

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

Decided and Entered: July 23, 2026

PM-151-26

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;

JOY ELIZABETH HODGE,
Respondent.

(Attorney Registration No. 4636650)

Calendar Date: June 29, 2026

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.

Brach Eichler LLC, Roseland, New Jersey (Anthony M. Rainone of counsel), for respondent.

Motion by respondent for an order reinstating her to the practice of law following her suspension by May 2019 order of this Court (*Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a*, 172 AD3d 1706, 1728 [3d Dept 2019]; 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 May 21, 2026 and the June 29, 2026 responsive correspondence from the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department, we have 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]). Notwithstanding her satisfaction of the substantive requirements for reinstatement, we direct respondent to provide documentary proof of her completion of the requisite continuing legal education credits as outlined in paragraph 18 of her supporting affidavit sworn to May 21, 2026 to both this Court and the Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department within 60 days of this Court's order (*see* Rules of App Div, 3d Dept [22 NYCRR] § 806.16 [c] [5]; *see also* Rules of App Div, All Depts [22 NYCRR] § 1500.2 [c], [d], [e], [g], [h]). Accordingly, 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, subject to the conditions set forth in this decision.*

Garry, P.J., McShan, Powers, Corcoran and Ryba, 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, stylized "R" and "M".

Robert D. Mayberger
Clerk of the Court

* Respondent is also reminded that she has an affirmative duty to keep the Office of Court Administration apprised of her up-to-date contact information (*see* Rules of Chief Admr of Cts [22 NYCRR] § 118.1 [f]).