

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

Decided and Entered: December 30, 2021

PM-184-21

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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;

SARA RAQUEL PANIAGUA de APONTE,  
Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 4949814)

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Calendar Date: November 22, 2021

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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.

Sara Raquel Paniagua de Aponte, Lutz, Florida, respondent  
pro se.

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Motion by respondent for an order reinstating her to the  
practice of law following her suspension by October 2021 order  
of this Court (Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law  
§ 468-a, 198 AD3d 1068, 1083 [2021]; see 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 21, 2021, and upon reading the responsive 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:

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