

**DRAKE D. MESENBRINK**  
(Suspension)

On April 11, 2013, the Idaho Supreme Court issued a Disciplinary Order relating to the suspension of Drake D. Mesenbrink. The Idaho Supreme Court's Order followed a stipulated resolution of an Idaho State Bar reciprocal disciplinary proceeding which resulted in the identical sanction that was imposed in Washington, a three-year suspension from January 18, 2013 through January 18, 2016, and specified conditions of reinstatement.

Mr. Mesenbrink was previously admitted to practice law in Washington in 1987. Mr. Mesenbrink was admitted to practice law in Idaho in 1988. Mr. Mesenbrink and the Washington State Bar Association stipulated to the Washington suspension. Mr. Mesenbrink admitted violations of Washington Rules of Professional Conduct 8.1(a), 8.4(c), 8.4(d), 8.4(l) and ELC 5.3(e). In the Washington case, Mr. Mesenbrink knowingly made false statements of material fact to the Washington State Bar Association by submitting a fabricated letter and falsified client ledger to the Association in connection with a disciplinary matter. The Washington State Bar Association recognized the following mitigating factors: that following the incidents above, Mr. Mesenbrink was diagnosed as suffering from major depression, has been taking medication, and his physician reports that with individual therapy and medication it would be unlikely that this kind of event would occur as it was out of character for Mr. Mesenbrink and that he had demonstrated clear remorse and understanding of the nature and character of his actions.

The Idaho Supreme Court's Disciplinary Order also provided that before being reinstated to the active practice of law in Idaho, Mr. Mesenbrink must demonstrate that he has the mental capacity to practice law at the time of any reinstatement.

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