

*People v. Isaac*. 09PDJ017. March 20, 2009. Attorney Regulation.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a Conditional Admission of Misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended John L. Isaac (Attorney Registration No. 11387) from the practice of law for a period of three years, effective March 20, 2009. On December 11, 2008, the United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") approved a settlement agreement proposed by the Respondent and the Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline and agreed that Respondent could not petition for reinstatement to the USPTO for five years. Several clients had retained Respondent to prepare and prosecute patent applications on their behalf. In several cases, applications became abandoned without the consent of the clients due to Respondent's failure to provide a timely reply to a USPTO action. Respondent thereafter failed to take adequate steps to inform his clients or revive the abandoned applications. During the relevant time period, Respondent and members of his family suffered serious health issues. His misconduct constituted grounds for the imposition of reciprocal discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.21(d) and violated Colo. RPC 1.3, 4.1, and 8.4(c).