

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

Decided and Entered: November 14, 2019

PM-203-19

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

KAREN GAY CASTANEDA,  
Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER  
ON MOTION

(Attorney Registration No. 4428926)

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Calendar Date: November 4, 2019

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

Karen Gay Castaneda, Boston, Massachusetts, respondent  
pro se.

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Motion by respondent for an order reinstating her to the  
practice of law following her suspension by May 2019 order of  
this Court (Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law §  
468-a, 172 AD3d 1706, 1714 [2019]; see 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 27, 2019, and upon reading the  
November 1, 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 (see Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Zerdan], 173 AD3d 1602, 1603 [2019]; Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Serbinowski], 164 AD3d 1049, 1050 [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., Mulvey, Devine and Pritzker, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert D. Mayberger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

Robert D. Mayberger  
Clerk of the Court