

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

Decided and Entered: July 13, 2023

PM-142-23

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;

JUSTIN CHARLES RUSSELL,
Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 4917746)

Calendar Date: April 10, 2023

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

Justin Charles Russell, Sarasota, Florida, respondent pro se.

Motion by respondent for an order reinstating him to the practice of law following his suspension by May 2019 order of this Court (*see Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a*, 172 AD3d 1706, 1750 [3d Dept 2019]; Rules for Atty 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 23, 2023, supplemental filing on June 7, 2023 and the April 6, 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 Atty 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.

Lynch, J.P., Pritzker, 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