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

Decided and Entered: December 24, 2020 PM-169-20

In the Matter of JOSEPH MICHAEL KOZAK, an Attorney.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER ON MOTION

(Attorney Registration No. 4962643)

Calendar Date: December 21, 2020

Before: Clark, J.P., Aarons, Pritzker, Reynolds Fitzgerald and

Colangelo, JJ.

Joseph Michael Kozak, Manchester, Maine, 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.

Joseph Michael Kozak was admitted to practice by this Court in 2011 and lists a business address in Augusta, Maine with the Office of Court Administration. Kozak 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) advises that it does not oppose Kozak's application.

Upon reading Kozak's affidavit sworn to October 8, 2020 and filed October 13, 2020, and upon reading the December 8, 2020 correspondence in response by the Chief Attorney for AGC, and having determined that Kozak is eligible to resign for

nondisciplinary reasons, we grant his application and accept his resignation.

Clark, J.P., Aarons, Pritzker, Reynolds Fitzgerald and Colangelo, JJ., concur.

ORDERED that Joseph Michael Kozak's application for permission to resign is granted and his nondisciplinary resignation is accepted; and it is further

ORDERED that Joseph Michael Kozak's name is hereby stricken from the roll of attorneys and counselors-at-law of the State of New York, effective immediately, and until further order of this Court (see generally Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.22 [b]); and it is further

ORDERED that Joseph Michael Kozak is commanded to desist and refrain from the practice of law in any form in the State of New York, either as principal or as agent, clerk or employee of another; and Kozak is hereby forbidden to appear as an attorney or counselor-at-law before any court, judge, justice, board, commission or other public authority, or to give to another an opinion as to the law or its application, or any advice in relation thereto, or to hold himself out in any way as an attorney and counselor-at-law in this State; and it is further

ORDERED that Joseph Michael Kozak shall, within 30 days of the date of this decision, surrender to the Office of Court Administration any Attorney Secure Pass issued to him.

ENTER:

Robert D. Mayberger Clerk of the Court