AARON J. TOLSON
(Client Assistance Fund Payment)

On October 5, 2026, the Idaho State Bar Board of Commissioners entered an Order that concluded Aaron J. Tolson engaged in Dishonest Conduct by refusing to refund an advance payment of fees that he had not earned or incurred, as required by Rule 1.16 of the Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct. The evidence showed that Claimant paid Mr. Tolson $2,500 to file a bankruptcy after Mr. Tolson had already resigned his license to practice law. Based on the close proximity between Mr. Tolson's resignation and Claimant's payment, the Board affirmed the Client Assistance Fund Committee's discretionary decision to recognize the Client Assistance Fund claim as valid under Idaho Bar Commission Rule 604(f). The Board concluded Claimant paid $2,500 for legal work that Mr. Tolson did not, and could not, perform and ordered Claimant be reimbursed that amount from the Client Assistance Fund.

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