

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

Decided and Entered: June 27, 2024

PM-124-24

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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;

WILLEM LODEWIKUS  
PRETORIUS,

Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 4076105).

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Calendar Date: May 20, 2024

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*Monica A. Duffy, Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department, Albany (Alison M. Coan of counsel), for Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department.*

*Corrigan, McCoy & Bush, PLLC, Rensselaer (Scott W. Bush of counsel), for respondent.*

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Motion by respondent for an order reinstating him to the practice of law following his suspension by May 2019 order of this Court (*Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a*, 172 AD3d 1706, 1748 [3d Dept 2019]; *see* Rules for Atty

Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16; Rules of App Div, 3d Dept [22 NYCRR] § 806.16).<sup>1</sup>

Upon reading respondent's notice of motion and affidavit with exhibits sworn to February 1, 2024, his supplemental affidavit sworn to May 17, 2024 and the May 13, 2024 responsive correspondence from the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department, and having determined, by clear and convincing evidence, that (1) respondent has satisfied the requirements of Rules of the Appellate Division, Third Department (22 NYCRR) § 806.16 (c) (5), (2) respondent has complied with the order of suspension and the rules of this Court, (3) respondent has the requisite character and fitness to practice law, and (4) 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.

Garry, P.J., Clark, Reynolds Fitzgerald, Ceresia and McShan, JJ., concur.

ENTER:



Robert D. Mayberger  
Clerk of the Court

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<sup>1</sup> We note that respondent previously sought reinstatement, which motion was denied by this Court in July 2023 (*see Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Pretorious]*, 218 AD3d 954 [3d Dept 2023]), as he had failed to supply proof of his compliance with Rules of the Appellate Division, Third Department (22 NYCRR) § 806.16 (c) (5).