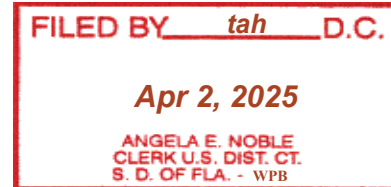


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-23  
CASE NO. 25-MC-21519

IN RE: PAUL GERARD WERSANT  
FLORIDA BAR # 48815

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**ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

On April 1, 2025, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Paul Gerard Wersant from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Wersant*, No. SC2025-0455, 2025 WL 973603 (Fla. April 1, 2025) [ECF No. 1]. The suspension was predicated on a Notice of Determination or Judgment of Guilt [ECF No. 2], which discloses that Mr. Wersant was charged with and found guilty of two felony counts of Interstate Interference with Custody § 16-5-45 and one felony count of Filing False Documents § 16-10-20, in violation of the Georgia criminal code, by the Superior Court of Forsyth County, State of Georgia. (*See id.* at 1).

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.* Under Rule 7(b), a “serious crime” “include[s] any felony.” *Id.* (alteration added).


Given this background, under Attorney 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 AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

1. Mr. Wersant is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Mr. Wersant may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by court order. *See* S.D. Fla. Att’y R. 12(a).
2. Mr. Wersant shall advise the Clerk of Court of all pending cases before this Court in which he is counsel or co-counsel of record.
3. The Clerk of Court shall **STRIKE** Mr. Wersant 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 a copy of this Order of Suspension on Mr. Wersant by certified mail at his court record and Florida Bar address.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Miami, Florida, this 2nd day of April, 2025.

  
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CECILIA M. ALTONAGA  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies furnished as follows:

- 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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