

*People v. Reid.* 07PDJ002. January 18, 2007. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a Conditional Admission of Misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended John Edward Reid (Attorney Registration No. 04615) from the practice of law for a period of ninety days, forty-five days stayed upon the successful completion of a one-year period of probation, effective February 18, 2007. A client asked Respondent to revise her will such that Respondent would be nominated as her personal representative and designated at the same time as her sole devisee. Respondent prepared a draft of a new will fulfilling his client's request and gave it to her, but he also insisted she contact a different attorney for the preparation and execution of her new will. However, the client eventually executed the will prepared by Respondent with another attorney. No evidence exists that Respondent exerted any fraud, duress, coercion, and/or undue influence over his client, despite the conflict of interest. In fact, Respondent is consensually joining in a motion to withdraw his petition for formal probate of the will and for his appointment as personal representative and has agreed to disclaim any interest in his client's estate. Respondent's misconduct constituted grounds for the imposition of discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5 and violated Colo. RPC 1.8.