

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

Matter of Leavitt

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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