People v. Robert Dennis Baumberger. 26PDJ37. October 20, 2026.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' stipulation to discipline and suspended Robert Dennis Baumberger (attorney registration number 48277) for six months, all to be stayed upon Baumberger's successful completion of a two-year period of probation, with conditions. Baumberger's suspension took effect October 20, 2026.

In May 2017, a client retained Baumberger to represent him in a workers' compensation matter. Their contingent fee agreement provided that Baumberger would receive twenty percent of contested benefits obtained through his efforts. Baumberger later negotiated a settlement and prepared a final disbursement statement reflecting $35,142.16 in attorney's fees. Baumberger's bank records, however, showed that he retained $39,423.00, or $4,280.84 more than the amount reported in the disbursement statement. Moreover, Baumberger impermissibly collected fees on disability and medical benefits the client received before retaining him. Under the fee agreement and applicable law, Baumberger was owed $18,417.83 in fees. Instead, he collected $39,423.00, which was $21,005.17 more than he was entitled to collect.

Toward the end of the representation, the client had difficulty reaching Baumberger and requested an accounting of his attorney's fees. Baumberger never provided the client with the final disbursement statement or any other accounting.

Through this conduct, Baumberger violated Colo. RPC 1.4(a)(4) (a lawyer must promptly comply with reasonable requests for information) and Colo. RPC 1.5(a) (a lawyer must not charge or collect an unreasonable fee).

The case file is public per C.R.C.P. 242.41(a).