

*People v. Patchen*, No. 04PDJ012. 4/15/04. Attorney Regulation.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent Richard G. Patchen, Jr., attorney registration number 18944, from the practice of law in the State of Colorado effective May 16, 2004 for a period of six months, three months of which are stayed upon successful completion of a two year period of probation.

Respondent was involved in two incidents of domestic violence. Both incidents resulted in respondent's guilty pleas, on the first incident for disturbing the peace, and on the second for domestic assault. Respondent complied with all requirements in the first case and is in compliance in the second case.

However, respondent did not report the second incident in a timely fashion as required by C.R.C.P. 251.20(b). Respondent's conduct on two separate occasions constituted a violation of Colo. RPC 8.4(b) with grounds for discipline under C.R.C.P. 251.5(b). Respondent's failure to report his second conviction within ten days as required by C.R.C.P. 251.20(b) constituted a violation of Colo. RPC 3.4(c). Respondent was ordered to pay the costs incurred in this proceeding and comply with other conditions.