

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

Matter of Leonard Bruce Simon, an Attorney

Matter of Simon, 2025 NY Slip Op 07369 (Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York Third Department 2025) · No. PM-298-25 · Decided December 31, 2025

SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, Third Department granted Leonard Bruce Simon's application to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons. The court accepted his resignation, struck his name from the roll of attorneys effective immediately, prohibited him from practicing law in New York, and ordered him 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	Garry, P.J.; Clark, J.; Reynolds Fitzgerald, J.; McShan, J.; Powers, J.
JURISDICTION	New York Appellate Division, Third Department
DECIDED	December 31, 2025
DOCKET	PM-298-25
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	An attorney applied for permission to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons, and the Attorney Grievance Committee advised that it did not oppose the application.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published

TOPICS

- administrative law
- appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Attorney discipline
- Legal ethics
- Bar admission and resignation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Leonard Bruce Simon was eligible to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons.

2. What orders should follow acceptance of the attorney's nondisciplinary resignation.

HOLDINGS

1. Simon was eligible to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons, and his application for permission to resign was granted.
2. Upon acceptance of Simon's nondisciplinary resignation, his name was stricken from the roll of attorneys and counselors-at-law, he was prohibited from practicing or holding himself out as an attorney in New York, and he was required to surrender any Attorney Secure Pass within 30 days.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“having determined that Simon is eligible to resign for nondisciplinary reasons, we grant his application and accept his resignation.” ([*1])

“Leonard Bruce Simon's application for permission to resign is granted and his nondisciplinary resignation is accepted” ([*1])

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Leonard Bruce Simon was admitted to practice in New York by the Third Department in 1991 and maintained a business address in California. He sought to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons, and the Attorney Grievance Committee did not oppose the application.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Leonard Bruce Simon, who was admitted to practice by the Third Department in 1991, submitted an application supported by an affidavit sworn to November 10, 2025 and filed November 13, 2025. After reviewing the application and the Attorney Grievance Committee's December 23, 2025 response, the court determined that Simon was eligible for nondisciplinary resignation and granted the application.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

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(Attorney Registration No. 2409464.) Calendar Date:December 29, 2025 Before:Garry, P.J., Clark, Reynolds Fitzgerald, McShan and Powers, JJ. Leonard Bruce Simon, La Jolla, California, 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. Leonard Bruce Simon was admitted to practice by this Court in 1991 and lists a business address in San Diego, California with the Office of Court Administration. Simon 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 Simon's application. Upon reading Simon's affidavit sworn to November 10, 2025 and filed November 13, 2025, and upon reading the December 23, 2025 correspondence in response by the Deputy Chief Attorney for AGC, and having determined that Simon is eligible to resign for nondisciplinary reasons, we grant his application and accept his resignation.

Garry, P.J., Clark, Reynolds Fitzgerald, McShan and Powers, JJ., concur. ORDERED that Leonard Bruce Simon's application for permission to resign is granted and his nondisciplinary resignation is accepted; and it is further ORDERED that Leonard Bruce Simon'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 Leonard Bruce Simon 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 Simon 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 himself out in any way as an attorney and counselor-at-law in this State; and it is further ORDERED that Leonard Bruce Simon shall, within 30 days of the date of this decision, surrender to the Office of Court Administration any Attorney Secure Pass issued to him.

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