

*People v. Matthews*, 05PDJ030. July 7, 2005. Attorney Regulation. Following a hearing, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent Elizabeth B. Matthews (Registration No. 08836) from the practice of law for a period of two years, effective July 31, 2005. This proceeding arises from nine separate client matters. Respondent's misconduct included neglect of entrusted legal matters, failure to properly communicate with clients, failure to take reasonably practicable steps to protect client interests, knowing disobedience of an obligation under the rules of a tribunal, and assisting in the unauthorized practice of law. Thus, Respondent violated Colo. RPC 1.3, 1.4(a) and (b), 1.16(d), 3.4 (c), and 5.5(a). Respondent suffered severe health problems over the time period of her misconduct, and the misconduct followed over twenty years of service to the profession. The Court ordered Respondent to provide proof of restitution prior to reinstatement, and pay the costs incurred in conjunction with this proceeding.