

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

Matter of Russell

2026 NY Slip Op 02909 (Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York Third Department 2026) · No. PM-90-26 · Decided May 7, 2026

SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, Third Department granted Margaret Elizabeth Russell'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.

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.; Ceresia, J.; Powers, J.; Corcoran, J.
JURISDICTION	New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Third Department
DECIDED	May 7, 2026
DOCKET	PM-90-26
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original attorney-disciplinary proceeding on an application by an attorney to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- administrative law

PRACTICE AREAS

- attorney discipline
- bar admission and resignation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Margaret Elizabeth Russell was eligible to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons.

2. Whether the court should grant Russell's application, accept her resignation, strike her name from the roll of attorneys, and impose the related restrictions and surrender requirement.

HOLDINGS

1. Russell was eligible to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons under 22 NYCRR 1240.22(a).
2. The application was granted and Russell's nondisciplinary resignation was accepted; her name was stricken from the roll of attorneys, she was prohibited from practicing law or holding herself out as an attorney in New York, and she was ordered to surrender any Attorney Secure Pass within 30 days.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“ORDERED Margaret Elizabeth Russell's application for permission to resign is granted and her nondisciplinary resignation is accepted” ([*1])

“ORDERED that Margaret Elizabeth Russell'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

Margaret Elizabeth Russell was admitted to practice by the Appellate Division, Third Department, in 2005 and maintained a business address in Nashville, Tennessee with the Office of Court Administration. She sought permission to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons, and the Attorney Grievance Committee advised that it did not oppose the application.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Margaret Elizabeth Russell, who was admitted to practice by the Third Department in 2005, submitted an application and affidavit seeking permission to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons. The Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department did not oppose the application. After reviewing the affidavit and the Committee's response, the court determined that Russell was eligible and granted the application.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

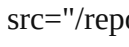
PER CURIAM.

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In the Matter of Margaret Elizabeth
Russell, an Attorney.

(Attorney Registration No. 4351383.)

Decided and Entered: May 7, 2026

PM-90-26

Calendar Date: May 4, 2026

Before: Garry, P.J., Clark, Ceresia,
Powers And Corcoran, JJ.

Margaret Elizabeth Russell, Nashville, Tennessee, 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.

Margaret Elizabeth Russell
was admitted to practice by this Court in 2005 and lists a business address in Nashville, Tennessee
with the Office of Court Administration.

Russell 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 Russell's application.

Upon reading Russell's affidavit sworn to February 12, 2026 and filed March 9, 2026, and upon reading the April 28, 2026 correspondence in response by the Deputy Chief Attorney for AGC, and having determined that Russell is eligible to resign for nondisciplinary reasons, we grant her application and accept her resignation.

Garry, P.J., Clark, Ceresia, Powers and Corcoran, JJ., concur.

ORDERED Margaret Elizabeth Russell's application for permission to resign is granted and her nondisciplinary resignation is accepted; and it is further

ORDERED that Margaret Elizabeth Russell'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 Margaret Elizabeth Russell 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 Russell 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 Margaret Elizabeth

Russell shall, within 30 days of the date of this decision, surrender to the Office of Court Administration any Attorney Secure Pass issued to her.

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PER CURIAM.

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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. Margaret Elizabeth Russell was admitted to practice by this Court in 2005 and lists a business address in Nashville, Tennessee with the Office of Court Administration.

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