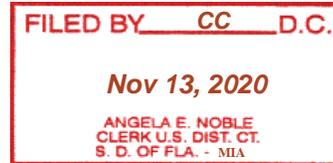


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-86  
CASE NO. 20-MC-24656

IN RE: CHRISTOPHER STEPHEN NELSON  
FLORIDA BAR # 10704

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**ORDER FOR PLACEMENT ON THE INACTIVE LIST DUE TO INCAPACITY**

On November 12, 2020, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order classifying attorney Christopher Stephen Nelson as an inactive member pursuant to Rule 3-7.13 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. *See The Florida Bar v. Nelson*, No. SC20-1586, 2020 WL 6606031 (Fla. Nov. 12, 2020) (ECF No. 1). That Order was predicated on a Petition for Approval of Petition for Placement on Inactive List for Incapacity not Related to Misconduct. (ECF No. 2). Rule 11 of the Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys (“Attorney Rules”), Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, provides that “[w]hen it comes to the attention of the Court that an attorney has been judicially declared incompetent, involuntarily committed to a mental hospital, placed on inactive status or resigned, or has been suspended by another jurisdiction due to such mental incompetence or incapacity or on the basis of physical infirmity or illness, the Court, upon proper proof of the fact, shall enter an order immediately placing the attorney on the Court’s inactive list until further order of the Court.” Under these circumstances involving incapacity, service of an Order to Show Cause is unnecessary and the attorney may be immediately placed on the inactive list. Given this background, pursuant to Attorney Rule 11 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 placed on the Court's inactive list, effective immediately. The attorney may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by order of this Court. *See* Attorney Rule 12(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 for Placement on the Inactive List Due to Incapacity upon the attorney at his court record and Florida Bar addresses.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 13th day of November, 2020.



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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  
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