

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

Decided and Entered: June 15, 2017

D-119-17

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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;

JUAN CARLOS PALAU,

Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 4177432)

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Calendar Date: May 30, 2017

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

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

Juan Carlos Palau, Bogota D.C., Colombia, respondent  
pro se.

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Per Curiam.

Respondent was admitted to practice by this Court in 2003  
and lists a business address in Colombia with the Office of Court  
Administration. This Court suspended respondent from the  
practice of law in New York in 2014 due to conduct prejudicial to  
the administration of justice arising from his 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 (113 AD3d 1020, 1046 [2014]; see Judiciary Law § 468-a [5]; Rules of Professional Conduct [22 NYCRR 1200.0] rule 8.4 [d]). Respondent moves for his 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.

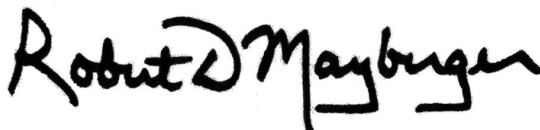
Respondent's application demonstrates that he has complied with the order of suspension and this Court's rules. Further, upon reading respondent's affidavit and the correspondence in response by petitioner's Chief Attorney, we are satisfied that respondent has the requisite character and fitness for the practice of law, and that it would be in the public's interest to reinstate him to practice in New York (see Uniform Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16 [a]). Accordingly, respondent's motion for reinstatement is granted, and he 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