

**People v. Nicole M. Linne. 17PDJ043. September 22, 2017.**

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' conditional admission of misconduct and suspended Nicole Monique Linne (attorney registration number 30362) from the practice of law for six months, effective September 22, 2017. To be reinstated after her suspension, Linne will bear the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that she has been rehabilitated, has complied with disciplinary orders and rules, and is fit to practice law.

On April 26, 2016, Linne was involved in a motor vehicle accident while driving under the influence of alcohol. Her five-year-old child was in her vehicle at the time. Linne left the scene of the accident, only to be stopped by police officers. After her arrest, her blood alcohol content was calculated to be .270.

In November 2016, Linne pleaded guilty to driving under the influence—fourth or subsequent offense, a class-four felony; child abuse, a class-two misdemeanor; and criminal mischief, a class-three misdemeanor. As part of her plea to the felony charge, Linne admitted that she previously had been convicted of driving under the influence in June 1996, driving while ability impaired in September 1996, and driving under the influence in August 2006.

Through her conduct, Linne violated Colo. RPC 8.4(b) (a lawyer shall not commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects) and C.R.C.P. 251.5(b) (any criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer amounts to grounds for discipline).