

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

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WILLIAM F. MASTRO, J.P.  
MARK C. DILLON  
JOHN M. LEVENTHAL  
CHERYL E. CHAMBERS  
L. PRISCILLA HALL, JJ.

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2017-11751

In the Matter of Thomas Joshua Ritz,  
an attorney and counselor-at-law.

DECISION & ORDER  
VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION

(Attorney Registration No. 2458206)

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Thomas Joshua Ritz has submitted an affidavit dated November 16, 2017, wherein he voluntarily resigns from the New York State Bar. Mr. Ritz was admitted to the Bar in the State of New York at a term of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court in the Second Judicial Department on March 25, 1992. There are no complaints or charges of professional misconduct pending against him. Mr. Ritz presently resides in California, does not practice law in New York, and, under these circumstances, does not wish to pay the biennial registration fee.

Upon the papers submitted in support of the resignation, it is

ORDERED that the voluntary resignation of Thomas Joshua Ritz is accepted and directed to be filed; and it is further,

ORDERED that the name of Thomas Joshua Ritz is removed from the roll of attorneys and counselors-at-law in the State of New York, without prejudice to an application for reinstatement; and it is further,

ORDERED that pursuant to Judiciary Law § 90, effective immediately, Thomas Joshua Ritz is commanded to desist and refrain from (1) practicing law in any form, either as principal or as agent, clerk, or employee of another in the State of New York, (2) appearing as an attorney or counselor-at-law before any court, Judge, Justice, board, commission, or other public authority in this State, (3) giving to another an opinion as to the law or its application or any advice in relation thereto in this State, and (4) holding himself out in any way as an attorney and counselor-at-law in the State of New York; and it is further,

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ORDERED that if Thomas Joshua Ritz has been issued a secure pass by the Office of Court Administration, it shall be returned forthwith to the issuing agency.

MASTRO, J.P., DILLON, LEVENTHAL, CHAMBERS and HALL, JJ., concur.

ENTER:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Aprilanne Agostino". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Aprilanne Agostino  
Clerk of the Court