UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-12 CASE NO. 23-MC-24863

IN RE: HENRY NEIL PORTNER FLORIDA BAR # 883050

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ORDER OF DISBARMENT

On December 21, 2023, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order Granting Henry Neil Portner's uncontested Petition for Disciplinary Revocation without leave to seek readmission. *See In Re: Petition for Disciplinary Revocation of Henry Neil Portner*, No. SC2023-1227, 2023 WL 8818375 (Fla. Dec. 21, 2023) [ECF No. 1]. Disciplinary revocation is tantamount to disbarment under Rules 3-7.12 and 3-5.1(g) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar.

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, attorneys who are disbarred on consent with the bar of any other court, while an investigation into allegations of misconduct is pending, are no longer allowed to practice before this Court and are stricken from the roll of attorneys admitted to practice before this Court until further order. *See id.* Consequently, under Rule 9(b) and the Court's inherent authority 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; citation omitted)),

IT IS ORDERED that Mr. Portner is disbarred from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Mr. Portner 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 Mr. Portner 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. Portner 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 Disbarment upon Mr. Portner at his court record and Florida Bar addresses.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this 24th day of January, 2024.

CECILIA M. ALTONAGA

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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c: All South Florida Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges

All Southern District of Florida District Judges, Bankruptcy Judges, and Magistrate Judges

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