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

Decided and Entered: October 31, 2019

PM-178-19

In the Matter of NICHOLAS J. BIRCH, an Attorney.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER ON MOTION

(Attorney Registration No. 4971230)

Calendar Date: October 21, 2019

Before: Garry, P.J., Lynch, Clark and Aarons, JJ.

Nicholas J. Birch, Springfield, Virginia, 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.

Nicholas J. Birch was admitted to practice by this Court in 2011 and lists a business address in Washington, DC with the Office of Court Administration. Birch now seeks leave to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons (<u>see</u> Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.22 [a]). The Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department (hereinafter AGC) advises that it does not oppose Birch's application.

Upon reading Birch's affidavit sworn to August 28, 2019 and filed September 4, 2019, and upon reading the October 17, 2019 correspondence in response by the Chief Attorney for AGC, and having determined that Birch is eligible to resign for nondisciplinary reasons, we grant his application and accept his resignation.

Garry, P.J., Lynch, Clark and Aarons, JJ., concur.

ORDERED that Nicholas J. Birch's application for permission to resign is granted and his nondisciplinary resignation is accepted; and it is further

ORDERED that Nicholas J. Birch's name is hereby stricken from the roll of attorneys and counselors-at-law of the State of New York, effective immediately, and until further order of this Court (<u>see generally</u> Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.22 [b]); and it is further

ORDERED that Nicholas J. Birch is commanded to desist and refrain from the practice of law in any form in the State of New York, either as principal or as agent, clerk or employee of another; and Birch is hereby forbidden to appear as an attorney or counselor-at-law before any court, judge, justice, board, commission or other public authority, or to give to another an opinion as to the law or its application, or any advice in relation thereto, or to hold himself out in any way as an attorney and counselor-at-law in this State; and it is further ORDERED that Nicholas J. Birch shall, within 30 days of the date of this decision, surrender to the Office of Court Administration any Attorney Secure Pass issued to him.

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Robert D. Mayberger Clerk of the Court