

People v. Mason, No. 02PDJ041, 03.31.03. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved the parties' Conditional Admission of Misconduct and suspended Respondent, Robert J. Mason, attorney registration number 04324, from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day. In one matter, in August 2001, through agents who were not licensed to practice law, respondent entered into an attorney/client relationship with a client and accepted \$1,145 from the client to prepare estate planning documents. Throughout the duration of the representation, respondent had no direct contact with the client. Respondent failed to supervise his non-attorney agents. Shortly thereafter, respondent exercised dominion and control over the client's funds and did not deposit them into his trust account; instead, he used the funds to pay personal expenses. Respondent did not provide estate planning documents to the client. In August 2002, respondent refunded the funds to the client. Respondent's conduct violated Colo. RPC 1.15(b); Colo. RPC 5.3(b), and Colo. RPC 1.3. In a separate matter, respondent's non-attorney agent met with the client, provided estate planning documents to the client and accepted \$1,995 for the work performed. Respondent never directly met with the client, who believed the non-attorney agent was, in fact, an attorney. Respondent's conduct violated Colo. RPC 5.5(b), Colo. RPC 5.3(b), Colo. RPC 1.5(a), and Colo. RPC 1.16(d). Respondent was ordered to pay restitution and the costs of the proceeding.