

**Matter of Attorneys Who are in Violation of Judiciary Law
Section 468-a: (Diefenbach)**

Motion No: 2026-03038

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Appellate Division, First Department, Motion Decision

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Supreme Court of the State of New York
Appellate Division, First Judicial Department

Present – Hon. Peter H. Moulton,
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Justice Presiding,

Justices.

In the Matter of Attorneys Who Are in
Violation of Judiciary Law Section 468-a:

Motion No. 2026-03038

Case No. 2026-03152

Attorney Grievance Committee
for the First Judicial Department,
Respondent,

James C. Diefenbach III,
admitted on September 24, 2015, at a
Term of the Appellate Division,
Third Department,
(OCA Atty. Reg. No. 5382247),
Petitioner.

An order of this Court having been entered on March 20, 2025 [Motion No. 2025-01423-226], inter alia, suspending the above-named petitioner from practice as an attorney and counselor-at-law in the State of New York, effective immediately, and until the further order of this Court, for failure to comply with Judiciary Law §468-a,

And petitioner having moved for an order granting reinstatement as an attorney and counselor-at-law in the State of New York,

Now, upon reading and filing the papers with respect to the motion, and due deliberation having been had thereon, and it appearing that petitioner complied with Judiciary Law §468-a on or about May 20, 2026, subsequent to the effective date of the aforesaid order,

It is ordered that the motion is granted and petitioner is reinstated as an attorney and counselor-at-law in the State of New York, effective the date hereof.

Entered: June 23, 2026



Susanna Molina Rojas
Clerk of the Court