

Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division: Second Judicial Department

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A. GAIL PRUDENTI, P.J.
WILLIAM F. MASTRO
REINALDO E. RIVERA
ROBERT A. SPOLZINO
ANITA R. FLORIO, JJ.

2004-05720

DECISION & ORDER ON
MOTION FOR REINSTATEMENT

In the Matter of John F. Tague III,
a suspended attorney.

(Attorney Registration No. 2110914)

Motion by the respondent, John F. Tague III, for reinstatement as an attorney and counselor-at-law. The respondent was admitted to the Bar at a term of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the First Judicial Department on February 2, 1987. By decision and order on motion of this Court dated October 5, 2004, *inter alia*, the Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District was authorized to institute and prosecute a disciplinary proceeding against the respondent and the issues raised were referred to the Honorable Jerome M. Becker, as Special Referee to hear and report. By opinion and order of this Court dated August 15, 2006, the respondent was suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years, commencing September 15, 2006, based upon the Special Referee's report, which sustained all the charges (*see Matter of Tague*, 33 AD3d 233). By decision and order on motion of this Court dated June 4, 2008, the respondent's motion for reinstatement was held in abeyance and the matter was referred to the Committee on Character and Fitness to investigate and report on the respondent's current fitness to be an attorney, including but not limited to: (1) the respondent's means of support during the period of suspension; (2) the \$37,553 in legal fees for work performed and billed prior to the date of his suspension; and (3) notification, if any, given to the Connecticut and Florida jurisdictions regarding the respondent's suspension in New York.

Upon the papers submitted in support of the motion and the papers submitted in relation thereto and upon the report of the Committee on Character and Fitness, it is

ORDERED that the motion is granted; and it is further,

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ORDERED that, effective immediately, the respondent, John F. Tague III, is reinstated as an attorney and counselor-at-law and the Clerk of the Court is directed to restore the name of John F. Tague III to the roll of attorneys and counselors-at-law.

PRUDENTI, P.J., MASTRO, RIVERA, SPOLZINO and FLORIO, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James Edward Pelzer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Edward Pelzer
Clerk of the Court