

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

Decided and Entered: August 2, 2018

D-94-18

In the Matter of JAMES R. GRIMES
III, an Attorney.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
ON MOTION

(Attorney Registration No. 5415443)

Calendar Date: July 30, 2018

Before: McCarthy, J.P., Egan Jr., Lynch, Devine and Clark, JJ.

James R. Grimes III, Stockton, New Jersey, pro se.

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

Per Curiam.

James R. Grimes III was admitted to practice by this Court in 2016 and lists a business address in Flemington, New Jersey with the Office of Court Administration. Grimes now seeks leave to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons (see Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.22 [a]). The Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department (hereinafter AGC) opposes the application by correspondence from its Chief Attorney.

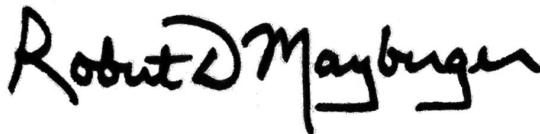
As is noted by AGC, Grimes is presently not current in his New York attorney registration requirements, having failed to timely register for the biennial period beginning in 2018 (see Judiciary Law § 468-a; Rules of the Chief Admin of Cts [22 NYCRR] § 118.1). Inasmuch as Grimes is therefore subject to potential disciplinary action (see Judiciary Law § 468-a [5]; Rules of Professional Conduct [22 NYCRR 1200.0] rule 8.4 [d]; see also

Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a, 113 AD3d 1020, 1021 [2014]), he is ineligible for nondisciplinary resignation and his application must be denied (see Matter of Cluff, 148 AD3d 1346, 1346 [2017]; Matter of Bomba, 146 AD3d 1226, 1226-1227 [2017]). Further, any future application by Grimes must be supported by proof of his full satisfaction of the requirements of Judiciary Law § 468-a and Rules of the Chief Administrator of the Courts (22 NYCRR) § 118.1 (see Matter of Frank, 146 AD3d 1228, 1228-1229 [2017]).

McCarthy, J.P., Egan Jr., Lynch, Devine and Clark, JJ.,
concur.

ORDERED that James R. Grimes III's application for
permission to resign is denied.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert D. Mayberger". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Robert D. Mayberger
Clerk of the Court