

People v. Danielle Clark. 18PDJ056. September 13, 2018.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' conditional admission of misconduct and suspended Danielle Clark (attorney registration number 44316) for three years, effective September 13, 2018.

Clark was charged in Pennsylvania with five criminal counts—including at least one felony charge—after she was arrested for possession of heroin with the intent to deliver. At the time of her arrest, Clark was six months pregnant with her co-defendant's child. She was aware of the co-defendant's drug dealing and admits engaging in activities for him, including carrying money. Clark had grown financially and emotionally dependent on him, however, and she came to fear him, as he grew more volatile and abusive after she became pregnant.

Clark was incarcerated and later was released to house arrest. She is currently in compliance with her probationary conditions. But she never reported her conviction to Colorado disciplinary authorities.

Through this conduct, Clark violated Colo. RPC 8.4(b) (a lawyer shall not commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects) and Colo. RPC 3.4(c) (a lawyer shall not knowingly disobey an obligation under the rules of a tribunal).