The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties’ conditional admission of misconduct and disbarred H. Perry Ryon (Attorney Registration Number 22554). The disbarment was effective August 25, 2014.

In November 2013, Ryon was suspended for six months with the requirement that he petition for reinstatement under C.R.C.P. 251.29(c) before resuming the practice of law. At the time of his suspension, Ryon did not file an affidavit listing all pending matters in which he served as counsel, as he was required to do by C.R.C.P. 251.28. During his suspension, Ryon agreed to draft a living will for a client for a flat fee of $1,000.00. Even though Ryon knew he was suspended, he did not advise the client of that fact. Ryon did not complete the legal services for which he was retained and did not refund the $1,000.00 unearned fee until the client filed a request for investigation against him. Ryon also accepted funds from and represented three other clients during his suspension without advising them of his status, collecting fees totaling $1,900.00.

Through this misconduct, Ryon violated Colo. RPC 3.4(c) (a lawyer shall not knowingly disobey an obligation under the rules of a tribunal); Colo. RPC 5.5(a) (a lawyer shall not engage in the practice of law except where authorized); and Colo. RPC 8.4(c) (a lawyer shall not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation).