

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

Decided and Entered: November 13, 2025

PM-261-25

In the Matter of ATTORNEYS
IN VIOLATION OF
JUDICIARY LAW § 468-a.

COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS, Now Known
as ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE
COMMITTEE FOR THE
THIRD JUDICIAL
DEPARTMENT,

DECISION AND ORDER
ON MOTION

Petitioner;

NICOLA FAITH WILLIAMS,
Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 4158192)

Calendar Date: October 14, 2025

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.

Nicola Faith Williams, Champaign, Illinois, respondent pro se.

Motion by respondent for an order reinstating her to the practice of law following her suspension by January 2014 order of this Court (*Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a*, 113 AD3d 1020, 1057 [3d Dept 2014]; 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 exhibit sworn to September 5, 2025, the October 8, 2025 responsive correspondence from the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department, and respondent's supplemental submission of October 21, 2025, and having determined, by clear and convincing evidence, that (1) respondent has satisfied the requirements of Rules of the Appellate Division, Third Department (22 NYCRR) § 806.16 (c) (5), (2) respondent has complied with the order of suspension and the rules of this Court, (3) respondent has the requisite character and fitness to practice law, and (4) 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.

Pritzker, J.P., Reynolds Fitzgerald, Ceresia, Fisher and Powers, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert D. Mayberger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R" and a stylized "M".

Robert D. Mayberger
Clerk of the Court