The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a Conditional Admission of
Misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended Respondent Susan
Kay Sparkman (Attorney Registration No. 21416) from the practice of law
for a period of thirty-days, all stayed upon the successful completion of a
one-year period of probation, with conditions, effective July 22, 2006.
Respondent represented a client in a dissolution-of-marriage action who
paid her $6000.00 in retainer fees. Part of the representation required
Respondent to draft a Qualified Domestic Relations Order in order to
finalize the dissolution. Respondent never drafted the order and her
client eventually had to retain another attorney to prepare it. Respondent neglected a legal matter, failed to account for client funds,
and failed to respond to requests from the Office of Attorney Regulation
Counsel. Respondent’s misconduct constituted grounds for the
imposition of discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5 and violated Colo.
RPC 1.3, 1.4, 1.15 and 8.1.