

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 25-MC-23513-ALTONAGA
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2025-83

IN RE: RAWSI WILLIAMS
FLORIDA BAR # 103201

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On August 5, 2025, the Supreme Court of Florida suspended Rawsi Williams from the practice of law. (*See generally* Suspension Order [ECF No. 1]). Subsequently, on August 6, 2025, the Clerk of this Court attempted to serve Ms. Williams with an Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 2] — setting a 30-day deadline for her to explain why the Court should not impose reciprocal discipline — and a copy of the Suspension Order. The Clerk sent the materials to Ms. Williams’s last known addresses, but service was unsuccessful. (*See generally* Certified Mail Receipts [ECF No. 4]). On September 11, 2025, the Clerk again attempted service of the Order to Show Cause and Suspension Order. (*See id.* 7–8).¹ The Clerk received a return receipt with an illegible signature, without any indication that the signer was Ms. Williams or her authorized agent. (*See id.* 9).

On September 12, 2025, Ms. Williams emailed the Court a copy of her Florida Bar suspension and two affidavits in support of her character and ability to practice law. (*See generally* Sept. 12, 2025 Email [ECF No. 3]). While Ms. Williams states in the email that she intends to “fight and deny the Bar’s allegations[,]” she does not contest the imposition of reciprocal discipline; instead, she advises she has “no current cases[.]” (*Id.* 1 (alterations added)).

¹ The Court uses the pagination generated by the electronic CM/ECF database, which appears in the headers of all court filings.

Rule 8(d) of the Southern District of Florida Local Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys (“Attorney Rules”) provides that the Court, once the time to respond to an order to show cause has lapsed, may 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.

In light of the above, and under Attorney Rule 8(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. Ms. Williams 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. Williams 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. Williams 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. Williams’s court record address and any addresses on file with The Florida Bar.

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DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 24th day of October, 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cecilia M. Altonaga". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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 – District, Bankruptcy, and Eleventh Circuit
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