

**Matter of Steven Jeffrey Kwestel, (OCA Atty. Reg. No. 2748085), a suspended attorney:**

Motion No: 2025-03892

Slip Opinion No: 2025 NY Slip Op 80438(U)

Decided on November 13, 2025

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. Troy K. Webber, Justice Presiding,  
Peter H. Moulton  
Saliann Scarpulla  
David Friedman  
Manuel J. Mendez, Justices.

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In the Matter of Steven Jeffrey Kwestel,  
(OCA Atty. Reg. No. 2748085),  
a suspended attorney:  
Petitioner,

Motion No. 2025-03892  
Case No. 2023-06193

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

Attorney Grievance Committee  
for the First Judicial Department,  
Respondent,

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A corrected order of this Court, having been entered on November 30, 2022 (Motion Nos. 2022-02952 & 2022-03575, Case No. 2017-00228), deeming the offense of which 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 Supreme Court for the Second Judicial Department on June 19, 1996) had been found guilty to be a “serious crime” within the meaning of Judiciary Law § 90(4)(d), and immediately suspending him from the practice of law effective the date thereof, until such time as pending disciplinary matters have been concluded, and until further order of this Court,

And an order of this Court, having been entered on April 30, 2024 (Motion No. 2023-05307), suspending petitioner from the practice of law in the State of New York for a period of two years, effective nunc pro tunc to November 22, 2022, and until further order of this court,

And petitioner having moved this Court, pro se, on July 1, 2025, for an order, pursuant to 22 NYCRR 1240.16(a) and (b), reinstating him as an attorney and counselor-at-law in the State of New York,

And the Attorney Grievance Committee, by Jorge Dopico, its Chief Attorney (Raymond Vallejo, of counsel), having submitted an affirmation dated September 24, 2025, stating, inter alia, that it does not oppose the motion,

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 denied without prejudice to a renewed application for reinstatement after he has made material progress paying down his tax debts and/or entered into agreements with the Internal Revenue Service and New York State tax authorities for payment of same.

Entered: November 13, 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susanna Molina Rojas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susanna" being the most prominent part.

Susanna Molina Rojas  
Clerk of the Court