

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

Matter of Leavitt

2026 NY Slip Op 03053 · No. PM-99-26 · Decided May 14, 2026

SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, Third Department granted Dara Chane Leavitt'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 effective immediately, 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	Pritzker, J.P.; Ceresia, J.; Powers, J.; Mackey, J.; Ryba, J.
JURISDICTION	New York Appellate Division, Third Department
DECIDED	May 14, 2026
DOCKET	PM-99-26
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	An attorney 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
PARTIES	Dara Chane Leavitt v. Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department

TOPICS

- administrative law
- agency adjudication

PRACTICE AREAS

- attorney discipline
- professional responsibility
- legal ethics

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Leavitt was eligible to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons under 22 NYCRR 1240.22(a).
2. What consequences follow from acceptance of a nondisciplinary resignation under 22 NYCRR 1240.22(b).

HOLDINGS

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

KEY QUOTATIONS

*“ORDERED that Dara Chane Leavitt's application for permission to resign is granted and her nondisciplinary resignation is accepted” ([*1])*

*“ORDERED that Dara Chane Leavitt'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

Dara Chane Leavitt was admitted to practice by the Appellate Division, Third Department, in 1993 and maintained a business address in Honolulu, Hawaii with the Office of Court Administration. She sought permission 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

Dara Chane Leavitt, admitted to practice by the Third Department in 1993, submitted an 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 court determined that she was eligible and granted the application, accepted her resignation, and ordered her name stricken from the roll of attorneys.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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State Reporter Court Decisions Resources About Home All Court Decisions Decisions Matter of Leavitt 2026 NY Slip Op 03053 May 14, 2026 Appellate Division, Third Department Published by New York State Law Reporting Bureau pursuant to Judiciary Law § 431. This decision is uncorrected and subject to revision before publication in the Official Reports. In the Matter of Dara Chane Leavitt, an Attorney. (Attorney Registration No. 2542892 .) Decided and Entered: May 14, 2026 PM-99-26 Calendar Date: May 11, 2026 Before: Pritzker, J.P., Ceresia, Powers, Mackey And Ryba, JJ. Dara Chane Leavitt, Honolulu, Hawaii, 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. [*1] Per Curiam. Dara Chane Leavitt was admitted to practice by this Court in 1993 and lists a business address in Honolulu, Hawaii with the Office of Court Administration. Leavitt 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 Leavitt's application. Upon reading Leavitt's affidavit sworn to April 23, 2026 and filed April 27, 2026, and upon reading the May 4, 2026 correspondence in response by the Deputy Chief Attorney for AGC, and having determined that Leavitt is eligible to resign for nondisciplinary reasons, we grant her application and accept her resignation. Pritzker, J.P., Ceresia, Powers, Mackey and Ryba, JJ., concur. ORDERED that Dara Chane Leavitt's application for permission to resign is granted and her nondisciplinary resignation is accepted; and it is further ORDERED that Dara Chane Leavitt'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 Dara Chane Leavitt 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 Leavitt 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 Dara Chane Leavitt shall, within 30 days of the date of this decision, surrender to the Office of Court Administration any Attorney Secure Pass issued to her. Court Decisions All Court Decisions Official Reports Service Bound Volumes Decision Search Resources RSS Feeds Style Manual Citation Tools Opinion Formatting & Privacy Guidelines Opinion Selection Criteria Legal Research Portal Site Index About About the Law Reporting Bureau About our Operations Contact Us Twitter Quick Contact Info 17 Lodge Street Albany, NY 12207 Phone: (518) 453-6900 Links to or from other sites do not signify endorsement or relationship with them.