

*People v. Tenbrink*, 05PDJ019. July 1, 2005. Attorney Regulation.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent Cory Burton Tenbrink (Registration No. 28100) from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day, effective August 1, 2005. The entire suspension is stayed pending successful completion of a one-year period of probation. This proceeding arises from a business transaction where Respondent acquired the residence of his clients and later resold it below market value in order to collect claimed attorney fees. Respondent entered into an unfair and unreasonable business transaction with his clients, and failed to fully disclose and transmit in writing the terms of this business transaction. Respondent also failed to advise his clients of the benefits of using independent counsel, and never gave them a reasonable opportunity to seek the advice of such independent counsel. Thus, Respondent violated Colo. RPC 1.8(a) (entering into a business transaction with a client or knowingly acquiring a pecuniary interest adverse to a client). Conditions of probation include successful completion of an ethics school and payment of restitution. The Court also ordered Respondent to pay the costs incurred in conjunction with this proceeding.