

Disciplinary Case Summaries

No. 17PDJ059. People v. Goode. 4/26/2018.

Following a sanctions hearing, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge suspended William Kevin Goode (attorney registration number 37063) for two years, effective May 31, 2018.

Goode was convicted of 28 felony counts of cruelty to animals, based on the pain and suffering he inflicted on 20 dogs and eight cats in his care. He never reported his conviction to disciplinary authorities and declined to

participate in the proceeding. Through this conduct, Goode violated Colo. RPC 3.4(c) (a lawyer shall not knowingly disobey an obligation under the rules of a tribunal); Colo. RPC 8.4(b) (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); and CRCP 251.5(b) (any criminal act reflecting adversely on a lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness


as a lawyer in other respects is grounds for discipline).

No. 18PDJ029. People v. McQuitty, Jr. 5/25/2018.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' conditional admission of misconduct and publicly censured Jack H. McQuitty, Jr. (attorney registration number 29452), effective May 25, 2018.

McQuitty was retained by a client to assist in the closing of a sale of assets from ABC corporation to XYZ corporation. McQuitty's client owned shares in both companies, each of which were represented in the transaction by counsel. When closing documents were ready for signature, McQuitty sent an email to two corporate officers of ABC, asking one officer (who also held shares in XYZ) to sign the closing documents. McQuitty did not include in the email the address of the lawyer who was representing ABC in the sale. The officer signed the documents on ABC's behalf.

McQuitty then sent an email about an outstanding issue to his client, certain shareholders of ABC, and counsel for XYZ. He did not copy counsel for ABC, even though McQuitty knew that counsel represented ABC concerning that issue.

Through this conduct, McQuitty violated Colo. RPC 4.2, which provides that while representing a client a lawyer shall not communicate about the subject of the representation with a person the lawyer knows to be represented by another lawyer in the matter, unless the lawyer has the consent of the other lawyer or is authorized to do so by law or a court order. 

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