

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, APPELLATE DIVISION,
THIRD DEPARTMENT

Matter of Robbins

139 A.D.3d 1177 (N.Y. App. Div. 2016) · No. D-27-16 · Decided May 5, 2016

SUMMARY

The New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department granted Sean Robbins's application for reinstatement to the New York bar. The court found that he had complied with the suspension order and applicable reinstatement rules and possessed the character and fitness required to resume practice, effective immediately.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Third Department
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Egan Jr., J.P.; Rose, J.; Lynch, J.; Devine, J.
JURISDICTION	New York
DECIDED	May 5, 2016
DOCKET	D-27-16
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Suspended attorney's application for reinstatement to practice law in New York.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published
PARTIES	Committee on Professional Standards v. Sean Robbins

TOPICS

appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

legal ethics and professional responsibility attorney discipline attorney reinstatement

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Sean Robbins satisfied the applicable requirements for reinstatement to the practice of law in New York.

HOLDINGS

1. Robbins satisfied the applicable reinstatement requirements, complied with the suspension order and governing rules, and demonstrated the character and general fitness necessary to resume practicing law in New York; therefore, his application for reinstatement was granted effective immediately.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Accordingly, the application is granted and respondent is reinstated to the practice of law, effective immediately.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Robbins was admitted to practice in Massachusetts in 2001 and in New York in 2008. The New York court suspended him for nine months in 2009 based on a comparable Massachusetts suspension, and he was later reinstated in Massachusetts. In evaluating his New York reinstatement application, the court found that he made all required disclosures, complied with the suspension order and rules governing suspended attorneys, satisfied the reinstatement requirements, and possessed the character and general fitness to resume practice.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The court had previously suspended Robbins from practicing law in New York for nine months based on a prior nine-month suspension imposed by the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, Massachusetts. After being reinstated in Massachusetts, Robbins applied for reinstatement in New York. Although the Committee on Professional Standards initially opposed the application, the Committee on Character and Fitness submitted a favorable report, and the Appellate Division granted reinstatement.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- 61 A.D.3d 1177 (2009)

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