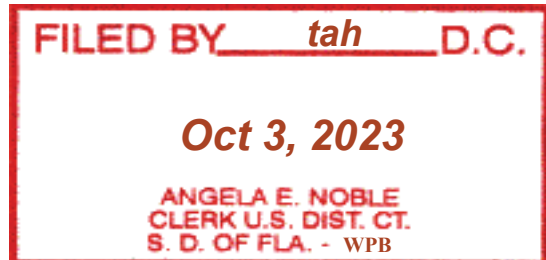


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-75
CASE NO. 23-MC-23324

IN RE: JOHANNA MARIA MENENDEZ
FLORIDA BAR # 85142



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On August 29, 2023, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Johanna Maria Menendez from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Menendez*, No. SC2023-0931, 2023 WL 5559169 (Fla. Aug. 29, 2023) [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 served Ms. Menendez 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. Menendez’s Florida Bar address was signed for by Goldstein as agent. No return receipt was received for service at Ms. Menendez’s court record address.

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, states 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

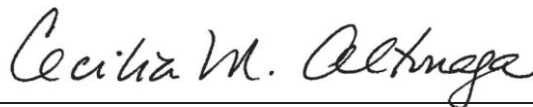
expiration of the time for submitting a response to an order to show cause, “the Court may impose the identical discipline or may impose any other sanction the Court may deem appropriate.” *Id.*

Given this background, pursuant to Rules 8(a) and (d) 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; citation omitted)),

IT IS ORDERED that Ms. Menendez is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Ms. Menendez may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by order of the Court. *See* Local Rule 12(a). The Clerk of Court shall strike Ms. Menendez 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. Menendez shall advise the Clerk of Court of all pending cases before this Court in which she is counsel or co-counsel of record. The Clerk of Court shall attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Suspension upon Ms. Menendez at her court record and Florida Bar addresses.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this 3rd day of October, 2023.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies furnished as follows: See attached

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- All Southern District of Florida District Judges, Bankruptcy Judges, and Magistrate Judges
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- Circuit Executive
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