

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

Decided and Entered: February 7, 2019

PM-13-19

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

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS, Now Known as
ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE
COMMITTEE FOR THE THIRD
JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,
Petitioner;

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
ON MOTION

IRINA ARKADIEUNA MAURITS,
Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 3906153)

Calendar Date: January 14, 2019

Before: Garry, P.J., Egan Jr., Mulvey, Aarons and Pritzker, JJ.

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

Irina Arkadieuna Maurits, Budapest, Hungary, respondent
pro se.

Per Curiam.

Respondent was admitted to practice in New York by this
Court in 2000. She is also admitted to practice in the Russian
Republic and presently lists a business address in Budapest,

Hungary with the Office of Court Administration. By January 2014 order of this Court, respondent was suspended indefinitely for conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice arising from her failure to comply with the attorney registration requirements of Judiciary Law § 468-a since the 2004-2005 biennial period (Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a, 113 AD3d 1020, 1042 [2014]). She now moves for her reinstatement and, in response, petitioner advises that it defers to this Court's discretion on the application.

In light of the length of her suspension, respondent properly submits the form affidavit contained in appendix C to the Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters (22 NYCRR) part 1240 (see Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16 [b]; see e.g. Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law §468-a [Higashi], 159 AD3d 1260, 1261 [2018]), and such affidavit is duly sworn to (compare Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Hughes-Hardaway], 152 AD3d 951, 952 [2017]). Office of Court Administration records demonstrate that respondent has cured the delinquency that resulted in her suspension, and she is current with her biennial registration requirements (see Judiciary Law § 468-a; Rules of the Chief Admin of Cts [22 NYCRR] § 118.1). Further, respondent provides proof that she successfully completed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination within one year of the filing of her application (see Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16 [b]; compare Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Castle], 161 AD3d 1443, 1444 [2018]). Finally, having reviewed respondent's affidavit and petitioner's correspondence in response, we are satisfied that she has complied with the order of suspension and the Rules of this Court, that she has the requisite character and fitness for the practice of law and that it would be in the public's interest to reinstate her to the practice of law in New York (see Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Serbinowksi], 164 AD3d 1049, 1051 [2018]; Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Ettelson], 161 AD3d 1478, 1480 [2018]; Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16 [a]). Accordingly, we grant respondent's motion.

Garry, P.J., Egan Jr., Mulvey, Aarons and Pritzker, JJ.,
concur.

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 in the State of New York, effective
immediately.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert D. Mayberger". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Robert D. Mayberger
Clerk of the Court