

*People v. Janssen*, No. 01PDJ019. 7/17/01. Attorney Regulation.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge accepted the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent, Steven Lynn Janssen, from the practice of law for a period of thirty days with the full period of suspension stayed subject to a three-year period of probation subject to conditions.

Respondent met with a client he had previously represented to discuss the client's retention of respondent in a new matter. Respondent engaged in a heated argument with the client in the holding cell. Respondent had consumed alcohol before to the meeting, a material breach of the terms of a prior diversion agreement. In a separate matter, as a result of a domestic dispute, respondent pled guilty to one count of criminal mischief and received an eighteen month deferred sentence. Subsequently, respondent engaged in a second domestic dispute and pled guilty to one count of obstructing a peace officer, and received an eighteen month deferred sentence. On May 7, 2001, respondent pled guilty to a charge of driving while ability impaired, and was sentenced to three to eighteen months probation with conditions.

Respondent's conduct violated Colo. RPC 8.4(h) and Colo. RPC 8.4(b) constituting grounds for discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5(b). Respondent was ordered to pay the costs of the proceeding.