

*People v. Eastepp*, No. 04PDJ026. July 29, 2004. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent Dean E. Eastepp, attorney registration number 07294, from the practice of law in the State of Colorado, for a period of six months, all stayed upon a successful completion of a two-year period of probation, effective August 29, 2004. In his collection efforts for a hospital, Respondent recorded numerous *lis pendens* in the county clerk's office, asserting in each case that an action had been filed. In fact, no action was filed in most matters. In some instances an action was commenced by service of a complaint prior to filing, though in many matters no civil action was ever commenced. Respondent's improper use of the *lis pendens* procedure violated Colo. RPC 4.4 (using means with no substantial purpose other than to obtain an advantage against third persons) and RPC 8.4(d) (engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice). Respondent was ordered to pay the costs of the proceeding and comply with other conditions.