

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-27
CASE NO. 25-MC-20329

IN RE: LEE ROBERT ROHE
FLORIDA BAR # 271365

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On January 21, 2025, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Lee Robert Rohe from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Rohe*, No. SC2022-1349, 2025 WL 252623 (Fla. Jan. 21, 2025) [ECF No. 1].

On January 22, 2025, this Court issued an Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 2], providing Mr. Rohe thirty (30) days to show cause why this Court should not impose reciprocal discipline. (*See id.*). Mr. Rohe filed a Response to the Court’s Order to Show Cause and Motion for Extension of Time [ECF No. 3], requesting the Court extend the due date for his response to the Order to Show Cause until March 31, 2025, to allow for a ruling by the Florida Supreme Court on his recently filed motion with that Court. (*See id.*). The Court granted Mr. Rohe’s request, giving him until March 31, 2025, to submit his response to the Order to Show Cause. (*See* [ECF No. 4]). Following that extension, Mr. Rohe filed a Response to the Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 5], asking that “[i]n lieu of imposing the same penalty as the Florida Supreme Court and Florida Bar, . . . that he be designated on the membership rolls of the U.S. District Court as ‘retired.’” (*Id.* 3 (alterations added)).

Under Attorney Rule 9(c), “[a]n attorney may resign from the bar of this Court by notifying the Clerk of Court in writing and **only if the attorney is in good standing**, is not counsel of record in an active case, **and is not subject to any disciplinary proceedings**.” *Id.* (alteration and emphasis added). Attorney Rule 3 requires that every member of this Court remain an active attorney in good standing with The Florida Bar. Mr. Rohe is not in good standing with The Florida Bar and is

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currently facing reciprocal disciplinary proceedings. As a result, Mr. Rohe does not satisfy the conditions for resignation outlined in Attorney Rule 9(c) and cannot seek retirement to avoid disciplinary action by this Court.

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 may impose the identical discipline or any other sanction the Court deems appropriate. *See S.D. Fla. Att’y R. 8(d).*

Given this background, under Attorney Rules 8(a) and (d) 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. Rohe is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Mr. Rohe may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by court order. *See S.D. Fla. Att’y R. 12(a).*
3. The Clerk of Court shall **STRIKE** Mr. Rohe 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.

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Rohe by certified mail at his court record and Florida Bar addresses.

DONE AND ORDERED at Miami, Florida, this 17th day of April, 2025.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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