

*People v. Skinner*, 05PDJ025. April 4, 2005. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and publicly censured Respondent H. Craig Skinner (Registration No. 17990), on condition that he successfully complete a one-day ethics course. This proceeding arises out of Respondent's attempt to reduce Medicare and Medicaid liens for a client by representing that the client owed Respondent a contingency fee and costs from settlement proceeds on the client's personal injury case. In fact, Respondent had gratuitously agreed not to collect these amounts from the client. Respondent later corrected his misstatements. Respondent violated Colo. RPC 4.1(a) (knowingly making a false or misleading statement of fact to a third person in the course of representing a client) and 8.4(c) (conduct involving or misrepresentation). He was also ordered to pay the costs incurred in conjunction with this proceeding.