

*People v. Thoms*. 06PDJ014. March 17, 2006. Attorney Regulation. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge approved a Conditional Admission of Misconduct submitted by the parties and suspended Respondent William E. Thoms (Attorney Registration No. 25119) from the practice of law for a period of six months, five months stayed upon the successful completion of a three-year period of probation, with conditions, effective April 17, 2006. Respondent failed to safeguard client funds by failing to maintain a trust account and by treating the client funds as his own before he earned them. Respondent also failed to establish a written fee agreement with his client, which created confusion for the client regarding how much Respondent's representation would cost. Respondent's misconduct constituted grounds for the imposition of discipline pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.5 and violated Colo. RPC 1.5(b), 1.15(a), and 1.15(f)(1).