

People v. Lori Crandall Moseley. 17PDJo40. June 29, 2017.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' conditional admission of misconduct and publicly censured Lori Crandall Moseley (attorney registration number 35834), effective June 29, 2017.

Moseley committed misconduct during two separate divorce representations in 2015. In the first, she failed to contact the court to set a permanent orders hearing, as she had pledged to do. Her client attempted to contact her several times in summer 2015, but Moseley did not respond. Although the client wished to expedite the case, Moseley insisted on waiting to receive discovery responses before entering settlement negotiations. Later that summer, the court approved the parties' separation agreement and granted the decree.

The misconduct in the second case occurred around the time Moseley went on inactive status on November 2, 2015. She failed to review a stipulated amendment to a separation agreement drafted by opposing counsel, as she had agreed to do, before she went on inactive status. Moseley later told her client that she could no longer represent her, but she never moved to withdraw from the dissolution matter. She also disregarded the client's request to return her file, and the client alleges that she did not provide billing statements upon request.

In these matters, Moseley violated Colo. RPC 1.3 (a lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness when representing a client); Colo. RPC 1.4(a) (a lawyer shall reasonably communicate with the client); and Colo. RPC 1.16(d) (a lawyer shall protect a client's interests upon termination of the representation, including by giving reasonable notice to the client and returning unearned fees and any papers and property to which the client is entitled).