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Court Notebook: Syracuse lawyer suspended for new misconduct

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Syracuse, NY - Syracuse lawyer Stefan Berg has been suspended from the practice of law for misconduct in representing two people with conflicting interests and failing to inform the other lawyer representing one of them of his contacts with the other lawyer's client.

The state Supreme Court Appellate Division in Rochester decided a six-month suspension was the appropriate sanction given Berg's "extensive disciplinary history," which includes a letter of admonition, five letters of caution and a prior suspension for serious misconduct.

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The judges noted Berg previously said he intended to avoid future misconduct by seeking mental health treatment and hiring a mentor to monitor his practice. The court indicated it was not swayed by Berg's efforts to mitigate his latest wrongdoing by making the same promises.



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The appellate court noted Berg was retained last June by a client facing criminal charges from a domestic dispute. The alleged victim of that incident also was facing criminal charges in the incident and was represented by separate counsel and both parties had been issued orders of protection against each other, the Rochester court reported.

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According to the court, Berg spoke to the victim a number of times without notice to her lawyer and he met with her and his client simultaneously at least twice. After Berg drew up affidavits for the two to sign indicating they wanted to live together and get married, the prosecutor handling the criminal case notified the judge in the matter of the conflict.

The appellate court concluded Berg violated a number of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

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