

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

Decided and Entered: February 20, 2025

PM-49-25

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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;

MICHEL BYRD ELLIS,  
Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 2545069)

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Calendar Date: January 27, 2025

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*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.*

*Michel Byrd Ellis, Clemmons, North Carolina, respondent pro se.*  
Counsel

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Motion by respondent for an order reinstating her to the practice of law following her suspension by September 2024 order of this Court (*Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a*, 230 AD3d 1498, 1506 [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 December 16, 2024 and the January 21, 2025 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.

Pritzker, J.P., Lynch, 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