

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

Decided and Entered: January 16, 2020

PM-19-20

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

CHIHARU YAMAMOTO,  
Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER  
ON MOTION

(Attorney Registration No. 5116892)

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Calendar Date: December 30, 2019

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

Chiharu Yamamoto, Tokyo, Japan, respondent pro se.

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Motion by respondent for an order reinstating her to the  
practice of law following her suspension by May 2019 order of  
this Court (Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law §  
468-a, 172 AD3d 1706, 1760 [2019]; see Rules for Attorney  
Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16; Rules of App Div, 3d  
Dept [22 NYCRR] § 806.16).<sup>1</sup>

Upon reading respondent's notice of motion and affidavit  
with exhibits sworn to October 18, 2019, and upon reading the

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<sup>1</sup> Respondent was previously denied reinstatement by this  
Court upon the ground that she had failed to differentiate  
between alternative attestations in several paragraphs of her  
affidavit (176 AD3d 1310 [2019]).

December 23, 2019 responsive correspondence from the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department, 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 [Serbinowski], 164 AD3d 1049, 1051 [2018]; Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Ettelson], 161 AD3d 1478, 1479-1480 [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.

Clark, J.P., Mulvey, Devine, Aarons and Colangelo, JJ., concur.

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