

**People v. Katherine Jane Jenkins. 15PDJ076. August 31, 2015.**

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' conditional admission of misconduct and suspended Katherine Jane Jenkins (Attorney Registration Number 32769) from the practice of law for a period of ninety days, all stayed upon the completion of a two-year period of probation, with conditions. The probation took effect August 31, 2015.

Jenkins was hired to represent a client in partition and breach of contract actions against her ex-girlfriend. Jenkins did not comply with Colo. RPC 1.5(b) (a lawyer shall inform a client in writing about the lawyer's fees and expenses within a reasonable time after being retained, if the lawyer has not regularly represented the client).

Jenkins drafted a complaint, which the client signed and returned. When she inquired of Jenkins whether the complaint had been served, Jenkins falsely responded that the complaint was "out for service." In fact, Jenkins had not sent the complaint to the process server. On a second occasion, Jenkins again falsely advised her client that the complaint had been served. Jenkins thus violated Colo. RPC 8.4(c) (a lawyer shall not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation).

Also in this representation, Jenkins failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information, thereby violating Colo. RPC 1.4(a)(4). When the client terminated the representation, Jenkins did not provide the client's file to her new counsel, as required by Colo. RPC 1.16(d) (a lawyer shall protect a client's interests upon termination of the representation, including by refunding unearned fees and any papers and property to which the client is entitled).