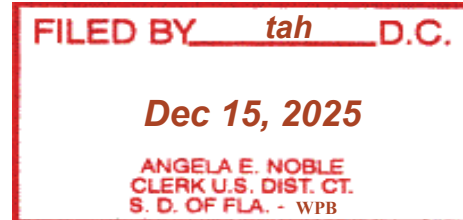


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-102
CASE NO. 23-MC-22721

IN RE: LEONEL R. BENITEZ
FLORIDA BAR # 830992
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ORDER



THIS CAUSE came before the Court on Petitioner, Leonel R. Benitez's Verified Petition for Reinstatement to Membership in Good Standing [ECF No. 5], filed on December 12, 2025.

On July 20, 2023, the Supreme Court of Florida suspended Mr. Benitez from the practice of law. *See Fla. Bar v. Benitez*, No. SC2022-0649, 2023 WL 4636797, at *1 (Fla. July 20, 2023). On October 2, 2023, this Court imposed reciprocal discipline, suspending Mr. Benitez from the practice of law in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. (*See Order of Suspension* [ECF No. 3] 2).¹ On March 20, 2025, the Supreme Court of Florida reinstated Mr. Benitez as a member in good standing of The Florida Bar. *See Fla. Bar re Benitez*, No. SC2024-1381, 2025 WL 869425 (Fla. Mar. 20, 2025).

Upon review of the Petition, and under Rule 12(c) of the Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys, Local Rules of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, the Court finds that Mr. Benitez qualifies for reinstatement to the Bar of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.


Accordingly, it is

¹ The Court uses the pagination generated by the electronic CM/ECF database, which appears in the headers of all court filings.

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ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Petitioner, Leonel R. Benitez's Petition for Reinstatement . . . [ECF No. 5] is **GRANTED**. Mr. Benitez is reinstated as a member in good standing of the Bar of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, effective immediately.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 15th day of December, 2025.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: 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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