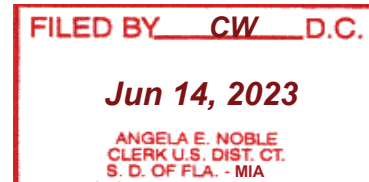


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-43  
CASE NO. 23-MC-21785

IN RE: STEPHEN MATTHEW BANDER  
FLORIDA BAR # 160679

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**ORDER OF DISBARMENT**

On May 11, 2023, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Disbarment, disbarring Stephen Matthew Bander from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Bander*, No. SC2021-0011, 2023 WL 3360867 (Fla. May 11, 2023) [ECF No. 1]. The disbarment was predicated on a report of the referee.

The Clerk attempted to serve Mr. Bander 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 Disbarment. (*See* [ECF No. 2]). Service at Mr. Bander's Florida Bar address was signed "Covid" without notation as to "agent" or "addressee." Service was attempted at Mr. Bander's court record address, but no return receipt was received.

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, requires that "[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 the members of this Bar an obligation to provide updated contact information to the Clerk within seven days of

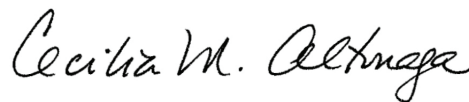
any change; “the failure to comply shall not constitute grounds for relief from deadlines imposed by Rule or by the Court.” *Id.* This obligation to maintain current contact information is reiterated in the Court’s CM/ECF Administrative Procedures Manual, section 3D, compliance with which is mandated by Local Rule 5.1.

Given this background, pursuant to 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 Mr. Bander is disbarred from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Mr. Bander 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 Mr. Bander 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 Disbarment upon Mr. Bander at his court record and Florida Bar addresses. Mr. Bander shall forthwith advise the Clerk of Court of all pending cases before the Court in which he is counsel or co-counsel of record.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Miami, Florida, this 14th day of June, 2023.



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**CECILIA M. ALTONAGA**  
**CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Copies furnished as follows: See attached

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