

*People v. Escamilla, No. 00PDJ078, 5/30/01.* Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge accepted the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent Samuel Reyes Escamilla from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day, with nine months and one day stayed followed by a two year period of probation. In one matter, respondent violated Colo. RPC 1.3 by filing a petition for dissolution of marriage on behalf of the client and thereafter taking no action on the matter, resulting in the matter being dismissed for defendant's failure to prosecute. Respondent also violated RPC 1.4(a) by failing to communicate with the client. In a second matter, respondent was hired to represent a client in a dissolution of marriage action and thereafter failed to communicate with the client despite her repeated attempts to contact him in violation of Colo. R.P.C. 1.4(a). In a third matter, respondent violated Colo. RPC 1.5 by charging an unreasonable fee while representing a client in the defense of federal criminal drug charges in which he neglected the client's matter and failed to provide competent representation. Respondent was ordered to pay the costs of the proceedings.