

*People v. Jonathan David Haas*. 23PDJ005. March 6, 2023.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' stipulation to discipline and suspended Jonathan David Haas (attorney registration number 40392) for nine months, with six months to be served and three months to be stayed upon Haas's successful completion of a one-year period of probation with conditions. The suspension takes effect April 10, 2023.

On April 26, 2022, Haas pleaded guilty under a deferred judgment to third-degree assault, a class-one misdemeanor. The guilty plea arose from an incident in October 2021 when Haas, while driving his vehicle in Denver, engaged in a verbal dispute with a cyclist traveling along the shoulder of the road. During the incident, Haas sprayed water from a water bottle at the cyclist through the passenger-side window. Haas and the cyclist continued the verbal dispute, and Haas turned his vehicle to the right, striking the cyclist and throwing him off of his bicycle. Haas pulled his vehicle over, exited it, and approached the cyclist. Haas and the cyclist then had a physical altercation. Denver police officers eventually arrested Haas at the scene.

Through this conduct, Haas 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) and Colo. RPC 8.4(h) (it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in any conduct that directly, intentionally, and wrongfully harms others and that adversely reflects on a lawyer's fitness to practice law).

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