

Matter of Claude Castro, a suspended attorney, (OCA Atty. Reg. No. 1545334) for Reinstatement to the Bar of the State of New York, Attorney Grievance Comm. for the First Jud. Dept.

Motion No: 2022-02304

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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. Ellen Gesmer, Justice Presiding,
Jeffrey K. Oing
Anil C. Singh
Peter H. Moulton
Bahaati E. Pitt, Justices.

In the Matter of Claude Castro, Motion No. 2022-02304
a suspended attorney, Case No. 2017-00062
(OCA Atty. Reg. No. 1545334),
Petitioner,

For Reinstatement to the Bar of the
State of New York,

Attorney Grievance Committee
for the First Judicial Department,
Respondent.

An order of this Court (M-3571) having been entered on October 31, 2017, suspending petitioner (who was admitted to practice as an attorney and counselor-at-law in the State of New York at a Term of the Appellate Division of the Third Judicial Department on February 18, 1976), from the practice of law in the State of New York effective the date thereof, based upon his failure to cooperate with the Attorney Grievance Committee in its investigation of a complaint filed against him and uncontroverted evidence that he converted and/or misappropriated client funds, and directing petitioner “to desist and refrain from the practice of law in any form, either as principal or agent, clerk or employee of another,” until further order of this Court,

And an order of this Court, having been entered July 23, 2020 (M-947), suspending petitioner from the practice of law in the State of New York for a period of four (4) years, effective nunc pro tunc to October 31, 2017, for misappropriating client funds, failing to cooperate with the Attorney Grievance Committee’s investigation and engaging in the unauthorized practice of law while under interim suspension,

And, petitioner, pro se, having moved this Court on August 22, 2022, pursuant to 22 NYCRR 1240.16(a), for an order reinstating him to the practice of law,

And the Committee, by Jorge Dopico, its Chief Attorney (Yvette A. Rosario, of Counsel), having submitted an affirmation stating that it does not oppose petitioner’s reinstatement,

Now, upon reading and filing the papers with respect to the motion, and due deliberation having been had thereon, it is unanimously,

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: September 29, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susanna Molina Rojas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susanna Molina Rojas
Clerk of the Court