

People v. Enoch Keoki Keli'i Waipa. 25PDJ15. April 9, 2026.

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' amended stipulation to discipline and suspended Enoch Keoki Keli'i Waipa (attorney registration number 45779) for ninety days. As part of the sanction, Waipa is prohibited from seeking to reinstate his license to practice law in Colorado until he completes the probationary terms in his felony criminal case. The suspension takes effect May 14, 2026.

On January 31, 2025, a jury in Pottawattamie County District Court in Iowa found Waipa guilty of one count of child endangerment resulting in bodily injury, a class-D felony, and one count of domestic abuse assault – injury or mental illness – first offense, a serious misdemeanor. On August 29, 2025, the court sentenced Waipa to a five-year period of incarceration to be suspended upon his successful completion of a three-year probationary sentence. Waipa was also sentenced to a ten-day jail sentence.

Through this conduct, Waipa violated Iowa RPC 32:8.4(b) (it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects), which is applied under Colorado's choice of law provision at Colo. RPC 8.5(b).

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