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

Before: Aarons, J.P., Lynch, Ceresia, Fisher and Powers, JJ.

Justin Dale Cope, Otsego, Minnesota, 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.

Justin Dale Cope was admitted to practice by this Court in 2018 and lists a business address in St. Paul, Minnesota with the Office of Court Administration. Cope now seeks 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) advises that it does not oppose Cope's application.

Upon reading Cope's affidavit sworn to August 27, 2024 and filed September 12, 2024, and upon reading the September 20, 2024 correspondence in response by the Deputy Chief Attorney for AGC, and having determined that Cope is eligible to resign for nondisciplinary reasons, we grant his application and accept his resignation.

Aarons, J.P., Lynch, Ceresia, Fisher and Powers, JJ., concur.

ORDERED that Justin Dale Cope's application for permission to resign is granted and his nondisciplinary resignation is accepted; and it is further

ORDERED that Justin Dale Cope'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 Justin Dale Cope 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 Cope 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 Justin Dale Cope 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:

Robert D. Mayberger Clerk of the Court