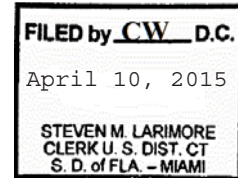


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-26

In re: JOHN BRUCE THOMPSON
Florida Bar # 231665



**ORDER DENYING MOTION TO PARTIALLY VACATE OR MODIFY ORDER OF
RECIPROCAL DISBARMENT**

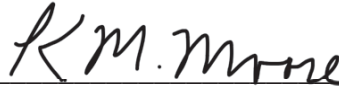
This Court is in receipt of John Bruce Thompson's Motion to Partially Vacate or Modify Order of Reciprocal Disbarment received on April 9, 2015. Thompson was reciprocally disbarred from practice in this Court by Administrative Order 2009-33. That Order was based upon a Florida Supreme Court order of permanent disbarment predicated upon a 169 page Report (Corrected) of Referee detailing numerous violations of the Florida Bar Rules. *See The Florida Bar v. Thompson*, 994 So. 2d 306 (Fla. 2008). Thompson requests that this Court enter an order permitting him to file a lawsuit on behalf of disenfranchised felons in light of his disbarment.

Rule 9(a) of the Rules Governing Attorney Discipline, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, states that "[a]n attorney seeking reinstatement after reciprocal disbarment . . . must meet the same criteria as an attorney seeking original admission under Rule 1 of the Special Rules Governing the Admission and Practice of Attorneys, in that he or she must first seek and obtain reinstatement by The Florida Bar." Thompson has not provided any evidence that he has been reinstated by The Florida Bar as required by Rule 9(a) for reinstatement to this Court's Bar. An independent search on The Florida Bar's website confirms that he remains disbarred. Although Thompson claims that he should have been given a *de novo* hearing as a prerequisite to federal disbarment, he does not support this position with legal or factual argument. Furthermore, Thompson has presented no authority for the proposition that the desire to bring a well-intended lawsuit, the merits of which this Court cannot comment upon, would somehow excuse the otherwise valid requirements for practice before this Court.

Given this background, and the Court being fully advised of the matter, it is

ORDERED that Thompson's Motion to Partially Vacate or Modify Order of Reciprocal Disbarment is DENIED.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 10th day of April, 2015.



K. MICHAEL MOORE
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: John Bruce Thompson