

*People v. Caughron*, 05PDJ065. October 12, 2005. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a Conditional Admission of Misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended Respondent R. Clifton Caughron (Attorney Registration No. 14027) from the practice of law for a period of six months, followed by a three-year period of probation with a two-year suspension stayed during that probation, subject to conditions, effective November 11, 2005. On March 9, 2005, the Montana Supreme Court imposed and identical sanction, and pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.21(d), the parties agreed reciprocal discipline should be imposed in Colorado. The case in Montana arose from Respondent's misconduct in seven client matters. Respondent violated Mont. RPC 1.1 (failed to provide competent representation); Mont. RPC 1.3 (neglected an entrusted legal matter); Mont. RPC 1.4 (failed to communicate with his client); Mont. RPC 1.5 (charged an unreasonable fee); Mont. RPC 1.15(b) (failed to notify client of property in lawyer's possession); Mont. RPC 31. (asserted unmeritorious claims); Mont. RPC 3.3 (candor towards a tribunal); Mont. RPC 3.4(c) (knowingly disobeyed an obligation under the rules of a tribunal; and Mont. RPC 8.4(c) (engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice).