

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

Decided and Entered: June 8, 2023

PM-122-23

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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;

MARIA VERONICA YEPEZ,  
Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 4688545)

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Calendar Date: March 27, 2023

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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.*

*Maria Veronica Yopez, Potomac, Maryland, respondent pro se.*

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Motion by respondent for an order reinstating her to the practice of law following her suspension by September 2022 order of this Court (*Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a*, 208 AD3d 1421, 1445 [3d Dept 2022]; 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 February 15, 2023 and the March 23, 2023 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* Rules for Attorney Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16 [a]), 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.

Garry, P.J., Clark, Reynolds Fitzgerald, Fisher 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