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

Decided and Entered: January 23, 2020

PM-21-20

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

STEVEN CHARLES GOVE, Respondent. DECISION AND ORDER ON MOTION

(Attorney Registration No. 4135000)

Calendar Date: December 30, 2019

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

Steven Charles Gove, Los Angeles, California, respondent pro se.

Motion by respondent for an order reinstating him to the practice of law following his 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 [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, affidavit with exhibit sworn to November 4, 2019, supplemental affidavit with exhibits sworn to January 2, 2020, and the correspondence from the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department dated December 23, 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 <u>Matter of Attorneys in</u> <u>Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Stonner]</u>, 175 AD3d 799 [2019]; <u>Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-</u> a [Dorsett], 174 AD3d 1219 [2019]), 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., Lynch, Mulvey, Aarons and Reynolds Fitzgerald, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

Robert D. Mayberger Clerk of the Court