

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

No. 23-8002(A)

IN RE: MICHAEL A. ADAMS, MEMBER OF THE BAR

Before FALVEY, LAURER, and JAQUITH, *Judges*.

ORDER

On May 12, 2023, the Court received an undated letter from Michael A. Adams, a member of this Court's bar, reporting that the Florida Supreme Court is suspending him from the practice of law for a period of 45 days, effective May 22, 2023. Along with the suspension, the Florida Supreme Court's April 20, 2023, order requires Mr. Adams to fully comply with Rule Regulating the Florida Bar 3-5.1(h) and 3-6.1, if applicable; attend the Florida Bar's ethics school; pay \$1,841.50 in costs; and comply with all other terms and conditions of the discipline report and consent judgment resulting in his suspension.

On May 16, 2023, this matter was referred to this Panel, the Court's Standing Panel on Admission and Discipline (Panel), under Rule 7(d)(1)(B) of the Court's Rules of Admission and Practice (Rules). By that same order, this Court, through the Clerk, imposed a temporary non-disciplinary suspension on Mr. Adams.

On May 17, 2023, this Panel ordered Mr. Adams to show cause within 30 days why discipline similar to that imposed by the Florida Supreme Court should not be imposed by this Court. Mr. Adams did not respond to the order.

Under Rule 7(d)(3)(B), it is

ORDERED that, effective as of the date of this order, Michael A. Adams is suspended from the practice of law before the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for a period of 45 days. It is further

ORDERED that, until reinstated, Mr. Adams is prohibited from holding himself out as a member of the Bar of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. It is further

ORDERED that, should Mr. Adams desire to seek reinstatement to this Court's bar, under Rule 11(a)(1), he must show proof of his reinstatement by the Florida Bar. Mr. Adams may not practice before this Court until reinstated by this Panel.

DATED: June 30, 2023

PER CURIAM.

Copy to:

Michael A. Adams, Esq.

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