# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

# CASE NO. 25-MC-21905-ALTONAGA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-47

# *IN RE*: XENIA HERNANDEZ FLORIDA BAR # 1002248

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## **ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

On April 25, 2025, the Supreme Court of Florida suspended Xenia Hernandez from the practice of law. *See Fla. Bar v. Hernandez*, No. SC2025-0556, 2025 WL 1201771, at \*1 (Fla. Apr. 25, 2025). Subsequently, on April 29, 2025, the Clerk of this Court tried to serve Ms. Hernandez with an Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 2] — giving her 30 days to explain why reciprocal discipline should not be imposed — along with a copy of the Florida Supreme Court's suspension order. The Clerk mailed the materials to both of Ms. Hernandez's last known addresses. A return receipt came back from one, but it bore no signature. On June 4, 2025, the Clerk sent a second round of mailings to both addresses — again receiving a return receipt from one, again unsigned.

Under Rule 9(b) of the Southern District of Florida Local Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys ("Attorney Rules"), "[a]n attorney . . . suspended . . . on consent . . . with the bar of any other court . . . 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 until further order of the Court." *Id.* (alterations added). When the suspension is by consent, as it was here during pending disciplinary proceedings, no order to show cause is required; reciprocal suspension may be imposed immediately.

In light of the above, and under Attorney Rule 9(b) and the Court's inherent authority to oversee membership in its bar and safeguard the public interest, *see Chambers v. NASCO, Inc.*, 501

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U.S. 32, 43 (1991) (citation omitted), it is

### **ORDERED** as follows:

1. Ms. Hernandez is suspended from the practice of law in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, effective immediately. She may not resume practice before this Court unless and until reinstated by court order. *See* Att'y Rule 12(a).

- 2. Within **14 days** of receipt of this Order, Ms. Hernandez shall notify the Clerk of Court of any active cases in which she appears as counsel or co-counsel of record in this District.
  - 3. The Clerk is directed to **STRIKE** Ms. Hernandez from the roll of attorneys authorized

to practice before this Court and to immediately revoke her CM/ECF credentials.

4. The Clerk shall promptly attempt service of this Order via certified mail to Ms.

Hernandez's court record address and any addresses on file with The Florida Bar.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 8th day of July, 2025.

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

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