

*People v. Peters*, 05PDJ001. June 7, 2005. Attorney Regulation.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent William Ellery Peters (Registration No. 11325) from the practice of law for a period of 45 days, effective August 1, 2005. This proceeding arises out of Respondent's representation of a criminal defendant on appeal. Initially, Respondent placed the fee collected for the representation into his personal account because he did not have the required trust account established. Then, Respondent did not file an opening brief, did not file a response to a motion to dismiss, and did not file a request for reconsideration after dismissal of the appeal. Although Respondent could not reach the client, he violated Colo. RPC 1.3 (neglect of an entrusted legal matter), 1.4(a) (failure to keep client reasonably informed), 1.15(a) (failure to hold client property separate from the attorney's own property), 1.15(f)(1) (failure to maintain a trust account), and 1.15(g) (failure to maintain adequate financial records). Respondent was also ordered to successfully complete an ethics course and to pay the costs incurred in conjunction with this proceeding.