

*People v. Koppa*. 07PDJ079. May 15, 2008. Attorney Regulation.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a Conditional Admission of Misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended David Michael Koppa (Attorney Registration No. 29079) from the practice of law for a period of nine months, all stayed upon the successful completion of a one-year period of probation, effective May 15, 2008. Respondent recklessly failed to manage his COLTAF account and recklessly failed to supervise the employee bookkeeper delegated to manage the account. The COLTAF account was overdrawn on nine occasions between November 2006 and January 2007. Respondent was unaware of these overdrafts until contacted by the People. No clients suffered harm as a result of his conduct as he immediately rectified the situation by using his own funds to cover the deficit and immediately implemented appropriate trust account procedures, which he continues to use with success to date. His misconduct constituted grounds for the imposition of discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5 and violated Colo. RPC 1.15(a), 1.15(g), 5.3(a) and 8.4(c).