

People v. Angela S. Boeck-Giscombe. 20PDJ042. July 6, 2020.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' conditional admission of misconduct and suspended Angela S. Boeck-Giscombe (attorney registration number 32374) for one year and one day, with nine months to be served and the remainder stayed upon the successful completion of a two-year period of probation, with conditions. The suspension takes effect August 15, 2020.

In one client matter, Boeck-Giscombe failed to hold a flat fee and filing fee in her trust account. Over several months, she also failed to respond to the client's inquiries about the status of the case. Although Boeck-Giscombe completed some of the work for which she was hired, she suffered a catastrophic software failure before she made any filings. Boeck-Giscombe ultimately refunded the client's flat fee and filing fee, minus a \$150.00 reduced consultation fee.

In another client matter, Boeck-Giscombe failed to place a flat fee in her trust account and did not respond to numerous emails and phone calls from the client over four months' time. Boeck-Giscombe later returned the entire flat fee when she encountered the client in a social context.

Through this conduct, Boeck-Giscombe violated Colo. RPC 1.3 (a lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness when representing a client), Colo. RPC 1.4(a) (a lawyer shall reasonably communicate with the client), Colo. RPC 1.5(f) (a lawyer does not earn fees until a benefit is conferred on the client or the lawyer performs a legal service), Colo. RPC 1.15A (a lawyer shall hold client property separate from the lawyer's own property), and Colo. RPC 1.16(d) (a lawyer shall protect a client's interests upon termination of the representation, including by giving reasonable notice to the client and returning unearned fees and any papers and property to which the client is entitled).

The case file is public per C.R.C.P. 251.31.