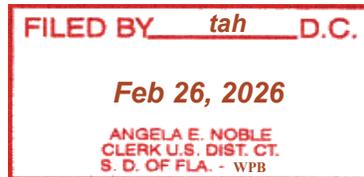


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-15  
CASE NO. 26-MC-21145

*IN RE:* RAFAEL JOSE OROPESA  
FLORIDA BAR # 107861

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**AMENDED ORDER FOR PLACEMENT ON THE INACTIVE LIST**<sup>1</sup>

On February 19, 2026, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order classifying attorney Rafael Jose Oropesa as an inactive member under Rule 3-7.13 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. *See Fla. Bar v. Oropesa*, No. SC2026-0219, 2026 WL 473160, at \*1 (Fla. Feb. 19, 2026). That Order was predicated on a Joint Petition for Placement on Inactive List [ECF No. 2], which indicated the placement was due to incapacity. (*See id.* 1).<sup>2</sup>

Under Rule 11 of the Southern District of Florida Local Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys (“Attorney Rules”), when an attorney is placed on inactive status by another jurisdiction due to incapacity, the Court shall promptly enter an order placing that attorney on the Court’s inactive list until further order of the Court. *See id.* Given this background, and in accordance with 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)), it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Mr. Oropesa is placed on the Court’s inactive list, effective immediately. He may not

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<sup>1</sup> This Amended Administrative Order revises the referral to the Ad Hoc Committee, specifying that the referral will take place once Mr. Oropesa is reactivated by The Florida Bar and if he files a petition for reinstatement.

<sup>2</sup> The Court uses the pagination generated by the electronic CM/ECF database, which appears in the headers of all court filings.

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resume practice before this Court unless and until reinstated by court order. *See* Att’y R. 12(a).

2. Within **fourteen (14) days** of receipt of this Order, Mr. Oropesa 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. Oropesa 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. Oropesa’s court record address and any addresses on file with The Florida Bar.

5. Mr. Oropesa may petition for reinstatement upon reactivation from the inactive list by The Florida Bar. The petition, pursuant to Rule 11, shall be subject to review by the Committee, and then subsequent approval by the Court.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Miami, Florida, this 26th day of February, 2026.

  
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**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  
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