

*People v. Reid.* 13PDJ053. July 1, 2013. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a conditional admission of misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended Karen A. Reid (Attorney Registration Number 33999) from the practice of law for six months, effective July 1, 2013, with the requirement of reinstatement pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.29(c). Reid worked as an independent contractor for the Office of the Child Representative (“OCR”) before being removed from its eligibility list in July 2011. Although she was thereafter assigned no new cases, Reid continued to work on cases she had previously been assigned. A routine audit uncovered that Reid had been paid approximately \$128,648.50 for eight months of work as a result of billing more than ten hours of work per day and consistently billing 108 minutes for home visits. During OCR’s audit, Reid explained that she had destroyed all of her relevant notes, emails, and calendars, even though she was required to maintain these records by a Chief Justice directive. After her contract was terminated, Reid was dishonest with the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel (“OARC”) regarding the existence of relevant information. When OARC analyzed forty-five hearings in which Reid participated, it discovered that Reid overbilled both hearing and wait times by more than twelve hundred minutes. Reid’s misconduct constitutes grounds for the imposition of discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5 and violated Colo. RPC 1.1, 1.5(a), 3.4(c), 4.1, and 8.4(c).