

*People v. Benson*. 12PDJ041. December 11, 2012. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a conditional admission of misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended Samuel Russell Benson (Attorney Registration Number 16303) for three years, effective December 11, 2012, with the condition that he pay restitution. Benson abandoned several of his clients, forcing them to engage new counsel or to proceed in their cases without counsel. In addition, he took possession of fees paid to him by two clients before he had earned those fees, and he then failed to return the fees after abandoning the clients' cases. Finally, Benson refused to pay for interpreting services he had used. Benson's misconduct constitutes grounds for the imposition of discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5 and violated Colo. RPC 1.3, 1.4(a)(3)-(4), 8.4(c), and 8.4(d).