

*People v. David Band. 24PDJ021. April 25, 2024.*

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' stipulation and imposed reciprocal discipline, suspending David Band (attorney registration number 36538) from the practice of law in Colorado for six months, with thirty days to be served and the remainder to be stayed, with conditions. Band's suspension took effect on April 25, 2024.

This reciprocal discipline case arose out of discipline imposed on Band in Louisiana. In November 2023, the Louisiana Supreme Court suspended Band's license to practice law in that state for six months, with all but thirty days deferred. Band's Louisiana discipline was premised on his communications with an opposing party without the authorization of the party's counsel. During litigation against the opposing party, Band communicated with her about the legal matter through social media, email, and telephone. In addition, Band knowingly submitted false statements of material fact in connection with his case to disciplinary authorities in Louisiana. Band's misconduct violated Louisiana rules of professional conduct prohibiting a lawyer from communicating with persons represented by counsel and from knowingly making a false statement of material fact in connection with a disciplinary matter.

Through this conduct, Band engaged in conduct constituting grounds for reciprocal discipline under C.R.C.P. 242.21, which calls for imposition of the same discipline as that imposed in Louisiana.

The case file is public per C.R.C.P. 242.41(a)(2).