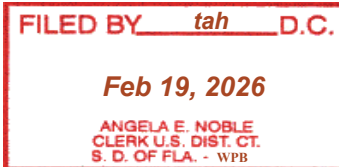


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-12
CASE NO. 25-MC-20706

IN RE: PAUL F. GERSON
FLORIDA BAR # 94365



ORDER ON FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On December 10, 2024, the Court referred attorney Paul F. Gerson to the Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer Review, and Attorney Grievance for investigation in connection with certain actions as counsel in *SEC v. Cuesta*, No. 23-cv-61817 (S.D. Fla. 2025). (See Tr. of Mot. for Entry of J. [ECF No. 1] 6:21–23).¹ On November 6, 2025, the Committee issued a Proposed Report and Recommendation [ECF No. 5], recommending — given the rigors of practicing in the Southern District of Florida — that the Court accept Mr. Gerson’s offer to resign from practicing law in this Court, with the opportunity to apply for reinstatement upon improvement of his health, further investigation by the Committee, and approval by the Court. (See *id.* 6–7).²

On November 10, 2025, the Committee submitted a Final Report and Recommendation [ECF No. 6], restating the reasons for and the recommendations in the Proposed Report and Recommendation, and noting that Mr. Gerson agreed with the Report and accepted the Committee’s recommendations. (See *generally* Final R. & R.; see also *id.* 3 n.1). After the Court issued an Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 7] directing Mr. Gerson to respond to the Final Report and Recommendation, Mr. Gerson filed a Response [ECF No. 8], again agreeing to the

¹ Citations to deposition testimony rely on the pagination and line numbering in the original document.

² The Court uses the pagination generated by the electronic CM/ECF database, which appears in the headers of all court filings.

Committee's recommendations.


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. 6] is **ADOPTED**.
2. Mr. Gerson's request to resign from the bar of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida is **GRANTED**.
3. Mr. Gerson may petition for reinstatement. The petition shall be subject to further review by the Committee, and any such petition shall be subject to approval by the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 19th day of February, 2026.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

CASE NO. 25-20706-MC-ALTONAGA

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