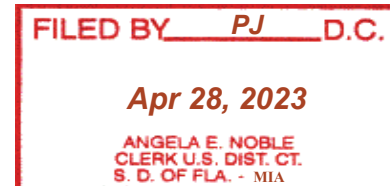


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-27
CASE # 21-MC-23638

IN RE: JUAN CARLOS MERCADO, JR.
FLORIDA BAR # 1003320




ORDER ON PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

THIS CAUSE is before the Court on attorney Juan Carlos Mercado, Jr.'s Petition for Reinstatement as a member of the Bar of this Court. [ECF No. 6]. Mr. Mercado was reciprocally disciplined by this Court following the Supreme Court of Florida's Order of Suspension. *See The Florida Bar v. Mercado, Jr.*, No. SC21-1404, 2021 WL 4786912 (Fla. Oct. 14, 2021) [ECF No. 1] and Administrative Order 2021-96 [ECF No. 4]. On August 8, 2022, Mr. Mercado filed a Petition for Reinstatement with the Florida Supreme Court. After consideration of an uncontested report of the referee, the Supreme Court of Florida issued an Order of Reinstatement on April 13, 2023, reinstating Mr. Mercado as a member in good standing of The Florida Bar. *See The Florida Bar Re: Mercado Jr.*, No. SC2022-1017, 2023 WL 2923058 (Fla. April 13, 2023) [ECF No. 6, Ex. 4].

Under Rule 12(c) 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; and upon consideration of the Petition and exhibits to the Petition, the Court finds that Mr. Mercado qualifies for reinstatement to this Court's Bar. Accordingly, the Court **GRANTS** Mr. Mercado's Petition for Reinstatement and orders that he be reinstated as a member in good

standing to the bar of this Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 28th day of April, 2023.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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