

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

Decided and Entered: March 3, 2022

PM-43-22

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;

SHITONG QIAO,

Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 5161716)

Calendar Date: February 22, 2022

Before: Garry, P.J., Clark, Reynolds Fitzgerald, Colangelo and
McShan, JJ.

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

Shitong Qiao, Durham, North Carolina, 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 (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 notice of motion and affidavit with exhibits sworn to December 17, 2021, and the February 17, 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 [Toussaint], 196 AD3d 830, 830-831 [2021]), 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.

Garry, P.J., Clark, Reynolds Fitzgerald, Colangelo and McShan, 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