

People v. Claudia Patricia Hurtado-Myers. 26PDJ40. October 21, 2026.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' stipulation to discipline and suspended Claudia Patricia Hurtado-Myers (attorney registration number 58571) for one year and one day, all to be stayed upon Hurtado-Myers's successful completion of a two-year period of probation, with conditions. The suspension took effect October 21, 2026.

An immigration client and her parents hired Hurtado-Myers in July 2022 to apply for special immigrant juvenile status, which requires the applicant to be younger than twenty-one years old. The client was to turn twenty-one in April 2023.

Hurtado-Myers agreed to take the case for an \$8,000.00 flat fee with benchmarks. Twice, the client's parents made installment payments in cash, which Hurtado-Myers did not deposit in her trust account, even though she had not yet earned those funds. Instead, she placed the funds in the client's physical file and later deposited them in her operating account.

Hurtado-Myers did not notate her calendar with the April 2023 deadline to file the client's application, thus failing to ensure the application was filed on time. She did not realize that the deadline had been missed. On September 18, 2023, Hurtado-Myers mailed the client's application, but she did not check the client's date of birth to determine whether the application was timely filed. A few months thereafter, the client's application was denied because it was submitted after the client's twenty-first birthday.

Hurtado-Myers told her client that she believed she could successfully challenge the denial, but thereafter her opinion about the governing law changed, and she withdrew the application without the client's knowledge. The client did not receive any benefit from Hurtado-Myers's work, which highlighted the client's undocumented status.

Through this conduct, Hurtado-Myers violated Colo. RPC 1.3 (a lawyer must act with reasonable diligence and promptness when representing a client); Colo. RPC 1.4(a)(3) (a lawyer must keep a client reasonably informed about the status of the matter); and Colo. RPC 1.15A(a) (a lawyer must hold client property separate from the lawyer's own property).

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