

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

Decided and Entered: August 29, 2024

PM-171-24

In the Matter of DAMIAN V.
SANTOMAURO, an Attorney.

(Attorney Registration No. 5622162)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
ON MOTION

Calendar Date: August 26, 2024

Before: Garry, P.J., Aarons, Pritzker, Fisher and McShan, JJ.

Damian V. Santomauro, Cranford, New Jersey, pro se.

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.

Per Curiam.

Damian V. Santomauro was admitted to practice by this Court in 2018 and lists a business address in Cranford, New Jersey with the Office of Court Administration. Santomauro has applied to this Court, by affidavit sworn to July 10, 2024, for leave to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons (*see* Rules for Atty Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.22 [a]). The Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department (hereinafter AGC) opposes the application, contending that Santomauro is ineligible for nondisciplinary resignation because he has failed to fulfill his attorney registration requirements for the most recent biennial period beginning in 2024 (*see* Judiciary Law § 468-a; *Matter of Lee*, 148 AD3d 1350, 1350 [3d Dept 2017]; *Matter of Bomba*, 146 AD3d 1226, 1226-1227 [3d Dept 2017]; Rules of Chief Admr of Cts [22 NYCRR] § 118.1).

In reply to AGC's opposition, however, Santomauro has submitted a supplemental correspondence, dated August 18, 2024, in which he advises that he is now current in his New York attorney registration requirements. Furthermore, Office of Court Administration records likewise establish that Santomauro has duly registered and cured any preexisting registration delinquency. Accordingly, with AGC voicing no other substantive objection to his application, and having determined that Santomauro is now eligible to resign for nondisciplinary reasons (*compare Matter of Tierney*, 148 AD3d 1457, 1458 [3d Dept 2017]; *Matter of Bomba*, 146 AD3d at 1227), we grant the application and accept his resignation.

Garry, P.J., Aarons, Pritzker, Fisher and McShan, JJ., concur.

ORDERED that Damian V. Santomauro's application for permission to resign is granted and his nondisciplinary resignation is accepted; and it is further

ORDERED that Damian V. Santomauro's name is hereby stricken from the roll of attorneys and counselors-at-law of the State of New York, effective immediately, and until further order of this Court (*see generally* Rules for Atty Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.22 [b]); and it is further

ORDERED that Damian V. Santomauro is commanded to desist and refrain from the practice of law in any form in the State of New York, either as principal or as agent, clerk or employee of another; and Santomauro is hereby forbidden to appear as an attorney or counselor-at-law before any court, judge, justice, board, commission or other public authority, or to give to another an opinion as to the law or its application, or any advice in relation thereto, or to hold himself out in any way as an attorney and counselor-at-law in this State; and it is further

ORDERED that Damian V. Santomauro shall, within 30 days of the date of this decision, surrender to the Office of Court Administration any Attorney Secure Pass issued to him.

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