<u>People v. Randall Bo Pearce. 18PDJ079 (consolidated with 19PDJ026 and 19PDJ037).</u> <u>November 13, 2019.</u>

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' conditional admission of misconduct and disbarred Randall Bo Pearce (attorney registration number 08424), effective November 13, 2019. Pearce must also pay restitution.

In April 2019, the Court entered judgment on the pleadings in case number 18PDJ079. In June and July, 2019, the Court entered default judgment in case numbers 19PDJ026 and 19PDJ037, respectively, establishing all facts and rule violations as set forth in the complaint. The three complaints allege that Pearce mishandled cases and converted client funds in nine client matters since 2017.

Through his conduct, Pearce violated Colo. RPC 1.3 (a lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness when representing a client); Colo. RPC 1.4(a)(3) (a lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of the matter); Colo. RPC 1.4(a)(4) (a lawyer shall promptly comply with reasonable requests for information); Colo. RPC 1.5(b) (a lawyer shall inform a client in writing about the lawyer's fees and expenses within a reasonable time after being retained, if the lawyer has not regularly represented the client); Colo. RPC 1.5(f) (a lawyer does not earn fees until a benefit is conferred on the client or the lawyer performs a legal service); Colo. RPC 1.15A(a) (a lawyer shall hold client property separate from the lawyer's own property); Colo. RPC 1.15A(c) (a lawyer shall keep separate any property in which two or more persons claim an interest until there is a resolution of the claims); Colo. RPC 1.16(d) (a lawyer shall protect a client's interests upon termination of the representation, including by giving reasonable notice to the client and returning unearned fees, papers, and property to which the client is entitled); Colo. RPC 3.2 (a lawyer shall make reasonable efforts to expedite litigation consistent with the interest of the client); Colo. RPC 3.4(c) (a lawyer shall not knowingly disobey an obligation under the rules of a tribunal); Colo. RPC 8.4(c) (providing that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation); and Colo. RPC 8.4(d) (providing that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice).

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