

People v. Canty, No. 00PDJ008 4/13/2000. Attorney Regulation.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge accepted the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent, Patrick Joseph Canty, from the practice of law for a period of ninety days, followed by a one-year period of probation with conditions. In one matter, respondent failed to take any action in the case after filing the complaint, failed to conduct necessary discovery to provide a basis for joining necessary parties to the action, failed to join necessary parties to the action, failed to communicate with the client, failed to advise the client that he had moved his office, failed to withdraw from the matter after ceasing to communicate with the client, and failed to return the client's file and documents when he ceased representation. Respondent's conduct constituted a violation of Colo. RPC 1.1, Colo. RPC 1.4(a), and Colo. RPC 1.3 and Colo. RPC 1.16(d). Respondent was ordered to pay the costs of the disciplinary proceeding.