

**People v. Peter D. Menges. 21PDJ036. June 18, 2021.**

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' conditional admission of misconduct and publicly censured Peter D. Menges (attorney registration number 28750), effective June 18, 2021.

In August 2020, Menges was subject to a criminal protection order prohibiting him from contact with a former girlfriend. Both parties had made efforts to modify the protection order to allow contact, but the order had not yet been modified.

On August 26, 2020, Menges's former girlfriend entered his house unannounced and uninvited. She was intoxicated. Menges told her that she had to leave, but she threatened to tell the police that he hit her, which she had done in the past. During the interaction, Respondent spoke on the telephone with one of his friends. The friend heard Menges's former girlfriend yelling in the background and, concerned for Menges's safety, called the police. When the police arrived the parties were amicable, but Menges was charged with violation of a protection order. In October 2020, Menges pleaded guilty to the petty offense of disorderly conduct. The plea involved no conditions of probation. Menges did not report his conviction to disciplinary authorities, though he was required to do so.

Through this conduct, Menges violated Colo. RPC 3.4(c) (a lawyer shall not knowingly disobey an obligation under the rules of a tribunal) and Colo. RPC 8.4(b) (providing that it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects).

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