

*People v. Berman.* 11PDJ078. May 11, 2012. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a Conditional Admission of Misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended John A. Berman (Attorney Registration Number 06695) for a period of nine months, all stayed upon the successful completion of a two-year period of probation with conditions, effective May 11, 2012. Berman represented a female client in a bankruptcy matter. Berman's client was dissolving her marriage, and the bankruptcy filing needed to be completed before her divorce could be finalized. During this representation, Berman touched his client without her consent or permission in a manner she found offensive. This action, coupled with a comment about the client's appearance, caused her emotional discomfort and violated her trust in Berman as her attorney. His misconduct constitutes grounds for the imposition of discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5 and violated Colo. RPC 8.4(h).