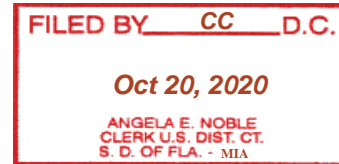


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-78
CASE NO. 19-MC-25339

IN RE: MICHELLE RENEE SUSKAUER
FLORIDA BAR # 908230



ORDER ON FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

The Ad Hoc Committee on Attorney Admissions, Peer Review, and Attorney Grievance (“Committee”) received a referral of attorney Michelle Renee Suskauer by letter from Senior United States District Judge James I. Cohn of the Southern District of Florida on May 31, 2019, based on her actions and omissions as counsel of record in *United States of America v. Anthony D’Amico*, No. 9:18-cr-80179-JIC-1 (S.D. Fla. 2018). (ECF No. 1). Following that referral, the Committee conducted a hearing and on April 30, 2020, issued a proposed Report and Recommendation and gave Suskauer fourteen (14) days to respond. (ECF No. 2). Suskauer, through her counsel, filed a Response to Report and Recommendation. (ECF No. 5). Upon consideration of Suskauer’s Response, the Committee issued its Final Report and Recommendation on June 5, 2020, reaffirming its earlier recommendations. (ECF No. 6). An Order to Show Cause was issued on June 9, 2020, giving Suskauer an opportunity to respond to the Final Report and Recommendation and a Response was filed stating “that there is no good cause to show why the Committee’s Final Report and Recommendation should not be adopted.” (ECF No. 7 and 8).

Pursuant to Rule 6(c)(2)(B)(v) of the Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida, the undersigned submitted this matter to the Court for its

consideration at a regularly scheduled Judges' Meeting held on October 1, 2020. Upon review of the Final Report and Recommendation, responses, the attachments, and hearing transcript, by unanimous vote of the active Judges and Senior Judges eligible to vote,¹ the Court approved and adopted the Committee's Final Report and Recommendation in full.

Given this background, in accordance with Rule 6(c)(2)(B)(v) and 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."),

IT IS ORDERED that the Committee's Final Report and Recommendation is ADOPTED and the matter is CLOSED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, consistent with the Final Report and Recommendation, as follows:

1. Suskauer is hereby publicly reprimanded by the Court.
2. Suskauer is placed on probationary status in the Southern District of Florida, for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of this Order.
3. During the period of probation, Suskauer must submit timely written reports, at least once every three (3) months, specifically:
 - a. identifying any case pending in the Southern District of Florida in which any suspended lawyer or former lawyer who has been disbarred or whose disciplinary resignation or disciplinary revocation has been granted by the Florida Supreme Court is involved in providing services to Suskauer's firm in such case, or to her client in such case, whether the individual is retained or engaged directly by

¹ District Judge Beth Bloom abstained from the proceedings. Senior Judge Patricia A. Seitz did not participate in the vote.

Suskauer or her firm, by her client(s), or otherwise;

- b. detailing the specific services being provided to Suskauer's client by any such individual(s); and
 - c. detailing the supervision Suskauer is providing over any such individual(s).
4. At the conclusion of the twelve (12) month period, Suskauer is directed to request a reappearance before the Committee to review the above and determine if the probationary status should be lifted.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this 20th day of October, 2020.



K. MICHAEL MOORE
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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- All Miami Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals Judges
 - All Southern District Judges
 - All Southern District Bankruptcy Judges
 - All Southern District Magistrate Judges
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 - Michelle Renee Suskauer
 - Brian L. Tannebaum, Counsel for Michelle Renee Suskauer