

GARY M. BULLOCK
(Public Reprimand)

The Professional Conduct Board has issued a Public Reprimand to Portland, Oregon attorney Gary M. Bullock, based on professional misconduct. The Professional Conduct Board's Order followed a stipulated resolution of a reciprocal proceeding in Idaho based on an Oregon disciplinary proceeding. On February 19, 2025, the Oregon State Bar State Professional Responsibility Board issued an Order Approving Stipulation for Discipline. In the Stipulation, Mr. Bullock admitted to violations of Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct 1.6(a) and 3.4(c) involving two separate disciplinary matters and agreed to the imposition of a Public Reprimand. Oregon Rules of Professional Conduct 1.6(a) and 3.4(c) are identical to Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct 1.6(a) and 3.4(c).

The Public Reprimand relates to the following circumstances. In the first matter, in 2020, Mr. Bullock's law firm filed a lawsuit against a former client for failure to pay the outstanding balance on her legal bill. During the litigation, a judge ordered Mr. Bullock to produce to the pro se former client, her file. In doing so, Mr. Bullock inadvertently failed to find and remove documents from 25 unrelated client matters that had been misfiled in his former client's file, copied those documents and produced them to the former client. The former client notified Mr. Bullock that the production of documents contained documents from other client matters. Mr. Bullock asked the former client to destroy the inadvertently produced documents, but she failed to do so. Mr. Bullock retrieved the documents several weeks later.

In the second matter, in 2022, Mr. Bullock's firm filed a lawsuit against another former client in relation to a fee dispute. In that case, the judge issued a protective order

regarding the use of the former client's identifying information. The former client had changed her name and social security number and had moved residences several times to avoid an abusive ex-boyfriend. In November 2022, the former client filed a disciplinary complaint against Mr. Bullock related to his conduct in the fee dispute litigation. While the protective order was in effect, Mr. Bullock provided a response to the Oregon State Bar that inadvertently included unredacted documents showing the former name and other identifying information of the former client. Mr. Bullock acknowledged his understanding that bar complaint materials are subject to the Oregon Public Records Law. After the Oregon State Bar became aware of the protective order, it asked Mr. Bullock to address his apparent violation of the protective order based on his submission and response to the bar. In Mr. Bullock's response to the bar, he apologized and characterized as a mistake his inclusion of the former client's identifying information. However, Mr. Bullock also attached an unredacted retainer agreement containing the former client's personal identifying information. Mr. Bullock subsequently provided redacted copies of his attachments to the Oregon State Bar.

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