

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2016-74

In re: CHRISTOPHER STEVEN JONES
Florida Bar # 306230



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

The Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension dated July 7, 2016, suspending Christopher Steven Jones from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Jones*, No. SC16-1190, 2016 WL 4399923 (Fla. July 7, 2016). The suspension was predicated on a Notice of Determination of Guilt, which disclosed that Mr. Jones pled nolo contendere to one count of trespass to a structure and/or conveyance with a deadly weapon, a third degree felony. Adjudication of guilt was withheld and Mr. Jones was placed on probation for two (2) years with special conditions. Judgment was entered in the Circuit Court of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit for Miami-Dade County, Florida on May 2, 2016. *See The State of Florida v. Christopher Jones*, Case No. F16-006737 (Fla. 11th Cir. Ct. May 2, 2016). On September 21, 2016, Mr. Jones filed an Unconditional Guilty Plea and Consent Judgment for Discipline with The Florida Bar. On November 17, 2016, based upon an uncontested report of the referee, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Mr. Jones from the practice of law for eighteen (18) months. *See The Florida Bar v. Jones*, No. SC16-1190, 2016 WL 6825816 (Fla. Nov. 17, 2016).

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 the United States . . . 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.” Rule 6(b) 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, service of an Order to Show Cause is unnecessary and the attorney may be immediately suspended. Pursuant to Rules 4(a) and 4(b), 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. 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 attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Suspension 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 December, 2016.

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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