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Matter of Russell

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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.

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

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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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