UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-16 CASE # 21-MC-20094

IN RE: ALLISON KELLIHER FLORIDA BAR # 53069 FILED BY <u>CC</u> D.C.

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On January 6, 2021, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Allison Kelliher from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Kelliher*, No. SC20-1622, 2021 WL 56143 (Fla. Jan. 6, 2021) (ECF No. 1). The suspension was predicated on The Florida Bar's Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause and the attorney's failure to file a response to the Supreme Court of Florida's Order to Show Cause. The Clerk attempted to serve attorney Kelliher 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. (ECF No. 2). Service at Kelliher's court record address was returned – "Return to Sender – Not Deliverable as Addressed – Unable to Forward." Service at Kelliher's Florida Bar address was signed "C191457JC" with notation as "agent."

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, discipline, suspension, or disbarment by a court of any state . . . 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." Even if service is contested, Local Rule 11.1(g) imposes upon the members of this Bar an obligation to provide updated contact information to the Clerk within seven days of any change, and that "the failure to

comply shall not constitute grounds for relief from deadlines imposed by Rule or by the Court." This obligation to maintain current contact information is reiterated in the Court's CM/ECF Administrative Procedures Manual, section 3D, compliance with which is mandated by Local Rule 5.1. Given this background, pursuant to Rule 8(a) and (d), Local Rule 11.1(g) 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). 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 her court record and Florida Bar addresses.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 17th day of February, 2021.

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

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