

People v. Ian Trevor Hicks. 18PDJ002. February 8, 2018.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' conditional admission of misconduct and publicly censured Ian Trevor Hicks (attorney registration number 39332), effective February 8, 2018.

Hicks was hired in a defective flooring case. He and his client signed a contingency fee agreement on June 16, 2016. Ten days later, Hicks and the client kissed. They first had sex on July 4, 2016. Their intimate relationship continued until April 2017.

Hicks sent a demand letter in the flooring case in August 2016, and the case settled later that month for \$15,000.00. The client was satisfied with Hicks's representation.

During Hicks's relationship with this client, he disclosed to her confidential client information regarding a number of his other clients. He occasionally forwarded to her emails from clients or opposing counsel, and he also sent her draft settlement demands and other draft documents. There is no evidence that the client disseminated or acted on any of this information.

Through this conduct, Hicks violated Colo. RPC 1.6(a) (a lawyer shall not reveal information relating to the representation of a client unless the client gives informed consent) and Colo. RPC 1.8(j) (a lawyer shall not have sexual relations with a client unless a consensual sexual relationship existed between them when the client-lawyer relationship began).