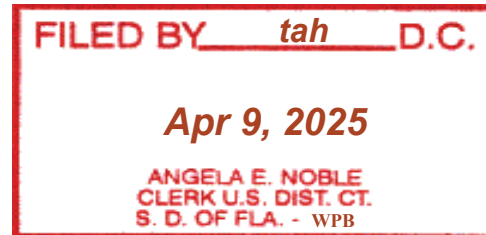


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-25  
CASE NO. 24-MC-24979



IN RE: SUSAN RACHEL TORRES  
FLORIDA BAR # 91236

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**ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

On December 18, 2024, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order of Suspension, suspending Susan Rachel Torres from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Torres*, No. SC2024-1558, 2024 WL 5153027 (Fla. Dec. 18, 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.

On December 19, 2024, the Clerk attempted to serve Ms. Torres 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. (*See* Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 2]). Service attempts at both Ms. Torres' Florida Bar and court record addresses were unsuccessful. Second attempts at service were made to both addresses on February 28, 2025, but no return receipts were received.

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 Court. *See id.* After expiration of the time for submitting a response to an order to show cause, the Court

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may impose the identical discipline or any other sanction the Court deems appropriate. *See* S.D. Fla. Att’y R. 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 Attorney 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 AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

1. Ms. Torres is suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. Ms. Torres may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by order of the Court. *See* S.D. Fla. Att’y R. 12(a).
2. Ms. Torres shall advise the Clerk of Court of all pending cases before this Court in which she is counsel or co-counsel of record.
3. The Clerk of Court shall **STRIKE** Ms. Torres 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.
4. The Clerk of Court shall attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of

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Suspension on Ms. Torres at her Florida Bar and court record addresses.

**DONE AND ORDERED** at Miami, Florida, this 9th day of April, 2025.

  
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**CECILIA M. ALTONAGA**  
**CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

cc: All South Florida Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges  
All Southern District of Florida District Judges, Bankruptcy Judges, and Magistrate Judges  
United States Attorney  
Circuit Executive  
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