

*People v. Christopher Throssel*. 21PDJ091. December 28, 2021.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' stipulation to discipline and suspended Christopher Throssel (attorney registration number 52626) for six months. The suspension took effect December 28, 2021.

In May 2021, Throssel pleaded guilty to criminal mischief as an act of domestic violence. He separately pleaded guilty to a third-degree assault as an act of domestic violence and received a deferred judgment.

The conviction for criminal mischief was premised on Throssel's destruction of his ex-wife's phone during an argument with her, after which she attempted to call 911 on a second phone before Throssel took it away. Throssel's ex-wife placed another call to 911 while sheltering in a bedroom with one of the children she shared with Throssel. After law enforcement responded, Throssel's ex-wife reported a separate incident, telling police officers that Throssel had grabbed her by her hair during a recent argument, dragged her down a set of stairs, and strangled her until she lost consciousness. Throssel was separately charged for the strangulation, leading to the deferred judgment.

Through this conduct, Throssel 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).

The case file is public per C.R.C.P. 242.41(a)(2).