

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2015-46

In re: **JOHN THOMAS KENNEDY**  
**FLORIDA BAR # 444464**

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**ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

The Supreme Court of Florida has entered an Order of Suspension dated April 24, 2015, suspending John Thomas Kennedy from the practice of law for twenty (20) months. *See The Florida Bar v. Kennedy*, No. SC15-580, 2015 WL 1877551 (Fla. Apr. 24, 2015). That Order of Suspension was predicated on a Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment between the attorney and The Florida Bar. Rule 6(b) of the Rules Governing Attorney Discipline, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, provides that “[a]n attorney . . . who shall be suspended . . . on consent . . . from the bar of any state . . . while an investigation into allegations of misconduct is pending shall . . . cease to be permitted to practice before this Court and be stricken from the roll of attorneys admitted to practice before this Court.” Under these circumstances involving suspension on consent, service of an Order to Show Cause is unnecessary and the attorney may be immediately suspended. Pursuant to Rule 6(b) and the inherent authority of this Court to oversee officers admitted to membership in its bar, *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, for a period of twenty (20) months. The attorney may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by order of this Court. *See* Rule 9(a). 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 shall attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Suspension upon the attorney at his court record address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 1st day of July, 2015.

  
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K. MICHAEL MOORE  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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