

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

Decided and Entered: March 14, 2019

PM-29-19

In the Matter of MICHAEL R.
BROWN, an Attorney.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
ON MOTION

(Attorney Registration No. 2363604)

Calendar Date: March 4, 2019

Before: Lynch, J.P., Clark, Aarons, Rumsey and Pritzker, JJ.

Michael R. Brown, Dana Point, California, 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.

Michael R. Brown was admitted to practice by this Court in 1981 and lists a business address in Irvine, California with the Office of Court Administration. Brown 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, Brown is presently delinquent in his New York attorney registration requirements, having failed to 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 Brown 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 Brown 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]).

Lynch, J.P., Clark, Aarons, Rumsey and Pritzker, JJ.,
concur.

ORDERED that Michael R. Brown's application for permission to resign is denied.

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Robert D. Mayberger
Clerk of the Court