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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2013-50

IN RE: JEFFREY BLACHER
Florida Bar # 8168

**ORDER REMOVING GOOD STANDING STATUS FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH
RULE 3 AND 5(E) OF THE SPECIAL RULES GOVERNING THE ADMISSION AND
PRACTICE OF ATTORNEYS**

This matter is before the Court on a Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer Review and Attorney Grievance (the "Committee") regarding attorney Jeffrey Blacher. Mr. Blacher was referred to the Committee via a letter dated January 31, 2013 from United States Bankruptcy Judge Laurel Myerson Isicoff. Judge Isicoff expressed concern over Mr. Blacher's "erratic" performance, citing two specific cases in particular where his conduct compromised the best interests of his clients. After repeated efforts to contact Mr. Blacher via mail,¹ e-mail and telephone, the Committee scheduled a properly noticed hearing at which he failed to appear. In the course of its work, the Committee also ascertained that Mr. Blacher is ineligible to practice law in Florida because he failed to maintain his continuing legal education credits as required by the Florida Bar. On May 15, 2013, the Committee issued a Report to this Court summarizing its efforts and stating that "[g]iven Mr. Blacher's conduct as outlined in Judge Isicoff's letter, his current standing with the Florida Bar, and his refusal to cooperate with the Committee's investigation, Mr. Blacher is referred back to the Court for appropriate action."

Rule 3 of the Special Rules Governing the Admission and Practice of Attorneys, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, requires that "[t]o remain an attorney in good standing of the bar of this Court, each member must remain an active attorney in good standing of The Florida Bar Attorneys who are not in good standing of the

¹ The Court notes that the Committee attempted service using both his address on file with the Florida Bar and also the address used in filings with the Bankruptcy Court. Mr. Blacher's most recent filing in this Court from 2009 was the same address used in the Bankruptcy Court.

bar of this Court may not practice before the Court.” Rule 5(e) states that “[i]f an attorney shall refuse to meet with the Committee, furnish it with an explanation of the circumstances which gave rise to the referral, or otherwise cooperate with the Committee, the Court shall be so advised.”

Pursuant to Rules 3 and 5(e) and 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.”),

IT IS ORDERED that said attorney’s status of good standing with the Bar of this Court be revoked, effective immediately, and that said attorney be removed from this Court’s roster of attorneys eligible to practice before this Court. The Clerk of Court shall strike this attorney from the roll of attorneys eligible to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, and shall also immediately revoke the attorney’s CM/ECF password.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that said attorney advise the Clerk of Court of all pending cases before this Court in which he is counsel or co-counsel of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that the Clerk of Court attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order upon the attorney at his court record address and Florida Bar address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 6th day of September, 2013.



FEDERICO A. MORENO
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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Honorable Ed Carnes, Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit
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