## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 25-MC-22805-ALTONAGA ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-76

IN RE: KEVIN T. VAGOVIC FLORIDA BAR # 113427

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## ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On June 11, 2025, the Supreme Court of Florida suspended Kevin T. Vagovic from the practice of law. *See Fla. Bar v. Vagovic*, No. SC2025-0469, 2025 WL 1649719, at \*1 (Fla. June 11, 2025). Subsequently, on June 23, 2025, the Clerk of this Court attempted to serve Mr. Vagovic with an Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 2] — providing 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 sent the materials to Mr. Vagovic's last known addresses, but service was unsuccessful. (*See generally* Returns of Serv. [ECF No. 4]).

On July 10, 2025, the Court received a Notice Regarding Pending Suspension from the Florida Bar [ECF No. 3], submitted by Mr. Vagovic. In the Notice, he acknowledges his suspension from the Florida Bar, includes a copy of the suspension order, and provides contact information for his Inventory Attorney. *See Id.* Following receipt of the Notice, the Clerk made a second attempt to serve the Order to Show Cause, including service on the Inventory Attorney, but all attempts were unsuccessful. (*See generally* Returns of Serv. 2nd Attempts [ECF No. 5]).

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

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Rule 11.1(g) of the Local Rules for the Southern District of Florida ("Local Rule") further obligates members of this Bar to update their contact information within seven days of any change, warning 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.

In light of the above, and pursuant to 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. Vagovic 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. Vagovic 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. Vagovic 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. Vagovic's court record address and any addresses on file with The Florida Bar.

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

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

cc: All South Florida Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges

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