People v. Leif Malte Ericson. 26PDJ14. October 30, 2026.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' stipulation to discipline and suspended Leif Malte Ericson (attorney registration number 45512) for eighteen months. Ericson's suspension took effect October 30, 2026.

On November 17, 2025, Ericson entered into a consent and stipulation to deferred judgment and sentence in a criminal matter before the Pitkin County District Court, thereby pleading guilty to stalking causing emotional distress in violation of C.R.S. section 18-3-602(1)(c), a class-5 felony, and harassment, repeat telephone calls in violation of C.R.S. section 18-9-111(1)(f), a class-2 misdemeanor. These offenses were classified as domestic violence offenses.

The factual basis for the felony stalking causing emotional distress offense is that between and including December 2, 2023, and February 7, 2025, Ericson unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly, directly or indirectly through another person, repeatedly followed, approached, contacted, placed under surveillance, or made any form or communication with the victim in a manner that would cause a reasonable person to suffer serious emotional distress, and caused the victim serious emotional distress. The factual basis for the misdemeanor harassment, repeat telephone calls offense is that between and including January 1, 2025, and February 7, 2025, Ericson, with intent to harass, annoy, or alarm the victim, unlawfully made a telephone call or caused a telephone to ring repeatedly with no purpose of legitimate conversation.

On January 20, 2026, the trial court sentenced Ericson to a three-year deferred judgment and sentence with a three-year period of supervised probation that included alcohol and mental health evaluation and treatment as well as domestic violence evaluation and treatment for the felony stalking offense. That same day, the trial court sentenced Ericson to a thirty-day jail sentence for the misdemeanor harassment offense.

Through this conduct, Ericson violated 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).

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