## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-29**

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# IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ATTORNEY ADMISSIONS, PEER REVIEW, AND ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE FOR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Due to the expiration of several Committee Members' terms, the membership of the Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer Review, and Attorney Grievance for the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, as set forth in Administrative Orders 2023-24, 2023-73 and 2023-91 is hereby amended. Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that effective immediately, the following persons are appointed as members

of the Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer Review, and Attorney Grievance of the

United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, thereby superseding Administrative

Orders 2023-24, 2023-73 and 2023-91:

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## It is further

**ORDERED** that the Ad Hoc Committee is charged with assisting the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, in the review of applications of admission and the continuing eligibility for certification of programs, supervising attorneys, and students as well as implementation and evaluation of these Rules. It is also the purpose of the Ad Hoc Committee, through peer review, to determine whether individual lawyers are failing to perform to an adequate level of competency necessary to protect the interests of their clients, and to establish and administer a remedial program designed to raise the competence of a lawyer who is not performing adequately. Further, the Ad Hoc Committee shall investigate allegations of lawyer misconduct referred by the Court and submit written findings and recommendations as to any appropriate discipline the Court should impose.

The Court and the Committee acknowledge the contributions of, and express appreciation to attorneys Steven Davis, Devang Desai, Valencia Gallon-Stubbs, Kimberly Gilmour, Tiffani Lee, Seth Miles and Michael Olin for their many years of dedication and service to the Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer Review and Attorney Grievance.

This Committee shall remain in existence until further order of the Chief Judge. The members shall serve renewable terms of three (3) years, and their terms shall be staggered so that one-third of the members' terms expire each year.<sup>1</sup>

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 6th day of April, 2024.

CECILIA M. ALTONAGA  $\mathcal{O}$ CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The current makeup of the Committee makes strict adherence with the three (3) year membership term and one-third annual term expiration under Rule 6(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, impracticable. The Court makes every effort to comply with these conditions when possible.