

*People v. Johnson.* 08PDJ054. June 19, 2008. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a Conditional Admission of Misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended M. David Johnson (Attorney Registration No. 24621) from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day, all but six months stayed upon the successful completion of a two-year period of probation with conditions, effective July 21, 2008. Respondent recklessly failed to safeguard client property when he accepted retainer fees from clients by way of credit card, but then failed to transfer the retainer fees into his COLTAF account. Instead, Respondent used the client funds for business and personal purposes before he earned them. Respondent subsequently brought his COLTAF account into line and none of his clients ever sustained a loss. His misconduct constituted grounds for the imposition of discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5 and violated Colo. RPC 1.15(a) and 1.15(c).