

EDGAR J. STEELE
(Resignation in Lieu of Discipline)

On August 1, 2011, the Idaho Supreme Court entered an Order accepting the resignation in lieu of discipline of Coeur d'Alene attorney, Edgar J. Steele. The Idaho Supreme Court's Order followed a stipulated resolution of a disciplinary proceeding that related to the following conduct.

On June 11, 2010, a warrant for Mr. Steele's arrest was issued by the United States District Court for the District of Idaho pursuant to a criminal complaint. On July 20, 2010, a federal grand jury issued a Superseding Indictment. The Superseding Indictment charged Mr. Steele with four criminal counts.

On May 5, 2011, following trial, a federal jury found Mr. Steele guilty of all four counts of the Superseding Indictment. Those counts were: Count One, Use of Interstate Commerce Facilities in the Commission of Murder for Hire, 18 U.S.C. § 1958; Count Two, Use of Explosive Material to Commit Federal Felony, 18 U.S.C. § 844(h); Count Three, Possession of a Destructive Device in Relation to a Crime of Violence, 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(1)(B)(ii); and Count Four, Tampering with a Victim, 18 U.S.C. § 1512(b)(3). Following the jury verdict, Mr. Steele self-reported to the Idaho State Bar that he had been found guilty of those felonies.

The Idaho Supreme Court accepted Mr. Steele's resignation effective August 1, 2011. By the terms of the Order, Mr. Steele 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 all bar admission requirements found 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. Steele'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 1, 2011.

Inquiries about this matter may be directed to: Bar Counsel, Idaho State Bar, P.O. Box 895, Boise, Idaho 83701, (208) 334-4500.