

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-31
CASE NO. 19-MC-24868

IN RE: BRIAN RUSSELL CLAEYS
FLORIDA BAR # 85788

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ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on Petitioner, Brian Russell Claeys's Verified Petition for Reinstatement [ECF No. 5], filed on April 24, 2026.

On November 21, 2019, the Supreme Court of Florida suspended Mr. Claeys from the practice of law. *See Fla. Bar v. Claeys*, No. SC19-1740, 2019WL 6221132, at *1 (Fla. Nov. 21, 2019). On January 13, 2020, the Court imposed reciprocal discipline, suspending Mr. Claeys from the practice of law in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. (*See* Jan. 13, 2020 Order of Suspension [ECF No. 4] 2).¹ On March 25, 2020, the Supreme Court of Florida reinstated Mr. Claeys as a member in good standing of The Florida Bar. *See Fla. Bar re Claeys*, No. SC19-1740, 2020 WL 1490919, at *1 (Fla. March 25, 2020).

Upon review of the Petition, and under Rule 12(c) of the Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys, Local Rules of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, the Court finds that Mr. Claeys qualifies for reinstatement to the Bar of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

Accordingly, it is

¹ The Court uses the pagination generated by the electronic CM/ECF database, which appears in the headers of all court filings.

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Petitioner, Brian Russell Claeys's Verified Petition for Reinstatement [ECF No. 5] is **GRANTED**. Mr. Claeys is reinstated as a member in good standing of the Bar of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, effective immediately.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 28th day of April, 2026.



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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