### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-14 CASE # 20-MC-20267

# In re: ALKA SHARMA FLORIDA BAR # 96437

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### **ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

On January 16, 2020, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Alka Sharma from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Alka R. Sharma*, No. SC19-1113, 2020 WL 255983 (Fla. Jan. 16, 2020) (ECF No. 1). The suspension was predicated on a Conditional Guilty Plea for Consent Judgment. (ECF No. 2). By email dated February 14, 2020, Sharma informed the Court of her suspension by the Florida Supreme Court. (ECF No. 3). Rule 9(b) 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, provides that "[a]n attorney . . . who shall be suspended . . . on consent . . . from the bar of any state . . . while an investigation into allegations of misconduct is pending shall . . . cease to be permitted to practice before this Court and be stricken from the roll of attorneys admitted to practice before this Court." Under these circumstances involving suspension on consent, service of an Order to Show Cause is unnecessary and the attorney may be immediately suspended. *Id.* Pursuant to Rule 9(b) and the inherent authority of this Court to oversee officers admitted to membership in its bar, *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

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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 said attorney advise the Clerk of Court of all

pending cases before this Court in which she is counsel or co-counsel of record.

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 address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 24th day

of February, 2020.

AEL MOORE

UNITED STATES CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE

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