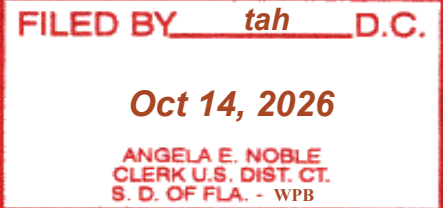


**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2026-88
CASE NO. 25-MC-25496**

**IN RE: MISSIVA TILLELI KHACER
FLORIDA BAR # 118756
NATALIYA GAVLIN
FLORIDA BAR # 4584777**



ORDER ON FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On November 21, 2025, the Court referred Missiva Tilleli Khacer and Nataliya Gavlin 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 of their conduct in representing the plaintiff in *Dubin v. Papazian*, No. 25-cv-23877 (S.D. Fla. 2025). (*See generally* Order of Referral [ECF No. 1]).¹

On June 16, 2026, the Committee issued a Proposed Report and Recommendation [ECF No. 7], recommending that Ms. Khacer (1) complete two CLE courses on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and client engagement/retention, (2) read the Southern District's Local Rules in their entirety, and (3) submit a written apology letter to Judge Rodolfo Ruiz. The Committee recommended that Ms. Gavlin (1) file a *pro hac vice* motion in any District case in which she is substantively involved in representing a client; (2) for twelve months, report to the Committee Chair any instance in which a client engages locally admitted counsel for litigation service in this District and provide the client engagement letter for those services; (3) adopt a written AI policy for her firm; (4) read the Southern District's Local Rules in their entirety; and (5) submit a written apology to Judge Ruiz. On June 26, 2026, the Committee submitted a Final Report and

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

Recommendation [ECF No. 10], restating the recommendations in the Proposed Report and Recommendation. The Court then issued an Order to Show Cause [ECF No. 11], directing Mss. Khacer and Gavlin to respond to the Final Report and Recommendation.

Ms. Khacer, through her attorney, filed a Response [ECF No. 12] indicating that the Court should adopt the Final Report and Recommendation. Ms. Gavlin, through her attorney, filed a Response [ECF No. 13] indicating that she accepts the Final Report and Recommendation and has no objection to its adoption by the Court.

The undersigned submitted this matter for consideration at a regularly scheduled Judges' Meeting held on October 8, 2026. By unanimous vote of all District 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. 10] is **ADOPTED**.
2. Ms. Khacer:
 - a. Within 90 days of the date of this Order, Ms. Khacer must register for and complete CLE courses of at least two hours each on the following topics: (i) the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and, if available, Local Rules of the Southern District and (ii) client engagement retention considerations, including engagement letter preparation. Before registering for the CLE courses, Ms. Khacer must submit the CLE course information to the Committee Chair for approval.

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- b. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Ms. Khacer must read the Local Rules of the Southern District in their entirety and submit a signed certification to the Committee Chair evidencing her compliance with this obligation.
 - c. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Ms. Khacer must submit a written apology letter to Judge Ruiz with a copy to the Committee Chair.
3. Ms. Gavlin:
- a. The Court accepts Ms. Gavlin's representation that in the future she will file a pro hac vice motion in any case in this District in which she is substantively involved in representing a client.
 - b. For a period of 12 months commencing on the date of this Order, Ms. Gavlin must report to the Committee Chair each instance in which she associates with another counsel admitted in this District to provide litigation services to a client of hers in this District. These reports will be made to the Committee Chair within seven days of the association with counsel. In addition, Ms. Gavlin must provide the Committee Chair a copy of her firm's engagement letter with such client in which engagement letter the name of the licensed counsel handling the litigation in this District is specified. In addition, Ms. Gavlin must require that any counsel with whom she associates on behalf of her clients to provide litigation services in this District enter into an engagement letter with her client memorializing such services.
 - c. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, Ms. Gavlin must execute a written artificial intelligence policy for her firm and provide such written policy to the Committee Chair.
 - d. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Ms. Gavlin must read the Local Rules of the Southern District in their entirety and submit a signed certification to the Committee Chair evidencing her compliance with this obligation.

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- e. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, Ms. Gavlin must submit a written apology letter to Judge Ruiz with a copy to the Committee Chair.

DONE AND ORDERED in Miami, Florida, this 14th day of October, 2026.



CECILIA M. ALTONAGA
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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