UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-35 CASE NO. 25-MC-21314

IN RE: CHANCE MCCLAIN FLORIDA BAR # 89566 FILED BY tah D.C.

May 28, 2025

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ORDER OF DISBARMENT

On March 20, 2025, the Supreme Court of Florida disbarred Chance McClain from the practice of law. *See Fla. Bar v. McClain*, No. 2024-0917, 2025 WL 869387, at *1 (Fla. Mar. 20, 2025). Subsequently, the Clerk of this Court attempted to serve Mr. McClain with an Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 2] — directing him to explain why reciprocal discipline should not be imposed — and a copy of the Florida Supreme Court's disbarment order. Each time, the mail came back stamped: "Return to Sender" and "Unable to Forward." On April 25, 2025, the Clerk made second attempts at service with the same result.

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 Rules") 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.

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In light of the above, and pursuant to Attorney Rules 8(a) and (d), Local Rule 11.1(g), and the 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. Mr. McClain is disbarred from the practice of law in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, effective immediately. He 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, Mr. McClain shall notify the Clerk of Court of any active cases in which he appears as counsel or co-counsel of record in this District.
- 3. The Clerk is directed to **STRIKE** Mr. McClain from the roll of attorneys authorized to practice before this Court and to immediately revoke his CM/ECF credentials.
- 4. The Clerk shall promptly attempt service of this Order via certified mail to Mr. McClain'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

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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

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