

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

Matter of Maher

2025 NY Slip Op 06586 (N.Y. Ct. App. 2025) · No. PM-274-25 · Decided November 26, 2025

SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, Third Department granted Gillian Deirdre Maher's application to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons. The court accepted her resignation, struck her name from the roll of attorneys, prohibited her from practicing law in New York, and ordered her to surrender any Attorney Secure Pass within 30 days.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Third Department
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Garry, P.J.; Clark, J.; Aarons, J.; McShan, J.; Mackey, J.
JURISDICTION	New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department
DECIDED	November 26, 2025
DOCKET	PM-274-25
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	An attorney admitted to practice in New York applied for permission to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons. The Attorney Grievance Committee did not oppose the application.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- administrative law

PRACTICE AREAS

- attorney discipline
- professional responsibility
- bar admission and resignation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Gillian Deirdre Maher was eligible to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons under 22 NYCRR 1240.22(a).

2. Whether the court should grant her application, accept her resignation, and strike her name from the roll of attorneys.

HOLDINGS

1. Maher was eligible to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons under 22 NYCRR 1240.22(a).
2. The application for permission to resign was granted; Maher's nondisciplinary resignation was accepted, her name was stricken from the roll of New York attorneys, and she was prohibited from practicing law in New York until further order of the court.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“we grant her application and accept her resignation.” ([*1])

“Gillian Deirdre Maher's name is hereby stricken from the roll of attorneys and counselors-at-law of the State of New York, effective immediately, and until further order of this Court” ([*1])

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Maher was admitted to practice by the Appellate Division, Third Department, in 2017 and maintained a business address in Tiwi, Australia with the Office of Court Administration. She sought to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons. The Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department advised that it did not oppose the application.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Gillian Deirdre Maher filed a sworn affidavit seeking permission to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons. After reviewing her affidavit and the Attorney Grievance Committee's response, the Appellate Division determined that she was eligible and granted the application, accepting her resignation and striking her name from the roll of attorneys.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

Matter of Maher (2025 NY Slip Op 06586) Matter of Maher 2025 NY Slip Op 06586 Decided on November 26, 2025 Appellate Division, Third Department Published by New York State Law Reporting Bureau pursuant to Judiciary Law § 431. This opinion is uncorrected and subject to revision before publication in the Official Reports. Decided and Entered:November 26, 2025 PM-274-25 [*1]In the Matter of Gillian Deirdre Maher, an Attorney. (Attorney Registration No.

5529870 .) Calendar Date:November 24, 2025 Before:Garry, P.J., Clark, Aarons, McShan and Mackey, JJ. Gillian Deirdre Maher, New South Wales, Australia, pro se. 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. Per Curiam. Gillian Deirdre Maher was admitted to practice by this Court in 2017 and lists a business address in Tiwi, Australia with the Office of Court Administration. Maher now seeks leave to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons (see Rules for Atty Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.22 [a]). The Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department (hereinafter AGC) advises that it does not oppose Maher's application. Upon reading Maher's sworn affidavit filed on October 6, 2025, and upon reading the November 19, 2025 correspondence in response by the Deputy Chief Attorney for AGC, and having determined that Maher is eligible to resign for nondisciplinary reasons, we grant her application and accept her resignation. Garry, P.J., Clark, Aarons, McShan and Mackey, JJ., concur. ORDERED that Gillian Deirdre Maher's application for permission to resign is granted and her nondisciplinary resignation is accepted; and it is further ORDERED that Gillian Deirdre Maher's name is hereby stricken from the roll of attorneys and counselors-at-law of the State of New York, effective immediately, and until further order of this Court (see generally Rules for Atty Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.22 [b]); and it is further ORDERED that Gillian Deirdre Maher is commanded to desist and refrain from the practice of law in any form in the State of New York, either as principal or as agent, clerk or employee of another; and Maher is hereby forbidden to appear as an attorney or counselor-at-law before any court, judge, justice, board, commission or other public authority, or to give to another an opinion as to the law or its application, or any advice in relation thereto, or to hold herself out in any way as an attorney and counselor-at-law in this State; and it is further ORDERED that Gillian Deirdre Maher shall, within 30 days of the date of this decision, surrender to the Office of Court Administration any Attorney Secure Pass issued to her.