

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

Decided and Entered: April 4, 2024

PM-54-24

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In the Matter of DEBORAH McINNES  
FESTA, an Attorney.

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER  
ON MOTION

(Attorney Registration No. 5036496)

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Calendar Date: April 1, 2024

Before: Garry, P.J., Egan Jr., Pritzker, Reynolds Fitzgerald and McShan, JJ.

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*Deborah McInnes Festa*, Los Angeles, California, 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.

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Per Curiam.

Deborah McInnes Festa was admitted to practice by this Court in 2012 and lists an address in Los Angeles, California with the Office of Court Administration. Festa 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 Festa's application.

Upon reading Festa's affidavit sworn to February 7, 2024 and filed February 13, 2024, and upon reading the March 27, 2024 correspondence in response by the Deputy Chief Attorney for AGC, and having determined that Festa is eligible to resign for nondisciplinary reasons, we grant her application and accept her resignation.

Garry, P.J., Egan Jr., Pritzker, Reynolds Fitzgerald and McShan, JJ., concur.

ORDERED that Deborah McInnes Festa's application for permission to resign is granted and her nondisciplinary resignation is accepted; and it is further

ORDERED that Deborah McInnes Festa'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 Deborah McInnes Festa 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 Festa 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 herself out in any way as an attorney and counselor-at-law in this State; and it is further

ORDERED that Deborah McInnes Festa shall, within 30 days of the date of this decision, surrender to the Office of Court Administration any Attorney Secure Pass issued to her.

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