

People v. Fajardo, 00PDJ055, 9/19/00. Attorney Regulation.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge accepted the parties' Amended Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent, Elizabeth Renee Fajardo, from the practice of law for a period of six months, with five months stayed followed by a two-year period of probation and subject to conditions. While a divorce action was pending and subsequently dismissed, the Respondent married another individual constituting bigamy, resulting in a violation of §18-6-201, 6 C.R.S. (1999) a class six felony. Additionally, the Respondent admitted to the use of and addiction to cocaine for a number of years. Respondent has not used cocaine for more than five years. Respondent's use of cocaine was a violation of § 18-18-405, 6 C.R.S. (1999), a class four felony. Respondent's actions constitute grounds for discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5(b) and separate violations of Colo. RPC 8.4(b). Respondent was ordered to pay the costs of the proceeding.