

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2018-76
CASE NO. 18-MC-24061

In re: **ERIC ALLEN WARAFTIG**
Florida Bar # 74586



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

The Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension dated September 26, 2018, suspending Eric Allen Waraftig from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Waraftig*, No. SC18-1606, 2018 WL 4673447 (Fla. Sept. 26, 2018). The suspension was predicated on a Notice of Determination or Judgment of Guilt, which disclosed that Mr. Waraftig was adjudicated guilty of wire fraud and conspiracy, both felonies, before the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on August 23, 2018. *See United States of America v. Eric Waraftig*, Case No. 2:17-CR-00440-MMB (E.D. Pa. Aug. 23, 2018).

Rule 7(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, 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” is defined by Rule 7(b) to “include any felony.”

Pursuant to Rule 7(a) and (b), 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 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 5th day of October, 2018.


K. MICHAEL MOORE
UNITED STATES CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE

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All Southern District Bankruptcy Judges
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