

People v. Christopher Robert Walsh. 16PDJ030. June 2, 2016.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge granted a motion for entry of default and imposed reciprocal discipline, suspending for six months Christopher Robert Walsh (attorney registration number 24146). The suspension took effect June 2, 2016.

On December 23, 2015, the Supreme Court of Minnesota issued an opinion concluding that Walsh engaged in dilatory behavior, neglected to communicate with his clients, acted in bad faith, made a false statement to opposing counsel, and chronically violated court rules and orders, resulting in lost claims. This misconduct violated Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3(a)(1), 3.4(c), 3.4(d), 4.1, 8.4(c), and 8.4(d). The Supreme Court of Minnesota concluded that the appropriate sanction was an indefinite suspension with no right to petition for reinstatement for six months.

Walsh's misconduct constitutes grounds for reciprocal discipline under C.R.C.P. 251.5 and 251.21. Since indefinite suspension is not authorized in Colorado, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge imposed the closely analogous sanction of a six-month suspension with reinstatement of Walsh's Colorado license conditioned on his reinstatement in Minnesota.