

*People v. Alexander William Trautman. 25PDJ57. September 15, 2025.*

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' stipulation to discipline and suspended Alexander William Trautman (attorney registration number 45031) for six months, all to be stayed upon Trautman's successful completion of a three-year period of probation, with conditions. The probation takes effect October 20, 2025.

Trautman represented a client with whom he had a prior attorney-client relationship. The client's matter was set for hearing in April 2024. The client appeared, and Trautman tried to connect through Webex, which the court had not authorized. The court reset the hearing for 10:30 a.m. on May 3, 2024, and ordered Trautman to file an entry of appearance. He did not do so before the next appearance, and he and his client appeared forty-nine minutes late. The court reset the matter for June 3, 2024. That day, Trautman appeared sixteen minutes late and brought a written copy of the entry of appearance. The client appeared in custody. The matter was then set for July 2, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Trautman was aware of the setting and knew he was to appear in person. But he did not attend the hearing on that date. Trautman appeared with his client later that month. The matter was dismissed in November 2024 as part of a global resolution with another case.

On May 10, 2021, law enforcement officers observed Trautman's vehicle, which appeared to have veered off the left side of the eastbound lanes of C-470. Law enforcement contacted Trautman, who admitted to taking several different kinds of medications. He was arrested and consented to a blood draw. His blood tested positive for Oxycodone 95ng/mL; 7-Aminoclonazepam less than 5.0 ng/mL; Diazepam 655 ng/mL; Nordiazepam present greater than 1,000 ng/mL; Oxazepam present; Temazepam 76 ng/mL; 11-hydroxy-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC-COOH) inconclusive (inconclusive due to an interfering substance). In February 2022, Trautman pleaded guilty to driving while ability impaired and was criminally convicted. Trautman did not self-report his conviction to disciplinary authorities; he maintains this was an "unintentional oversight."

Trautman was administratively suspended for noncompliance with continuing legal education requirements in June 2025. He was notified by email of his suspension sometime in June 2025. Trautman was reinstated on July 23, 2025. While he was administratively suspended, Trautman continued to represent three clients with upcoming court dates, thereby practicing law while under administrative suspension.

Through the conduct described above, Trautman violated Colo. RPC 1.3 (a lawyer must act with reasonable diligence and promptness when representing a client); Colo. RPC 1.4 (a lawyer must reasonably communicate with the client); Colo. RPC 3.4(c) (a lawyer must not knowingly disobey an obligation under the rules of a tribunal); Colo. RPC 5.5(a)(2) (a lawyer must not practice law where doing so violates regulations of the legal profession); and Colo. RPC 8.4(b) (providing that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to 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).