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

Decided and Entered: October 31, 2019 PM-180-19

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

MENG XIAO,

DECISION AND ORDER ON MOTION

Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 5167978)

Calendar Date: October 10, 2019

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

Meng Xiao, Beijing, China, 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 § 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 affidavit with exhibits sworn to August 8, 2019, and upon reading the responsive correspondence by the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department dated October 10, 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 Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Stonner], 175 AD3d 799 [2019]; Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-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.

Egan Jr., J.P., Clark, Devine and Pritzker, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

Robert D. Mayberger Clerk of the Court