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

Decided and Entered: December 15, 2022 PM-228-22

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;

RICHARD J. SHEA JR.,

Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 2973063)

Calendar Date: October 17, 2022

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

Fitzgerald, JJ.

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

Richard J. Shea Jr., West Hartford, Connecticut, respondent pro se.

Motion by respondent for an order reinstating him to the practice of law following his suspension by September 2022 order of this Court (*Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a*, 208 AD3d 1421, 1441 [3d Dept 2022]; see Rules for

Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16; Rules of App Div, 3d Dept [22 NYCRR] § 806.16).

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Upon reading respondent's notice of motion and affidavit with exhibits sworn to September 8, 2022, and the October 13, 2022 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 [Baseri], 204 AD3d 1363, 1364 [3d Dept 2022]), 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, effective immediately.

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

ENTER:

Robert D. Mayberger Clerk of the Court