UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-9 CASE NO. 25-MC-20015

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IN RE: CHARLES DAVID FRANKEN FLORIDA BAR # 224251

## **ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

On January 2, 2025, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Charles David Franken from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Franken*, No. SC2024-1298 (Fla. Jan. 2, 2025) [ECF No. 1]. The suspension was predicated upon a Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment [ECF No. 2]. On January 28, 2025, the Court received a mailed notice [ECF No. 3] from Mr. Franken informing the Court of his suspension and advising he has no cases pending before this Court, along with a copy of the Supreme Court of Florida's Order (*see id.* 2–4).

Under Rule 9(b) of the Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys, of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, "[a]n attorney... suspended... on consent... with the bar of any other court ... while an investigation into allegations of misconduct is pending shall... cease to be permitted to practice before this Court and be stricken from the roll of attorneys admitted to practice before this Court until further order of the Court." *Id.* (alterations added). Under circumstances involving suspension on consent, service of an order to show cause is unnecessary, and the attorney may be immediately suspended. Consequently, under Rule 9(b), and the Court's inherent authority to oversee officers admitted to membership in its bar, *see Chambers v. NASCO, Inc.*, 501

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U.S. 32, 43 (1991) (noting "a federal court has the power to control admission to its bar and to discipline attorneys who appear before it" (citation omitted)), it is

## **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

- 1. Mr. Franken is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Mr. Franken may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by order of the Court. *See* S.D. Fla. Att'y R. 12(a).
- 2. The Clerk of Court shall **STRIKE** Mr. Franken 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.
- 3. The Clerk of Court shall attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Suspension on Mr. Franken at his court record and Florida Bar address.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Miami, Florida, this 4th day of February, 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

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