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

Decided and Entered: August 8, 2019 PM-118-19

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

ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,

Petitioner;

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER ON MOTION

DEBORAH LYNN EPSTEIN,

Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 2288520)

Calendar Date: July 22, 2019

Before: Garry, P.J., Egan Jr., Clark, Devine and Pritzker, JJ.

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

Deborah Lynn Epstein, Washington, DC, respondent pro se.

Motion by respondent for an order reinstating her to the practice of law following her suspension by May 2019 order of this Court (<u>Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a</u>, 172 AD3d 1706 [2019]; <u>see Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16</u>; Rules of App Div, 3d Dept [22 NYCRR] § 806.16).

Upon reading respondent's notice of motion and affidavit with exhibits sworn to June 14, 2019, and upon reading the correspondence in response by the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department dated July 18, 2019, and having determined, by clear and convincing evidence, that (1) respondent has complied with the order of suspension and the Rules of this Court, (2) respondent has the requisite character and fitness to practice law, and (3) it would be in the public interest to reinstate respondent to the practice of law (see Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Serbinowski], 164 AD3d 1049, 1050 [2018]; Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Squires], 153 AD3d 1511, 1513 [2017]), it is

ORDERED that respondent's motion for reinstatement is granted; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent is reinstated as an attorney and counselor-at-law, effectively immediately.

Garry, P.J., Egan Jr., Clark, Devine and Pritzker, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

Robert D. Mayberger Clerk of the Court