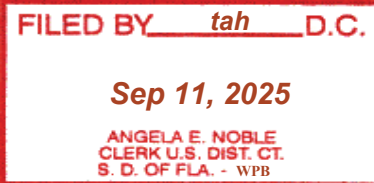


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 25-MC-22947-ALTONAGA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-67

IN RE: RODERICK FORD
FLORIDA BAR # 72620



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On June 6, 2025, the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida suspended Roderick Ford from the practice of law. (*See generally* Suspension Order [ECF No. 1]). Subsequently, on July 2, 2025, the Clerk of this Court attempted to serve Mr. Ford with an Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 2], accompanied by a Suspension Order, for him to explain why the Court should not impose reciprocal discipline. The Clerk mailed the materials to Mr. Ford's last known addresses, and each document was returned as undeliverable. On August 7, 2025, the Clerk made second attempts to Mr. Ford's addresses 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 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 mandated under Local Rule 5.1.

Considering the foregoing, and under 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. Ford is suspended 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 until reinstated by court order. *See* Att'y Rule 12(a).
2. Within **fourteen (14) days** of receipt of this Order, Mr. Ford 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. Ford 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. Ford's court record address and any addresses on file with The Florida Bar.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 11th day of September, 2025.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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