

CHRISTOPHER S. LAMONT
(Withheld Suspension/Probation)

On November 14, 2013, the Idaho Supreme Court issued a Disciplinary Order imposing a withheld nine-month suspension and placing Mr. Lamont on disciplinary probation for one year.

The Idaho Supreme Court found that Mr. Lamont violated I.R.P.C. 1.4 [A lawyer shall keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information] and I.R.P.C. 1.16(d) [Upon termination, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests]. The Disciplinary Order followed a stipulated resolution of an Idaho disciplinary proceeding in which Mr. Lamont admitted that he violated I.R.P.C. 1.4 and 1.16(d), relating to his failures to respond to client inquiries, reasonably communicate with clients about their pending cases, and respond to a former client's requests for documents.

The Disciplinary Order provides that the nine-month suspension will be withheld and that Mr. Lamont will serve a one-year period of probation, subject to conditions of probation specified in the Order. Those conditions include that Mr. Lamont will: (1) serve the withheld suspension if he admits or is found to have violated any Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct for a which a public sanction is imposed for any formal charge case filed during the period of probation or for any conduct occurring during the period of probation; (2) make arrangements for a supervising attorney to supervise his law practice during the probationary period; and (3) maintain a valid mailing address on record with the Idaho State Bar.

The withheld suspension and probation do not limit Mr. Lamont's eligibility to practice law.

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