UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-74 CASE NO. 24-MC-22572

IN RE: DEBBIE RACHELLE CAMPBELL FLORIDA BAR # 97642

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## **ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

On July 2, 2024, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Debbie Rachelle Campbell from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Campbell*, No. SC2024-0451, 2024 WL 3273369 (Fla. July 2, 2024) [ECF No. 1]. The suspension was predicated on The Florida Bar's Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause and the attorney's response to the Supreme Court of Florida's Order to Show Cause.

On July 8, 2024, the Clerk attempted to serve Ms. Campbell 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* Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 2]). Service at Ms. Campbell's Florida Bar address was returned with the notation, "Return to Sender — Unclaimed — Unable to Forward." No return receipt was received for service at Ms. Campbell's court record address. Second attempts at service were made to both addresses on August 21, 2024, with the same outcome.

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 an attorney admitted to practice before this Court, upon being subjected to reprimand, discipline, suspension, or disbarment by any other court of the United States, promptly inform the Clerk of Court.

See id. After expiration of the time for submitting a response to an order to show cause, the Court

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may impose the identical discipline or any other sanction the Court deems appropriate. *See* S.D. Fla. Att'y R. 8(d). Even if service is contested, members of this Bar have an obligation to provide updated contact information to the Clerk within seven days of any change; "[t]he failure to comply shall not constitute grounds for relief from deadlines imposed by Rule or by the Court." Local Rule 11.1(g) (alteration added). 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, under Attorney 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; citation omitted)), it is

## **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

- 1. Ms. Campbell is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately.

  Ms. Campbell may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by order of the Court. See S.D. Fla. Att'y R. 12(a).
- 2. Ms. Campbell shall advise the Clerk of Court of all pending cases before this Court in which she is counsel or co-counsel of record.
- 3. The Clerk of Court shall **STRIKE** Ms. Campbell 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.
- 4. The Clerk of Court shall attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of

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Suspension on Ms. Campbell at her court record and Florida Bar addresses.

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

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: All South Florida Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges

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