

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

Matter of Kaufmann-Kohler

2026 NY Slip Op 02030 (N.Y. Ct. App. 2026) · No. PM-59-26 · Decided April 2, 2026

SUMMARY

The Appellate Division, Third Department, granted G.J. Kaufmann-Kohler’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 within 30 days.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Third Department
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Garry, P.J.; Reynolds Fitzgerald, J.; Ceresia, J.; Powers, J.; Mackey, J.
JURISDICTION	New York Appellate Division, Third Department
DECIDED	April 2, 2026
DOCKET	PM-59-26
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	An attorney applied for permission to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons, and the Attorney Grievance Committee advised that it did not oppose the application.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	Not applicable; the court determined eligibility for nondisciplinary resignation under the governing attorney-discipline rule.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published

TOPICS

appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

attorney discipline professional responsibility bar admission and resignation

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- 1. Whether G.J. Kaufmann-Kohler was eligible to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons under 22 NYCRR 1240.22(a).
- 2. What orders should follow from accepting the attorney's nondisciplinary resignation.

HOLDINGS

- 1. G.J. Kaufmann-Kohler was eligible to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons, and her application for permission to resign was granted.
- 2. Upon acceptance of the nondisciplinary resignation, Kaufmann-Kohler'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 G.J. Kaufmann-Kohler's application for permission to resign is granted and her nondisciplinary resignation is accepted”* ([*1])
- “ORDERED that G.J. Kaufmann-Kohler is commanded to desist and refrain from the practice of law in any form in the State of New York”* ([*1])

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

G.J. Kaufmann-Kohler was admitted to practice by the Third Department in 1982 and maintained a business address in Geneva, Switzerland with the Office of Court Administration. She sought to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons. The Attorney Grievance Committee for the Third Judicial Department did not oppose the application.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

G.J. Kaufmann-Kohler submitted an affidavit sworn February 9, 2026 and filed February 23, 2026, seeking leave to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons. After considering the affidavit and the Attorney Grievance Committee's March 25, 2026 response, the Appellate Division determined that she was eligible to resign and granted the application.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

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Kaufmann-Kohler, an Attorney. (Attorney Registration No. 1865385.)</p> </div> <p>Decided
and Entered:April 2, 2026</p> <p>PM-59-26</p> <p>Calendar Date: March 30, 2026</p>
<p>Before: Garry, P.J., Reynolds Fitzgerald, Ceresia, Powers And Mackey, JJ.</p> <div> <p>G.J.
Kaufmann-Kohler, Geneva, Switzerland, pro se.</p> <p>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.</p> </div> [*1] <p>Per
Curiam.</p> <p>G.J.

Kaufmann-Kohler was admitted to practice by this Court in 1982 and lists a business address in
Geneva, Switzerland with the Office of Court Administration. Kaufmann-Kohler now seeks leave
to resign from the New York bar for nondisciplinary reasons (<i>see</i> 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 Kaufmann-Kohler's application.</p> <p>Upon reading
Kaufmann-Kohler's affidavit sworn to February 9, 2026 and filed February 23, 2026, and upon
reading the March 25, 2026 correspondence in response by the Deputy Chief Attorney for AGC,
and having determined that Kaufmann-Kohler is eligible to resign for nondisciplinary reasons, we
grant her application and accept her resignation.</p> <p>Garry, P.J., Reynolds Fitzgerald, Ceresia,
Powers and Mackey, JJ., concur.</p> <p>ORDERED that G.J.

Kaufmann-Kohler's application for permission to resign is granted and her nondisciplinary
resignation is accepted; and it is further</p> <p>ORDERED that G.J. Kaufmann-Kohler'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 (<i>see generally</i> Rules for Atty
Disciplinary Matters [22 NYCRR] § 1240.22 [b]); and it is further</p> <p>ORDERED that G.J.

Kaufmann-Kohler 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 Kaufmann-
Kohler 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 G.J.

Kaufmann-Kohler 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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