UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 25-MC-21226-ALTONAGA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-34

IN RE: DANIELLE RENEE WATSON FLORIDA BAR # 93155

May 28, 2025

FILED BY

tah

D.C.

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On March 13, 2025, the Supreme Court of Florida suspended Danielle Renee Watson from the practice of law. *See Fla. Bar v. Watson*, No. 2023-0416, 405 So.3d 338, 346 (Fla. 2025). Subsequently, on April 24, 2025, the Clerk of this Court attempted to serve Ms. Watson with an Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 2] — providing her 30 days to explain why reciprocal discipline should not be imposed — along with a copy of the Florida Supreme Court's suspension order. The Clerk sent the materials to Ms. Watson's last known addresses. At one, the delivery was signed with an illegible signature, with no indication that the signer was Ms. Watson or her agent.

Under Rule 8(a) of the Southern District of Florida Local Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys ("Attorney Rules"), attorneys admitted to practice before this Court must promptly notify the Clerk if they are disciplined by another court. *See id.* Attorney Rule 8(d) authorizes the Court, once the time to respond to an order to show cause has lapsed, to impose reciprocal discipline or any other sanction it deems appropriate. *See id.*

Rule 11.1(g) of the Local Rules for the Southern District of Florida ("Local Rule") further obligates members of this Bar to update their contact information within seven days of any change, warning that "failure to comply shall not constitute grounds for relief from deadlines imposed by Rule or by the Court." *Id.* This obligation is echoed in Section 3D of the Court's CM/ECF Administrative Procedures Manual, compliance with which is mandatory under Local Rule 5.1.

In light of the above, and pursuant to Attorney Rules 8(a) and (d), Local Rule 11.1(g), and the

CASE NO. 25-21226-MC-ALTONAGA

Court's inherent authority to oversee membership in its bar and safeguard the public interest, *see Chambers v. NASCO, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 32, 43 (1991) (citation omitted), it is

ORDERED as follows:

- 1. Ms. Watson is suspended from the practice of law in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, effective immediately. She may not resume practice before this Court unless and until reinstated by court order. *See* Att'y Rule 12(a).
- 2. Within **fourteen (14) days** of receipt of this Order, Ms. Watson shall notify the Clerk of Court of any active cases in which she appears as counsel or co-counsel of record in this District.
- 3. The Clerk is directed to **STRIKE** Ms. Watson from the roll of attorneys authorized to practice before this Court and to immediately revoke her CM/ECF credentials.
- 4. The Clerk shall promptly attempt service of this Order via certified mail to Ms. Watson's court record address and any addresses on file with The Florida Bar.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 28th day of May, 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

United States Attorney

Circuit Executive

Federal Public Defender

Clerks of Court – District, Bankruptcy, and Eleventh Circuit

Florida Bar and National Lawyer Regulatory Data Bank

Library

Danielle Renee Watson