

*People v. Wilson.* 06PDJ034. August 2, 2006. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a Conditional Admission of Misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended Respondent Lee R. Wilson (Attorney Registration No. 05343) from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day; all but ninety days stayed upon the successful completion of a two-year period of probation, with conditions, effective September 15, 2006. Respondent represented a client with regard to the financing and construction of a house, and worked closely with the homebuilders due the frequent unavailability of his client. When the homebuilders sued his client for breach of contract and fraud, Respondent represented her in the matter despite the knowledge that he likely would be called as a witness at trial. Respondent mishandled several aspects of the case, including the production of documents subject to attorney-client privilege. In the days before trial, Respondent moved to withdraw from the case after opposing counsel subpoenaed him to testify at trial. Neither Respondent nor his client appeared at trial and the trial court entered a substantial judgment against her that included punitive damages for the fraud claim. Respondent's misconduct constituted grounds for the imposition of discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5 and violated Colo. RPC 1.1, 1.3, 1.16(a), 3.4(c), and 3.7(a).