## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-3**

In re:	ELAINE PARRIS	
	Florida Bar # 639141	

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## **ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

On September 5, 2014, attorney Elaine Parris, through counsel, informed this Court that she has entered into an Agreement for Pre-Trial Diversion with the United States Attorney before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina. The Agreement provides that in exchange for deferred prosecution for a "reported" violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1031 (Major Fraud Against the United States), Parris will abide by certain conditions for eighteen (18) months and if successfully completed will not be prosecuted. One of the conditions agreed to is as follows:

6. After December 15, 2014, you shall not practice law in any capacity except employment or voluntary work for Legal Aid or another non-profit if approved by the U.S. Probation/Pretrial Service Officer. From now until December 15, 2014, you may practice law only to the extent needed to close out or resolve all legal matters you are currently handling; you are not allowed to take on any new legal matters.

The Clerk served attorney Parris by certified mail with an Order to Show Cause why this Court should not impose the same discipline, accompanied by the Agreement for Pre-Trial Diversion. Parris's attorney responded that Parris has no objection to this same disciplinary sanction being imposed in the Southern District of Florida.

Rule 5(d) of the Rules Governing Attorney Discipline, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, provides that "[a]fter consideration of the response called for by the order [to show cause] . . . the Court may impose the identical discipline or may impose any other sanction the Court may deem appropriate." Given this

background, pursuant to Rule 5(d) 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 subject to the terms of the Agreement for Pre-Trial Diversion, 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 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 of Disbarment upon the attorney at his court record address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this

9th day of January, 2015.

K. MICHAEL MOORE
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: 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

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