

*People v. Hicks*, 05PDJ067. October 12, 2005. Attorney Regulation.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a Conditional Admission of Misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended Respondent Lynne L. Hicks (Attorney Registration No. 20415) from the practice of law for a period of one year, effective November 11, 2005. Respondent essentially abandoned six of her clients. Each of Respondent's clients retained new counsel, however, this action resulted in a delay of proceedings for her clients. Her misconduct constituted grounds for the imposition of discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5, and violated Colo. RPC 1.3 (neglected an entrusted legal matter); Colo. RPC 1.4(a) (failed to keep her client reasonably informed regarding the status of a matter); Colo. RPC 1.16(d) (failed to take reasonably practicable steps to protect the interests of her clients); Colo. RPC 3.4(c) (knowingly disobeyed an obligation under the rules of a tribunal); and Colo. RPC 8.4(d) (engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice). Respondent cooperated with the Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel and is now on disability inactive status.