

BRIAN L. BOYLE
(Public Reprimand/Withheld Suspension/Probation)

On March 24, 2014, the Idaho Supreme Court entered a Disciplinary Order issuing a Public Reprimand to Boise attorney Brian L. Boyle. The Disciplinary Order included a withheld six-month suspension and a one-year disciplinary probation.

The Idaho Supreme Court found that Mr. Boyle violated I.R.P.C. 1.2(a) [Scope of representation], 1.4 [Communication with client] and 3.3(a) [Candor toward tribunal]. The Idaho Supreme Court's Disciplinary Order followed a stipulated resolution of an Idaho State Bar disciplinary proceeding in which Mr. Boyle admitted that he violated those rules.

The formal charge case related to Mr. Boyle's representation of a client in a contempt action filed against the client's ex-husband. Mr. Boyle signed his client's name on a Verified Motion for Contempt, instructed a notary public to verify that signature, and filed and served the motion. Thereafter, without his client's express authorization, Mr. Boyle filed a Notice dismissing the verified motion without prejudice.

The Disciplinary Order provides that the six-month suspension will be withheld and that Mr. Boyle will serve a one-year period of disciplinary probation subject to the condition that he will serve the withheld suspension if he admits or is found to have violated any Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct for which a public sanction is imposed for conduct that occurred during the probationary period.

The public reprimand, withheld suspension, and probation do not limit Mr. Boyle's eligibility to practice law.

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