pending cases before this Court in which she is counsel or co-counsel of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of Court attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Suspension upon Ms. James at her court record and Florida Bar addresses.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 29th day of March, 2023.


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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