

*People v. Barr*, No. 03PDJ096. June 28, 2004. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent Stuart G. Barr, attorney registration number 04032, from the practice of law in the State of Colorado, effective July 29, 2004, for a period of nine months with the requirement of a petition for reinstatement pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.29(c). Respondent agreed to represent a client in a personal injury matter but neglected to effect service on one of the defendants within the time provided in the court's delay reduction order. Respondent was granted additional time to serve the defendant but did not do so in the time allotted. Thereafter the court dismissed the action without prejudice. Respondent did not notify the client of the dismissal or take steps to refile the case. Respondent's conduct violated Colo. RPC 1.1 (competent representation) and Colo. 1.3 (diligent and prompt representation). The client attempted for two years to obtain information about the case. Respondent did not provide the requested information in violation of RPC 1.4(a). After the client learned her case was dismissed, she terminated Respondent's representation. Respondent failed for seven months to respond to requests from the client and her new lawyer to surrender her file and related documents in violation of Colo. RPC 1.16(c). Respondent was ordered to pay the costs of the proceeding.