

*People v. Reuler*, No. 03PDJ054, 8.26.03. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and disbarred Jody C. Reuler, attorney registration number 24375 from the practice of law in the State of Colorado. Respondent represented a client in a personal injury case which reached settlement. The settlement funds were dispersed. Respondent's office represented that the subrogation amount had been distributed to the worker's compensation insurer when in fact it had not been distributed. Instead, respondent took the funds without authorization and used them for other purposes. Respondent knew at the time he took the funds that they belonged to the worker's compensation insurer. When asked about the payment, respondent misrepresented that they had been set but had not yet cleared the bank and that the funds were still in respondent's trust account. Respondent's conduct constituted knowing conversion in violation of Colo. RPC 8.4(c). Respondent restored the amount to his trust account and paid the worker's compensation insurer. Respondent was ordered to pay the costs of the disciplinary proceeding.