

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

Decided and Entered: April 25, 2024

PM-74-24

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;

VILAS S. DHAR,

Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 4606182)

Calendar Date: March 25, 2024

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.

Vilas S. Dhar, Miami, Florida, respondent pro se.

Motion by respondent for an order reinstating him to the practice of law following his suspension by October 2021 order of this Court (*Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a*, 198 AD3d 1068, 1074 [3d Dept 2021]; *see* Rules for Atty Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16; Rules of App Div, 3d Dept [22 NYCRR] § 806.16) and, in succession, for an order granting him leave to resign for nondisciplinary reasons (*see* Rules for Atty Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.22).

Upon reading respondent's notice of motion and affidavit with exhibit sworn to February 16, 2024, his nondisciplinary resignation affidavit sworn to February 16, 2024, and the March 21, 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 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* Rules for Atty Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16 [a]), we grant his motion for reinstatement. Further, having determined that respondent is eligible to resign for nondisciplinary reasons, we grant his application and accept his resignation.¹

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.

ORDERED that respondent's application for leave to resign is simultaneously granted and his nondisciplinary resignation is accepted; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent'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

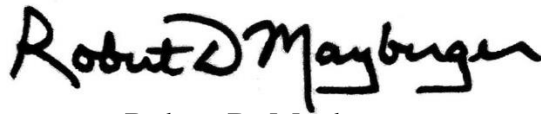
ORDERED that respondent is commanded to desist and refrain from the practice of law in any form in the State of New York, either as principal or as agent, clerk or employee of another; and respondent is hereby forbidden to appear as an attorney or counselor-at-law before any court, judge, justice, board, 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

¹ In light of respondent's formal resignation from the practice of law in New York, respondent has demonstrated his entitlement to a waiver of the requirements of Rules of the Appellate Division, Third Department (22 NYCRR) § 806.16 (c) (5) (*see Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a [Crallan]*, 222 AD3d 1325, 1326 n [3d Dept 2023]).

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

Garry, P.J., Lynch, Ceresia, McShan and Mackey, JJ., concur.

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