

LARRY D. PURVIANCE
(Resignation in Lieu of Discipline)

On August 7, 2013, the Idaho Supreme Court issued an Order accepting the resignation in lieu of discipline of Coeur d'Alene attorney, Larry D. Purviance. The Idaho Supreme Court's Order followed a stipulated resolution of a disciplinary proceeding that related to the following circumstances.

On July 1, 2013, the Idaho State Bar filed a formal charge Complaint alleging six counts of professional misconduct. With respect to Count One, Mr. Purviance admitted that he violated I.R.P.C. 1.2(a), relating to the scope of representation, 1.3, relating to diligence, and 1.4, relating to communication with a client. Count One related to Mr. Purviance's representation of a client in a criminal probation matter. In that case, Mr. Purviance filed a motion for unsupervised probation, but failed to schedule a hearing as requested, did not diligently pursue the representation, and failed to reasonably communicate with his client.

With respect to Count Two, Mr. Purviance admitted that he violated I.R.P.C. 1.2(a), relating to the scope of representation, 1.4, relating to communication with a client, and 1.16(a), relating to his failure to withdraw from the representation. Count Two related to Mr. Purviance's representation of a client in a federal civil rights appeal. In that case, Mr. Purviance failed to file an opening brief, failed to timely inform his client that the appeal was dismissed, and failed to inform his client that he was unable to complete the representation as requested.

With respect to Count Three, Mr. Purviance admitted that he violated I.R.P.C. 1.2(a), relating to the scope of representation, 1.4, relating to communication with a client, and 1.16(a), relating to his failure to withdraw from the representation. Count Three related to Mr. Purviance's representation of a client in a federal civil rights action. In that case, Mr. Purviance failed to timely serve the Complaint, failed to communicate with his client about the dismissal of her case, and failed to inform his client that he was unable to complete the representation as requested.

With respect to Count Four, Mr. Purviance admitted that he violated I.R.P.C. 1.2(a), relating to the scope of representation, and 1.16(a), relating to his failure to withdraw from the representation. Count Four related to Mr. Purviance's representation of a client in a federal civil rights appeal. In that case, Mr. Purviance failed to file an opening brief or inform his client that he was unable to complete the representation as requested.

With respect to Count Five, Mr. Purviance admitted that he violated I.R.P.C. 1.2(a), relating to the scope of representation, 1.4, relating to

communication with a client, and 1.16(a), relating to his failure to withdraw from the representation. Count Five related to Mr. Purviance's representation of a client in a federal civil rights appeal. In that case, Mr. Purviance failed to file an opening brief, failed to inform his client that the appeal was dismissed, and failed to inform his client that he was unable to complete the representation as requested.

With respect to Count Six, Mr. Purviance admitted that he violated I.R.P.C. 1.15(a), relating to a failure to hold client property separate from the attorney's own property, 1.15(b), relating to a failure to deposit into a client trust account fees and expenses that are paid in advance, and 1.15(c), relating to a failure to promptly notify and disburse to clients funds that clients are entitled to receive. In that case, Mr. Purviance withdrew funds from his trust account to pay personal and business expenses, deposited advance costs from clients into his general operating account, and failed to promptly disburse to one client funds that the client was entitled to receive.

The Idaho Supreme Court entered an Order accepting Mr. Purviance's resignation effective August 15, 2013. By the terms of the Order, Mr. Purviance may not make application for admission to the Idaho State Bar sooner than five years from the date of his resignation. If he does make such application for admission, he will be required to comply with the bar admission requirements in Section II of the Idaho Bar Commission Rules and shall have the burden of overcoming the rebuttable presumption of "unfitness to practice law."

By the terms of the Idaho Supreme Court's Order, Mr. Purviance's name was stricken from the records of the Idaho Supreme Court and his right to practice law before the courts in the State of Idaho was terminated on August 15, 2013.

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