***People v. Nathan Derek Vanderhoofven*. 25PDJ79. September 24, 2026.**

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' stipulation to discipline and suspended Nathan Derek Vanderhoofven (attorney registration number 37104) for two years. To be reinstated to the practice of law, Vanderhoofven must prove by clear and convincing evidence that he has been rehabilitated, has complied with all disciplinary orders and rules, and is fit to practice law. He must also pass the Colorado bar examination and the multistate professional responsibility examination. Vanderhoofven's suspension, which takes into account significant mitigation, took effect on September 24, 2026.

In September 2017, Vanderhoofven was suspended from the practice of law for one year and one day. He never petitioned for reinstatement to the practice of law and has remained suspended since 2017.

Less than a year after his suspension took effect, Vanderhoofven started working for a money services business. Vanderhoofven mistakenly believed that he was an officer of the corporation. From 2018 to 2024, he engaged in the unauthorized practice of law by drafting and filing complaints and other pleadings, demand letters, and settlements on the corporation's behalf in at least twenty-nine small claims court cases. Vanderhoofven also appeared on behalf of the corporation in small claims and county court proceedings.

In 2023, the corporation filed a complaint in Arapahoe County small claims court. While the matter was pending, Vanderhoofven met the defendant at the courthouse and urged him to file an answer. A clerk alerted the presiding judge, who called the case. Vanderhoofven felt compelled to appear in the judge's courtroom; he attended in a representative capacity for the corporation. The judge admonished Vanderhoofven for potentially engaging in the unauthorized practice of law by advising the defendant to file an answer. Vanderhoofven left the courthouse, and the case was ultimately dismissed for failure to prosecute.

Through this conduct, Vanderhoofven violated Colo. RPC 3.4(c) (a lawyer must not knowingly disobey an obligation under the rules of a tribunal) and Colo. RPC 5.5(a)(1) (a lawyer must not practice law without a law license or other specific authorization).

The case file is public per C.R.C.P. 242.41(a).