## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 24-MC-20894-ALTONAGA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-55

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

Jul 29, 2025

ANGELA E. NOBLE

## **ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

On March 6, 2024, the Supreme Court of Florida suspended Divya Khullar from the practice of law. *See Fla. Bar v. Khullar*, No. SC2022-0719, 2024 WL 964144, at \*1 (Fla. Mar. 6, 2024). On May 17, 2024, this Court imposed reciprocal discipline, suspending Mr. Khullar from practice in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. (*See* Order of Suspension [ECF No. 3] 1). On July 2, 2024, the Supreme Court of Florida reinstated Mr. Khullar to good standing. *See Fla. Bar v. Khullar*, No. SC2022-0719, 2024 WL 3274672 (Fla. July 2, 2024). On August 20, 2024, this Court likewise restored him as a member in good standing of its bar. (*See* Order . . . [ECF No. 5] 1).

On May 8, 2025, the Supreme Court of Florida suspended Mr. Khullar from the practice of law a second time, this time for two years. *See Fla. Bar v. Khullar*, No. SC2023-0582, 2025 WL 1337716, at \*1 (Fla. May 8, 2025). Following that suspension order, on May 13, 2025, the Clerk of this Court tried to serve Mr. Khullar with an Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 6] — giving him 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 Mr. Khullar's last known addresses. Return receipts came back but bore no signatures. On June 24, 2025, the Clerk sent a second round of mailings to both addresses — receiving a return receipt from one, but unsigned.

Under Rule 8(a) of the Southern District of Florida Local Rules Governing the Admission,

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Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys ("Attorney Rules"), attorneys admitted to practice before this Court must promptly notify the Clerk if they are disciplined by another court. *See id.* Attorney Rule 8(d) authorizes the Court, once the time to respond to an order to show cause has lapsed, to impose reciprocal discipline or any other sanction it deems appropriate. *See id.* 

Rule 11.1(g) of the Local Rules for the Southern District of Florida ("Local Rules") further obligates members of this Bar to update their contact information within seven days of any change, cautioning that "failure to comply shall not constitute grounds for relief from deadlines imposed by Rule or by the Court." *Id.* This obligation is echoed in Section 3D of the Court's CM/ECF Administrative Procedures Manual, compliance with which is mandatory under Local Rule 5.1.

Therefore, under Attorney Rules 8(a) and (d), Local Rule 11.1(g), 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) (citation omitted), it is

## **ORDERED** as follows:

- 1. Mr. Khullar is suspended from the practice of law in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida, effective immediately. He 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, Mr. Khullar 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. Khullar 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. Khullar's court record address and any addresses on file with The Florida Bar.

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**DONE AND ORDERED** in Miami, Florida, this 29th day of July, 2025.

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

Federal Public Defender

Clerks of Court (SDFL District and Bankruptcy) and Eleventh Circuit

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