

State of New York
Supreme Court, Appellate Division
Third Judicial Department

Decided and Entered: June 15, 2017

D-115-17

In the Matter of ATTORNEYS
IN VIOLATION OF JUDICIARY
LAW § 468-a.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS, Now Known as
ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL
DEPARTMENT,

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
ON MOTION

Petitioner;

DEBORAH ANN HOCHHAUSER,
Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 2605293)

Calendar Date: May 30, 2017

Before: Peters, P.J., Garry, Clark, Mulvey and Aarons, JJ.

Monica A. Duffy, Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third
Judicial Department, Albany, for petitioner.

Law Offices of Richard E. Grayson, White Plains (Richard E.
Grayson of counsel), for respondent.

Per Curiam.

Respondent was admitted to practice by this Court in 1994
and lists a business address in Framingham, Massachusetts with
the Office of Court Administration. This Court suspended
respondent from the practice of law in New York in 2009 due to
conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice arising from

her failure to comply with the attorney registration requirements of Judiciary Law § 468-a and Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts (22 NYCRR) § 118.1 (65 AD3d 1447, 1460 [2009]; see Judiciary Law § 468-a [5]; Rules of Professional Conduct [22 NYCRR 1200.0] rule 8.4 [d]). Respondent moves for her reinstatement (see Uniform Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16 [a]; Rules of App Div, 3d Dept [22 NYCRR] § 806.16 [a]), and petitioner advises, by correspondence from its Chief Attorney, that it does not oppose the motion.

Respondent has self-certified as retired from the practice of law since 2002 (see Rules of Chief Admin of Cts [22 NYCRR] § 118.1 [g]), and her application demonstrates that she has otherwise complied with the order of suspension as well as this Court's rules. Further, upon reading respondent's affidavit, supplemental affidavit and the affirmation of her counsel, as well as the correspondence in response by petitioner's Chief Attorney, we are satisfied that respondent has the requisite character and fitness for the practice of law, and that it would be in the public's interest to reinstate her to practice in New York (see Uniform Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16 [a]). Accordingly, mindful that respondent would need to relinquish her retired status and fulfill certain continuing legal education requirements as a precondition to actually practicing law in New York (see Rules of App Divs [22 NYCRR] §§ 1500.22 [n] [3]; 1500.23 [b]), her motion for reinstatement is granted, and she is reinstated to the practice of law in New York, effective immediately.

Peters, P.J., Garry, Clark, Mulvey and Aarons, JJ., concur.

ORDERED that the motion for reinstatement by respondent is granted; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent is reinstated as an attorney and counselor-at-law in the State of New York, effective immediately.

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Robert D. Mayberger
Clerk of the Court