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

Decided and Entered: March 30, 2023

PM-74-23

In the Matter of PANJA KOURIS, a Suspended Attorney.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS, Now Known as ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT, Petitioner;

DECISION AND ORDER ON MOTION

PANJA KOURIS,

Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 4152302)

Calendar Date: January 9, 2023

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

Law Offices of Sarah Diane McShea, New York City (*Sarah Diane McShea* of counsel), for respondent.

Motion by respondent for an order reinstating her to the practice of law following her suspension by January 2014 order of this Court (*Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a*, 113 AD3d 1020, 1039 [3d Dept 2014]; *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 December 1, 2022 and the January 5, 2023 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 [Yamashita]*, 176 AD3d 1382, 1383 [3d Dept 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, effective immediately.

Egan Jr., J.P., Clark, Pritzker, Ceresia and McShan, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

Robert D. Mayberger Clerk of the Court