

People v. James D. Lesuer. 17PDJ014. August 11, 2017.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' conditional admission of misconduct and suspended James D. Lesuer (attorney registration number 18379) for six months, effective August 11, 2017.

In January 2014, a temporary protection order was entered against Lesuer, forbidding him to contact his ex-wife. In March 2014, Lesuer sent his ex-wife a text message. He was arrested, was convicted of a violation of the protection order, and received a deferred judgment. In November 2014, Lesuer contacted his ex-wife by email. He was again arrested and was convicted of violating a criminal protection order, a class-one misdemeanor. He was sentenced to sixty days in jail and two years of supervised probation. His deferred judgment was also revoked. Lesuer failed to report both of his convictions to disciplinary authorities.

In October 2016, Lesuer violated a protection order by contacting his ex-wife via an online mail service. He was arrested, charged with violating a protective order, and released on bond. He then emailed his ex-wife again in November 2016. He was again arrested and charged. In April 2017, Lesuer pleaded guilty to violating a protective order in one case in exchange for the dismissal of the second case. He was sentenced in June 2017 to 120 days in jail. He was later placed on work release.

In this matter, Lesuer 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); C.R.C.P. 251.5(b) (any criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer amounts to grounds for discipline); and C.R.C.P. 251.20(b) (a lawyer shall notify disciplinary authorities of any conviction within fourteen days of the conviction).