

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 25-MC-25536-ALTONAGA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-5

**IN RE: THOMAS LEE HUNKER
FLORIDA BAR # 38325**

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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On October 24, 2025, the Supreme Court of Florida suspended Thomas Lee Hunker from the practice of law. *See Fla. Bar v. Hunker*, No. SC2025-1204, 2025 WL 2993753, at *1 (Fla. Oct. 24, 2025). Subsequently, on November 25, 2025, the Clerk of this Court attempted to serve Mr. Hunker with an Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 3] — providing him with 30 days to explain why reciprocal discipline should not be imposed — and a copy of the Florida Supreme Court’s Suspension Order. The Clerk sent the materials to Mr. Hunker’s last known addresses. (*See generally* Returns of Serv. [ECF No. 4]). On January 6, 2026, second attempts at service were made at both addresses. (*See id.*). The Clerk received notices that the mailing was undeliverable to one address and received return receipts without signatures to the other address. (*See id.*).

On November 24, 2025, Mr. Hunker emailed the Court a copy of his Florida Bar suspension. (*See generally* Nov. 24, 2025 Email [ECF No. 2]).

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 Rules”) further obligates members of this Bar to update their contact information within seven days of any change,

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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 mandatory under Local Rule 5.1.

Considering the above, 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. Hunker 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 R. 12(a).
2. Within **fourteen (14) days** of receipt of this Order, Mr. Hunker 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. Hunker 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. Hunker’s court record address and any addresses on file with The Florida Bar.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 6th day of February, 2026.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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