

*People v. Reid*, 04PDJ101. November 29, 2004. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent Dennis W. Reid (Registration #29799) from the practice of law for a period of six months, effective December 30, 2004. Respondent is also required to establish compliance with all terms and conditions ordered by the State of Michigan. This is a reciprocal discipline case. Respondent lives and practices in Michigan. The Michigan Attorney Discipline Board suspended Respondent for engaging in fraud and deceit in connection with his representation of an estate in probate (charging the estate for services not received) and his representation of a criminal defendant (fabricating a vehicle transfer in order to defy a court order, while avoiding the payment of transfer taxes). Respondent also attempted to conceal his wrongdoing from the grievance body. Under C.R.C.P. 251.21(a), a final adjudication of misconduct subjecting an attorney to discipline in another jurisdiction conclusively establishes the misconduct in Colorado disciplinary proceedings. Therefore, Respondent violated Colo. RPC 1.5(a) (unreasonable fees), 1.5(b) (failure to communicate fee basis in writing), and 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), as well as Colo. RPC 3.3(a)(1), 4.1, and 8.1(a) (false statements to a tribunal, to a third person in the course of representing a client, and in connection with a disciplinary matter). In accordance with C.R.C.P. 251.21(d), the sanction is the same as imposed in the foreign jurisdiction. In addition, Respondent was ordered to pay costs incurred in conjunction with this proceeding.