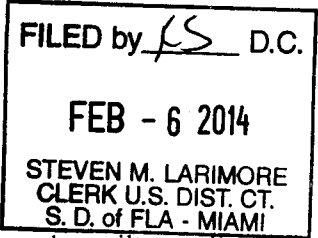


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2014-9

IN RE: LAURA E. SPENCER
Florida Bar # 84130



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On September 12, 2013, a jury in a Miami-Dade County Criminal Court returned a guilty verdict and the Court entered a Judgment of Guilt on December 2, 2013 against attorney Laura E. Spencer, adjudicating her guilty of Fleeing or Attempting to Elude a Law Enforcement Officer, section 316.1935 Fla. Stat., a third degree felony. *See State v. Spencer*, Case No. F-11-020666 (Fla. Miami-Dade Cty. Ct. 2013). Rule 4(a) of the Rules Governing Attorney Discipline, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, provides that “[u]pon the filing with this Court of a certified copy of a judgment of conviction demonstrating that any attorney admitted to practice before the Court has been convicted in any court of . . . any state . . . of any serious crime . . . the Court shall enter an order immediately suspending that attorney.” A “serious crime” has been defined by Rule 4(b) to “include any felony.” Pursuant to Rule 4(a) of the Rules Governing Attorney Discipline, a suspension order shall be immediately entered “regardless of the pendency of any appeal.”

The Florida Bar filed a Notice of Determination or Judgment of Guilt on September 25, 2013 with the Florida Supreme Court based upon attorney Spencer’s verdict of guilty on September 12, 2013 in the Miami-Dade County Criminal Court case. Subsequently, the Florida Supreme Court entered an Order of Suspension dated September 27, 2013, suspending Laura E. Spencer from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Spencer*, 126 So.3d 1059 (Fla. 2013).

Under these circumstances involving suspension upon conviction, service of an Order to Show Cause is unnecessary and the attorney may be immediately suspended. Pursuant to Rule 4(a) and (b), 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 be suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. 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 she 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 of Suspension upon the attorney at her court record address and Florida Bar address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 5 day of ~~January~~ February, 2014.


FEDERICO A. MORENO
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

- c: Honorable Ed Carnes, Chief Judge, Eleventh Circuit
- All Miami Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges
- All Southern District Judges
- All Southern District Bankruptcy Judges
- All Southern District Magistrate Judges
- United States Attorney
- Circuit Executive
- Federal Public Defender
- Clerk of Court
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- Attorney Admissions Clerk
- Library
- Laura E. Spencer