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

Decided and Entered: December 30, 2021 PM-182-21

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

ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT,

DECISION AND ORDER
ON MOTION

Petitioner;

WILLIAM DANIEL COLLINS,
Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 4859831)

Calendar Date: November 22, 2021

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

William Daniel Collins, Wayland, Massachusetts, respondent pro se.

Motion by respondent for an order reinstating him to the practice of law following his suspension by October 2021 order of this Court (<u>Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a</u>, 198 AD3d 1068, 1073 [2021]; <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 October 15, 2021, and upon reading the correspondence by the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department dated November 17, 2021, 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 [Mohammed], 179 AD3d 1437 [2020]; Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Stonner], 175 AD3d 799 [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., Lynch, Aarons, Pritzker and Reynolds Fitzgerald, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

Robert D. Mayberger Clerk of the Court