

*People v. Bernhardt*. 12PDJ044. January 4, 2013. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a conditional admission of misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended Robert Leroy Bernhardt (Attorney Registration Number 28915) for one year and one day, all but sixty days stayed upon the successful completion of a three-year period of probation with conditions, effective February 8, 2013. In one matter, Bernhardt failed to respond to his client's inquiries and to opposing counsel, and he failed to file necessary disclosures and pleadings in the case. As a result, his client's case was dismissed with prejudice. In a second matter, Bernhardt was hired to assist a client with a modification of parenting time in a post-decree divorce case. Bernhardt failed to respond to a motion for attorney's fees and untimely paid those fees on his client's behalf and did not object to a motion to modify his client's child support. Bernhardt's misconduct caused his client to pay more child support than appropriate under the circumstances. His misconduct constitutes grounds for the imposition of discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5 and violated Colo. RPC 1.1, 1.2(a), 1.3, 1.4(a), 3.2, and 8.4(d).