

People v. J.M. Sandlow. 17PDJo81. December 12, 2017.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' conditional admission of misconduct and suspended J.M. Sandlow (attorney registration number 43146) for six months, with ninety days to be served and the remainder stayed upon the successful completion of a two-year period of probation, with conditions, including continued individual therapy. The suspension takes effect December 28, 2017.

On May 14, 2017, Sandlow and his girlfriend had an altercation, resulting in her calling 911. She claimed that Sandlow had tried to strangle her. Officers who responded to the call noted some indistinct red marks on her neck. Sandlow does not agree that he tried to strangle his girlfriend; he claims he grabbed her near the neck/collarbone area as she was trying to tear an item off a wall. On September 20, 2017, Sandlow pleaded guilty to second-degree assault as an act of domestic violence pursuant to C.R.S. section 18-3-203. He stipulated to a two-year deferred judgment and sentence. The terms include compliance with Jefferson County's diversion program, including domestic violence treatment and community service.

Through this misconduct, Sandlow violated Colo. RPC 8.4(b) (a lawyer shall not commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects). His misconduct was mitigated by numerous factors.