



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2010-43

IN RE: CRAIG FRANCIS HALL
FLORIDA BAR #180944

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

The Supreme Court of Florida has disbarred the above-named attorney from practicing law in Florida, effective immediately, following a November 8, 2008 order. That disbarment was predicated on a guilty plea and conviction on possession of child pornography charges in United States v. Hall, 07CR37-00 filed in the Northern District of Florida. The Florida Supreme Court's order approved a Referee's Report recommending disbarment, which issued after proceedings were held before the Referee during which the attorney appeared telephonically and argued for suspension instead. The Clerk of this Court has attempted to serve the attorney by certified mail with an Order to Show Cause why this Court should not impose the same discipline, accompanied by the Supreme Court of Florida's Order of Disbarment. Because the attorney was admitted to this Court in 1975, and apparently has had no cases here for many years, the Clerk had no current court address of record in his system. Therefore, the Clerk attempted service at the attorney's place of current incarceration, FCI Miami Federal Correctional Institution, where he is serving a 70 month sentence. A certified mail return receipt was signed for Mr. Hall at that location, and the Court therefore presumes adequate mail service. To date, no response has been received. ¹

Rule 5(d) of the Southern District of Florida Attorney Discipline Rules provides in pertinent part that after expiration of the time for submitting a response to an Order to Show Cause, "the Court

¹ The Court notes that irrespective of service, immediate suspension pending disbarment would be appropriate under Local Rule 4(a) of the Southern District's Disciplinary Rules governing convictions of a "serious crime" by members of this Court's bar.

may impose the identical discipline or may impose any other sanction the Court may deem appropriate.” Given this background, pursuant to Rule 5(d) of the Rules Governing Attorney Discipline of the Southern District of Florida and the Court’s inherent power to regulate membership in its bar for the protection of the public interest,

IT IS ORDERED that said attorney be disbarred from practice in this Court, effective immediately. The Clerk shall immediately revoke the attorney’s CM/ECF password.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that the Clerk of Court attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Disbarment upon the attorney at his current place of incarceration.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 4th day of May, 2010.



FEDERICO A. MORENO
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

- c: Honorable Joel F. Dubina, Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit
- All Miami Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges
- All Southern District Judges
- All Southern District Magistrate Judges
- United States Attorney
- Circuit Executive
- Federal Public Defender
- Clerk of Court
- Clerk of Court, 11th Circuit
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- Craig Francis Hall, FCI Miami