

DENNIS C. WEIGT
(Suspension)

On July 1, 2013, the Idaho Supreme Court issued a Disciplinary Order suspending Boise attorney, Dennis C. Weigt, from the practice of law for a period of five years.

The Idaho Supreme Court found that Mr. Weigt violated I.R.P.C. 4.2 [“Communication with Person Represented by Counsel], 1.4 [Communication], 8.4(d) [Misconduct], 8.1(b) [Failure to Respond to Bar Counsel] and I.B.C.R. 505(e) [Failure to Cooperate with or Respond to Disciplinary Authorities]. The Idaho Supreme Court’s Disciplinary Order followed a stipulated resolution of an Idaho State Bar discipline case in which Mr. Weigt admitted that he violated those Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct.

Mr. Weigt’s misconduct related to two client matters. In the first client matter, Mr. Weigt’s client and the opposing party in litigation agreed to a settlement. Mr. Weigt met with an opposing party, who represented that the opposing parties had fired their attorney, and that opposing party executed settlement documents indicating that the opposing party and a related business entity were appearing pro se, even though they still had an attorney of record and that attorney had not reviewed the settlement documents. Mr. Weigt filed those documents with the Court and the Court denied the proposed order. Mr. Weigt also failed to respond to Bar Counsel’s Office during the investigation of those disciplinary circumstances. Mr. Weigt admitted that he communicated with a person represented by counsel in violation of I.R.P.C. 4.2 and failed to respond to Bar Counsel during its investigation of that matter.

In the second client matter, Mr. Weigt represented a criminal defendant. Mr. Weigt failed to attend the sentencing hearing and his client informed the Judge that Mr. Weigt had not communicated with him or responded to multiple phone messages. The Judge appointed a public defender to represent the client and continued the sentencing hearing. Mr. Weigt admitted that he did not reasonably communicate with his client and that his conduct was prejudicial to the administration of justice.

The Disciplinary Order provides that the five year suspension shall run from March 2, 2012 through March 2, 2017. On March 2, 2012, Mr. Weigt voluntarily cancelled his active license to practice law and has not practiced law since that date.

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