

People v. Geraldine Sue Miller. 17PDJo32. May 12, 2017.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge suspended Geraldine Sue Miller (attorney registration number 44388) for thirty days, effective May 12, 2017.

In December 2016, the Arizona Supreme Court approved a conditional admission of misconduct and suspended Miller for thirty days for her misconduct when representing a client in the informal probate of the estate of the client's father. In that matter, Miller failed to adequately communicate, diligently represent her client, and to close the estate. Miller also committed misconduct in a second case in which she represented a guardian and conservators handling the affairs of a protected person. Miller was later appointed to represent the protected person but failed to abide by her client's request to remove the guardianship and conservatorship. She also ignored doctors' reports indicating that the protected person could handle his own affairs. In the ensuing disciplinary case, the Arizona Presiding Disciplinary Judge concluded that Respondent violated Ariz. RPC 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 1.16, 3.2, and 8.4(d).

The Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel sought the same discipline as that imposed by the Arizona Presiding Disciplinary Judge. Miller's misconduct constitutes grounds for the imposition of reciprocal discipline in Colorado under C.R.C.P. 251.21(e).