

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

Decided and Entered: January 23, 2025

PM-22-25

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;

TAO YANG,

Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 5174321)

Calendar Date: December 23, 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.

Tao Yang, Beijing, China, respondent pro se.

Motion by respondent for an order reinstating him to the practice of law following his suspension by September 2024 order of this Court (*Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a*, 230 AD3d 1498, 1522 [3d Dept 2024]; *see* Rules for Atty Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.16; Rules of App Div, 3d Dept [22 NYCRR] § 806.16).

Upon reading respondent's notice of motion and affidavit with exhibits sworn to November 18, 2024 and the December 19, 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]), 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.

Aarons, J.P., Pritzker, Reynolds Fitzgerald, Ceresia and Fisher, 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