

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

Matter of Russell

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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