

*People v. Cardwell*, No. 04PDJ015. August 2, 2004. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent Jerry E. Cardwell, attorney registration number 12743, from the practice of law in the State of Colorado, effective August 2, 2004, for a period of 90 days. Respondent filed a pleading on behalf of a client in an automobile accident case ten days beyond the date the statute of limitations expired. He also filed the case in a county where venue was not proper over the defendant. Respondent failed to take steps to serve the summons and complaint on the defendant and the matter was dismissed. He also failed to preserve and return all files after Respondent told the client that he had been suspended from practicing law in a separate matter. In neglecting his client and failing to represent her competently, allowing her case to be dismissed without her knowledge or consent, failing to keep her informed, and otherwise engaging in conduct detrimental to her, Respondent violated Colo. RPC 1.1, 1.2(a), 1.3, 1.4(a), 1.16(d). Respondent was ordered to pay the costs of the proceeding and comply with other conditions.