

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 26-MC-22081-ALTONAGA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-32

IN RE: NELSON CARMENATES
FLORIDA BAR # 22396

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On March 26, 2026, the Supreme Court of Florida suspended Nelson Carmenates from the practice of law. *See Fla. Bar v. Carmenates*, No. 2025-1046, 2026 WL 838926, at *1 (Fla. Mar. 26, 2026). The suspension was predicated on a Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment [ECF No. 2] Mr. Carmenates entered in connection with alleged mishandling of trust funds. (*See generally id.*). In a March 25, 2026 letter [ECF No. 3], Mr. Carmenates notified the Court about his suspension by the Florida Supreme Court and provided a copy of the order suspending him from the Florida Bar. (*See generally id.*).

Under Rule 9(b) of the Southern District of Florida Local Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys (“Attorney Rules”), “[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). When an attorney is suspended on consent, service of an order to show cause is unnecessary, and the attorney may be immediately suspended. (*See id.*).

Under Attorney Rule 9(b) 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:

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1. Mr. Carmenates 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 unless and until reinstated by court order. *See* Att’y Rule 12(a).

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

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 29th 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
United States Attorney
Circuit Executive
Federal Public Defender
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