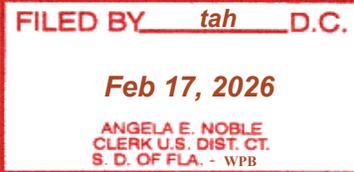


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-10
CASE NO. 25-MC-25227

IN RE: MARTIN G. MCCARTHY
FLORIDA BAR # 149896



ORDER ON FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On August 25, 2025, the Court referred attorney Martin G. McCarthy to the Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer Review, and Attorney Grievance for the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida for investigation in connection with certain actions as counsel in *Dogwood State Bank v. Manal S. Moussa-Oliver and Michael W. Oliver*, No. 23-cv-22539 (S.D. Fla. 2025). (*See* Order of Referral [ECF No. 1] 16).¹ On January 12, 2026, the Committee issued a Proposed Report and Recommendation [ECF No. 4], recommending that Mr. McCarthy (1) self-report to the Committee any instance in which a court issues an order pertaining to his non-compliance with a court order, court rule, or missed court deadline for a period of six months; (2) register and complete a CLE course on case/law office management; (3) send written letters of apology to District Court Judge Bloom and Magistrate Judge Torres; and (4) appear for an in-person private reprimand before the Court. (*See id.* 15-16).

On January 28, 2026, the Committee submitted a Final Report and Recommendation [ECF No. 5], restating the recommendations in the Proposed Report and Recommendation and noting that Mr. McCarthy did not file a response. (*See generally* Final Report & Recommendation; *see also id.* 3 n.1). The following day the Court issued an Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 6] directing Mr. McCarthy to respond to the Final Report and Recommendation. No response was filed.

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

The Undersigned submitted this matter for consideration at a regularly scheduled Judges' Meeting held on February 12, 2026. By unanimous vote of all District Judges and Senior Judges in attendance and eligible to vote, the Court approved and adopted the Committee's Final Report and Recommendation in full.

Given this background, and in accordance with the Court's inherent power to regulate membership in its bar for the protection of the public interest, *see Chambers v. NASCO, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 32, 43 (1991) (“[A] federal court has the power to control admission to its bar and to discipline attorneys who appear before it.” (alteration added)), it is

ORDERED as follows:

1. The Committee's Final Report and Recommendation [**ECF No. 5**] is **ADOPTED**.
2. For a period of six months following this Order, Mr. McCarthy must self-report to the Committee each instance in which he receives any order from any district judge or magistrate judge, or from any state court judge, pertaining to Mr. McCarthy's non-compliance with a court order, court rule, or missed court deadline. These reports will be made to the Committee on a monthly basis by the first day of every month.
3. Mr. McCarthy must register for and complete a CLE course or courses in the aggregate of at least three hours on case/law management, preferably targeted toward solo practitioners. Before registering for the CLE courses, Mr. McCarthy must submit the CLE course information to the Committee Chair for approval.
4. Within 30 days following this Order, Mr. McCarthy must send written letters of apology to U.S. District Court Judge Bloom and U.S. Magistrate Judge Torres for his actions and inactions in the *Dogwood* case. Copies must be provided to the Committee Chair simultaneously.
5. Mr. McCarthy must appear for an in-person private reprimand before the Court, to occur at a date and time set by the Court.

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DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 17th day of February, 2026.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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