## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2017-11**

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In re: DONALD RICHARD KERNER, JR. FLORIDA BAR # 242860

Feb 28, 2017

STEVEN M. LARIMORE
CLERK U.S. DISTRICT CT.

## **ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

The Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension dated January 19, 2017, suspending Donald Richard Kerner, Jr. from the practice of law for three (3) years. *See The Florida Bar v. Kerner*, No. SC16-1034, 2017 WL 237659 (Fla. Jan. 19, 2017). That Order of Suspension was predicated on an uncontested report of the referee, which was based upon a Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment. 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. The attorney may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by order of this Court. *See* Rule 9(a).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that 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 and Florida Bar addresses.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this <u>27th</u> day of February, 2017.

K. MICHAEL MOORE
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

c: All South Florida 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

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