

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

Matter of Gelblat

2026 NY Slip Op 03352 · No. PM-111-26 · Decided May 28, 2026

SUMMARY

The New York Appellate Division, Third Department granted Alexandre Jonathan Gelblat's motion for reinstatement to the practice of law following his suspension under Judiciary Law § 468-a. The court found by clear and convincing evidence that he satisfied the applicable requirements, complied with the suspension order and court rules, possessed the requisite character and fitness, and that reinstatement was in the public interest.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Third Department
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Reynolds Fitzgerald, J.P.; Ceresia, J.; Powers, J.; Corcoran, J.; Ryba, J.
JURISDICTION	New York Appellate Division, Third Department
DECIDED	May 28, 2026
DOCKET	PM-111-26
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Respondent attorney moved for reinstatement to the practice of law following his suspension by a 2019 order of the Third Department.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court determined by clear and convincing evidence that the requirements for reinstatement were satisfied.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published
PARTIES	Alexandre Jonathan Gelblat v. Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department

TOPICS

appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether respondent satisfied the statutory and court-rule requirements for reinstatement to the practice of law after suspension.
2. Whether respondent's reinstatement would be consistent with the public interest.

HOLDINGS

1. Respondent was entitled to reinstatement because he established by clear and convincing evidence that he satisfied the applicable reinstatement requirements, complied with the suspension order and court rules, possessed the requisite character and fitness, and that reinstatement was in the public interest.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“having determined, by clear and convincing evidence, that (1) respondent has satisfied the requirements of Rules of the Appellate Division, Third Department (22 NYCRR) § 806.16 (c) (5), (2) respondent has complied with the order of suspension and the rules of this Court, (3) respondent has the requisite character and fitness to practice law, and (4) it would be in the public interest to reinstate respondent to the practice of law” ([*1])

“ORDERED that respondent's motion for reinstatement is granted; and it is further ORDERED that respondent is reinstated as an attorney and counselor-at-law, effective immediately.” ([*1])

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Gelblat had been suspended from the practice of law by a May 2019 order of the Third Department. He submitted a reinstatement motion supported by an affidavit and exhibits, followed by additional correspondence, and the Attorney Grievance Committee submitted responsive correspondence. The court found that he had complied with the suspension order and court rules, possessed the requisite character and fitness, satisfied the applicable reinstatement requirement, and that reinstatement would serve the public interest.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The court had previously suspended Gelblat in a May 2019 order. Gelblat then moved for reinstatement, and the Third Department granted the motion after reviewing his submissions and the Attorney Grievance Committee's response.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Matter of Attorneys in Violation of Judiciary Law § 468-a, 172 AD3d 1706, 1724 (3d Dept 2019)

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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