

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: RECIPROCAL ADMINISTRATIVE)
SUSPENSION OF ATTORNEYS) Misc. No. 22-698
ADMITTED TO THE BAR) (also filed at 10-mc-284 and 18-mc-846)
OF THIS COURT)

STANDING ORDER

WHEREAS this Court regularly receives notice that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has administratively suspended certain attorneys from the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for failure to fulfill Continuing Legal Education requirements, nonpayment of annual dues, or other administrative deficiencies in the maintenance of an attorney's license;

WHEREAS this Court may receive notice from another court or a state bar that certain attorneys have been administratively suspended, or the equivalent;

WHEREAS this Court may receive notice from other sources, including from attorneys, that certain attorneys have been administratively suspended, or the equivalent;

WHEREAS attorneys admitted to the Bar of this Court have an ongoing duty to immediately notify the Clerk of Court if they are administratively suspended by another court or by any state bar, Electronic Case Filing Policies and Procedures, Sec. 3; and

WHEREAS this Court's Local Civil Rules do not include any provisions specific to the imposition of reciprocal administrative suspension.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any attorney admitted to the Bar of this Court who is administratively suspended, or its equivalent, by another court or by any state bar is deemed automatically reciprocally administratively suspended from the Bar of this Court, without further notice or Order from this Court;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notice of the reciprocal administrative suspension will be posted on the Court's publicly accessible website;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court's publicly accessible website will include instructions about how members of the public can determine what an attorney's membership status is with this Court;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that when this Court receives notice that an attorney admitted to the Bar of this Court has been administratively suspended, or its equivalent, by another court or any state bar, this Court will change that attorney's bar membership record with this Court to reflect a status of Administratively Suspended and will deactivate that attorney's CM/ECF Filing User account with this Court;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attorneys in Administratively Suspended status with this Court will be unable to electronically file documents in this Court's CM/ECF system;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that attorneys in Administratively Suspended status with this Court will be ineligible to obtain a Certificate of Good Standing or a Letter of Ethical Conduct from the Clerk of Court; and

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that any attorney seeking relief from being in Administratively Suspended status with this Court, including those seeking restoration of their bar membership record to active status and reactivation of their CM/ECF Filing User account, shall file a motion at In re: Reciprocal Administrative Suspension of Attorneys Admitted to the Bar of this Court, 2:22-mc-698, setting forth the grounds for the requested relief. Attorneys who have been automatically reciprocally administratively suspended by this Court pursuant to this Standing Order must file a motion requesting restoration and reactivation even if the order from the other court or state bar indicates that the state court or state bar administrative suspension shall expire on a date certain or has otherwise been lifted.

This Order shall become effective on August 15, 2022.

Date: August 4, 2022

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Mark R. Hornak

Mark R. Hornak
Chief U.S. District Judge