

*People v. Wales*. 08PDJ075. August 22, 2008. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a Conditional Admission of Misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended Tonya J. Wales (Attorney Registration No. 34724) from the practice of law for a period of one year, all but sixty days stayed upon the successful completion of a one-year period of probation with conditions, effective August 22, 2008. Respondent recklessly failed to competently represent her clients in a real estate litigation matter. She failed to answer dispositive motions, provide discovery responses, submit a certificate of review pursuant to C.R.C.P. §13-20-602, and generally failed to notify her clients that she had ceased prosecuting their case. Her clients' claims were dismissed with prejudice and several orders of attorneys' fees and costs were entered against them. The parties agreed that Respondent suffered from personal or emotional problems that played a substantial role in this misconduct. However, her misconduct still constituted grounds for the imposition of discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5 and violated Colo. RPC 1.1, 1.3, 1.4(a) and 8.4(c).