

People v. Lynn Susan Jordan. 23PDJ059. October 31, 2023.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' stipulation to discipline and suspended Lynn Susan Jordan (attorney registration number 10229) for 180 days, all to be stayed upon Jordan's successful completion of a two-year period of probation, with conditions. The probation took effect October 31, 2023.

On November 8, 2021, a client retained Jordan to assist with clearing the title to the client's property. That day, Jordan accepted the client's advance payment of \$1,500.00, which the client deposited directly into Jordan's operating account. The client, who lived out of state and who did not have a bank account anywhere, could not wire money into Jordan's trust account in Colorado. But due to health and personal issues, Jordan did not transfer the funds out of her operating account and into her trust account until January 8, 2022, more than two weeks after she had fully earned the fee.

In another matter, Jordan represented a defendant in a replevin action. On September 20, 2022, Jordan and her client failed to appear for a hearing because Jordan had incorrectly calendared the hearing for the next day. The court's minute order stated that the court would issue a bench warrant for Jordan's client's arrest and that the opposing counsel was ordered to notify Jordan. But Jordan did not move to vacate the court's order and quash the bench warrant until October 31, 2022. The motion, which Jordan and the opposing counsel jointly filed, states that neither Jordan nor the opposing counsel realized sooner that the court had issued the bench warrant.

Through this conduct, Jordan violated Colo. RPC 1.3 (a lawyer must act with reasonable diligence and promptness when representing a client) and Colo. RPC 1.15A(a) (a lawyer must hold client property separate from the lawyer's own property).

The case file is public per C.R.C.P. 242.41(a).