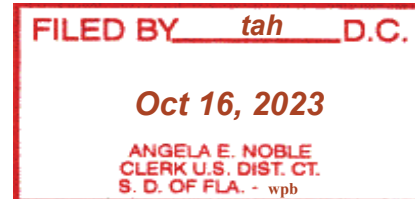


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2023-79  
CASE NO. 23-MC-22401

IN RE: BENJAMIN WALDO BUCK, JR.  
FLORIDA BAR # 117639

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**ORDER ON FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

On February 8, 2023, Senior United States District Judge Donald L. Graham referred attorney Benjamin Waldo Buck, Jr. to the Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer Review, and Attorney Grievance for investigation of the attorney’s “unprofessional and unethical behavior” as counsel in *United States of America v. Jaroslava Ruiz*, Case No. 21-CR-20566-DLG (S.D. Fla.). [ECF No. 1]. Following that referral, on July 5, 2023, the Committee issued a Proposed Report and Recommendation [ECF No. 2] giving Mr. Buck 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, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. After no response was filed, the Committee submitted a Final Report and Recommendation on August 2, 2023. [ECF No. 3].

An Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 4] was issued on August 4, 2023, giving Mr. Buck an opportunity to respond to the Final Report and Recommendation. Mr. Buck did not file a response.

In accordance with Rule 6(c)(2)(B)(v), the undersigned submitted this matter to the Court for its consideration at a regularly scheduled Judges’ Meeting held on October 5, 2023. Upon review of the Final Report and Recommendation, by unanimous vote of all District Judges and

Senior Judges eligible to vote in attendance at the meeting, 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.” (alteration added)),

**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, that Mr. Buck is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. The attorney may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by order of this Court. *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 Mr. Buck shall advise the Clerk of Court of all pending cases before this Court in which he 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 Mr. Buck at his court record and Florida Bar addresses.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Miami, Florida, this 16th day of October, 2023.

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

Copies furnished as follows: See attached

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- All Southern District of Florida Magistrate Judges
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- Benjamin Waldo Buck, Jr.