UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 25-MC-22580-ALTONAGA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-48

IN RE: RUZY BEHNEJAD FLORIDA BAR # 111894 Jul 8, 2025

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ORDER OF DISBARMENT

On June 5, 2025, the Supreme Court of Florida granted Ruzy Behnejad's uncontested petition for disciplinary revocation with leave to seek readmission after five years. *See In re Petition for Disciplinary Revocation of Behnejad*, No. SC2025-0491, 2025 WL 1592203, at *1 (Fla. June 5, 2025). "Disciplinary revocation is tantamount to disbarment" under Rules 3-7.12 and 3-5.1(g) of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar. *Id.* (citation omitted).

Under Rule 9(b) of the Southern District of Florida's Local Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys ("Attorney Rules"), attorneys who are disbarred on consent by the bar of any other court, while an investigation into allegations of misconduct is pending, are no longer allowed to practice before this Court and are to be stricken from the roll of attorneys admitted to practice before this Court until further order. *See id*.

Therefore, 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 U.S. 32, 43 (1991) (noting that "a federal court has the power to control admission to its bar and to discipline attorneys who appear before it" (citation omitted)), it is

ORDERED as follows:

1. Mr. Behnejad is disbarred from the practice of law in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, effective immediately. He may not resume the practice of law

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before this Court unless and until reinstated by court order. See Att'y R. 12(a).

- 2. Within **14 days** of receipt of this Order, Mr. Behnejad shall notify the Clerk of Court of any active cases in which he appears as counsel or co-counsel of record in this District.
- 3. The Clerk is directed to **STRIKE** Mr. Behnejad from the roll of attorneys authorized to practice before this Court and to immediately revoke his CM/ECF credentials.
- 4. The Clerk shall promptly attempt service of this Order via certified mail to Mr. Behnejad's court record address and any addresses on file with The Florida Bar.

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

CECILIA M. ALTONAGA

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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