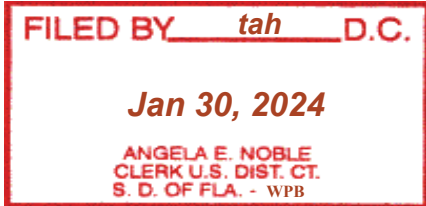


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-14
CASE NO. 24-MC-20356

IN RE: JAMES DALTON SAUNDERS
FLORIDA BAR # 142778



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On January 29, 2024, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending James Dalton Saunders from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Saunders*, No. SC2024-0126, 2024 WL 323443 (Fla. Jan. 29, 2024) [ECF No. 1]. The suspension was predicated on a Notice of Judgment of Guilt [ECF No. 2], which discloses that Mr. Saunders was charged with and found guilty of two felony counts of election fraud for violation of Ohio Revised Code 3599.12(A)(2), by The Court of Common Pleas in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. (*See id.* at 1–2).

Rule 7(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, provides that upon the filing with this Court of a certified copy of a judgment of conviction demonstrating that any attorney admitted to practice before the Court has been convicted in any court of the United States of any serious crime, the Court shall enter an order immediately suspending that attorney. *See id.* A “serious crime” is defined by Rule 7(b) to “include any felony.” *Id.* Given this background, under Rules 7(a) and (b), 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 Mr. Saunders is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Mr. Saunders 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. Saunders 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. Saunders 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. Saunders at his court record and Florida Bar address.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this 30th day of January, 2024.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies furnished as follows:

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