UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2024-37 CASE NO. 24-MC-20894

IN RE: DIVYA KHULLAR FLORIDA BAR # 101116 FILED BY tah D.C.

May 17, 2024

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## **ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

On March 6, 2024, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Divya Khullar from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Khullar*, No. SC2022-0719, 2024 WL 964144 (Fla. March 6, 2024) [ECF No. 1]. The suspension was predicated on The Florida Bar's Petition for Contempt and Order to Show Cause and the attorney's failure to file a response to the Supreme Court of Florida's Order to Show Cause. Despite several attempts at service, the Clerk has been unable to serve Mr. Khullar by certified mail with an order to show cause why this Court should not impose the same discipline, accompanied by the Supreme Court of Florida's Order of Suspension.

Rule 8(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, requires that an attorney admitted to practice before this Court, upon being subjected to reprimand, discipline, suspension, or disbarment by any other court of the United States, promptly inform the Clerk of the Court. *See id.* After expiration of the time for submitting a response to an order to show cause, the Court may impose the identical discipline or any other sanction the Court deems appropriate. *See* Rule 8(d). Even if service is contested, members of this Bar have an obligation to provide updated contact information to the Clerk within seven days of any change; "[t]he failure to comply shall not constitute grounds for relief from deadlines imposed by Rule or by the Court." Local Rule 11.1(g)

(alteration added). This obligation to maintain current contact information is reiterated in the Court's

CM/ECF Administrative Procedures Manual, section 3D, compliance with which is mandated by

Local Rule 5.1.

Given this background, under Rules 8(a) and (d), Local Rule 11.1(g), 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; citation omitted)),

IT IS ORDERED that Mr. Khullar is suspended from practice in this Court, effective

immediately. Mr. Khullar 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 Mr. Khullar 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 Mr. Khullar shall advise the Clerk of Court of all

pending cases before this Court in which he is counsel or co-counsel of record. The Clerk of Court

shall attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Suspension upon Mr. Khullar at his

court record and Florida Bar addresses.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Miami, Florida, this 17th day of May, 2024.

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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