

*People v. Kindsfather*, No. 04PDJ008. 4/2/04. Attorney Regulation.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent Conrad R. Kindsfather, attorney registration number 16057, for a period of two years effective May 3, 2004, one year of which is to be stayed upon successful completion of a one-year probation period. Respondent was found to have violated a court rule by failing to disclose to the bankruptcy courts liens executed in respondent's favor by his clients, many of which respondent had recorded against his clients' property. In some instances, respondent knowingly induced his bankruptcy clients to waive their homestead exemptions and on some occasions, respondent redeemed his clients' property. By taking an interest in property belonging to his clients that was subject to bankruptcy proceedings, respondent engaged in a conflict of interest and in other deceptive practices. This conduct violated Colo. RPC 1.7(b), 1.8(a) and (j), 3.3(a)(2), 3.4(c), and 8.4(c) and (d), providing grounds for discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5. Respondent was ordered to pay cost in connection with this proceeding and comply with other conditions.