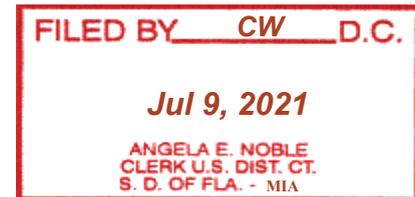


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-66
CASE NO. 21-MC-21881

IN RE: DANIELLE JUSTINE BUTLER
FLORIDA BAR # 517161



ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On May 19, 2021, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Danielle Justine Butler from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Butler*, No. SC21-738, 2021 WL 1998488 (Fla. May 19, 2021) [ECF No. 1]. The suspension was predicated on a Notice of Determination or Judgment of Guilt [ECF No. 2], which disclosed that Ms. Butler entered a plea of no contest to one count of Grand Theft in the Third Degree, a felony, before the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida; the court withheld adjudication. *See State of Florida v. Butler*, Case No. 21-1493CF10A (Fla. 17th Cir. Ct. May 3, 2021).

Pursuant to Rule 7(a)(1) 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, the Clerk served Ms. Butler by certified mail with an Order to Show Cause why the Court should not impose the same discipline, accompanied by the Supreme Court of Florida's Order of Suspension. (*See* [ECF No. 3]). On July 2, 2021, Ms. Butler, through her attorney, filed a response to the Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 4], stating she "has no cause to argue why this Court should not impose the identical discipline as ordered by the Florida Supreme Court suspending her from the practice of law." (*Id.*).

Rule 7(a) 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.” *Id.* (alterations added). A “serious crime” has been defined by Rule 7(b) to “include any felony.” *Id.* Given this background, pursuant to Rules 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.” (alteration added)),

IT IS ORDERED that Ms. Butler is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Ms. Butler may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by order of the 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 that the Clerk of Court shall attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Suspension upon Ms. Butler at her court record and Florida Bar addresses and upon her attorney of record. Ms. Butler shall forthwith advise the Clerk of Court of all pending cases before the Court in which she is counsel or co-counsel of record.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida, this 8th day of July, 2021.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Copies furnished as follows:

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