

*People v. Shunneson*, 05PDJ042. May 20, 2005. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent Arlad William Shunneson (Registration No. 5113) from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day, effective June 20, 2005. All but 90 days of the suspension is stayed pending successful completion of a two-year period of probation. This proceeding arises out of Respondent's negligent or reckless mishandling of client funds. Respondent made cash, business, and personal withdrawals from his client trust account. Respondent also deposited personal funds into the account. While Respondent ultimately earned all the funds in question and did not harm any client as a result, the account's balance fell below the appropriate levels. Also, checks intended to pay bills were returned for insufficient funds. Thus, Respondent violated Colo. RPC 1.15(a) (failure to hold client property separate from the attorney's own property), 1.15(f)(1) (failure to have a trust account separate from any business or personal accounts), 1.15(f)(2) (failure to maintain a business account into which all funds received for professional services shall be deposited), and 1.15(g)(1) (failure to make trust account withdrawals in the authorized manner). Conditions of probation include successful completion of an ethics course and a trust account course. Respondent was also ordered to pay the costs incurred in conjunction with this proceeding.