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

Decided and Entered: November 14, 2019

PM-202-19

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

ALPA UPENDRA PATEL,

DECISION AND ORDER ON MOTION

Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 4580353)

Calendar Date: October 28, 2019

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

Alpa Upendra Patel, Chicago, Illinois, 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 §</u> <u>468-a</u>, 172 AD3d 1706, 1746 [2019]; <u>see</u> Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16; Rules of App Div, 3d Dept [22 NYCRR] § 806.16).

Upon reading respondent's notice of motion and affidavit with exhibits sworn to September 20, 2019, and upon reading the October 23, 2019 responsive correspondence from the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department, 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 (<u>see</u> <u>Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a</u> <u>[Zerdan]</u>, 173 AD3d 1602, 1603 [2019]; <u>Matter of Attorneys in</u> <u>Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Serbinowski]</u>, 164 AD3d 1049, 1051 [2018]), 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., Devine and Pritzker, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

Robert D. Mayberger Clerk of the Court