

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2018-16

In re: VINCENT JOSEPH PRAVATO  
Florida Bar # 83127

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**ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

The Supreme Court of Florida has entered an Order of Suspension dated December 19, 2017, suspending Vincent Joseph Pravato from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Pravato*, No. SC17-2221, 2017 WL 6492665 (Fla. Dec. 19, 2017). The suspension was predicated on The Florida Bar’s Notice of Determination or Judgment of Guilt, which disclosed that Mr. Pravato entered a plea of guilty to three felony charges and the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida, accepted the plea and withheld adjudication. *See State of Florida v. Pravato, et al.*, Case No. 17-010370-CF10A (Fla. 17th Cir. Ct. Nov. 2, 2017).

The Clerk served Mr. Pravato by certified mail with an Order to Show Cause why this Court should not impose the same discipline, accompanied by the Supreme Court of Florida’s Order of Suspension and Circuit Court Disposition Order. Mr. Pravato responded with an affidavit indicating that he has no clients or matters pending.

Rule 8(a) of the Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, requires that “[a]n attorney admitted to practice before this Court shall, upon being subjected to reprimand, suspension, or disbarment . . . shall promptly inform the Clerk of the Court of such action.” Rule 8(d) provides in pertinent part that after expiration of the time for submitting a response to an 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 8(a) and (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, effective immediately. The attorney may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by order of this Court. *See* Rule 12(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 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.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 9th day of April, 2018.

  
K. MICHAEL MOORE  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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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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