People v. Thomas Andrew Feldman. 20PDJ010. March 10, 2020.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' amended conditional admission of misconduct and publicly censured Thomas Andrew Feldman (attorney registration number 15341), effective April 14, 2020, with conditions of formal practice monitoring for one year.

Feldman failed to submit a brief in a client's appeal of the denial of her Social Security Disability Insurance claim. He also failed to explain to the client why her appeal was later denied. Feldman had many opportunities to be forthcoming about his failure to file the required brief, as the client repeatedly asked about the status of her case and requested her documents. But Feldman continued to mislead the client through omission of the relevant facts for several months, because he was embarrassed that he had failed to diligently manage her case.

Through this conduct, Feldman violated Colo. RPC 1.3 (a lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness when representing a client); Colo. RPC 1.4 (a lawyer shall reasonably communicate with the client); and Colo. RPC 8.4(c) (providing that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation).

The case file is public per C.R.C.P. 251.31.