

CLAYNE S. ZOLLINGER, JR.
(Public Reprimand and Probation)

On October 31, 2018, the Professional Conduct Board issued a Public Reprimand to Burley attorney Clayne S. Zollinger and placed him on a one-year disciplinary probation based on professional misconduct.

The Professional Conduct Board's Order followed a stipulated resolution of an Idaho State Bar disciplinary proceeding in which Mr. Zollinger admitted that he violated Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct 1.2(a) [Failure to abide by client's objectives], 1.3 [Failure to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client], and 1.4 [Failure to reasonably communicate with client].

The formal charge Complaint related to Mr. Zollinger's representation of L.S.A. in a post-conviction relief ("PCR") case. Mr. Zollinger's client was convicted of felony DUI following a jury trial and had filed a *pro se* Petition for Post-Conviction Relief after his Rule 35 motion was denied and his sentence was affirmed on appeal. Mr. Zollinger was appointed to represent the client in the PCR case. Thereafter, Mr. Zollinger did not file an Amended Petition, respond to the district court's Notice of Intent to Dismiss, reply to at least two of his client's requests for information relating to the PCR case, or timely file a Notice of Appeal after the district court dismissed his client's PCR Petition with prejudice. The client timely filed a *pro se* Notice of Appeal based on his concerns about the lack of communication from Mr. Zollinger and was represented in that appeal by the State Appellate Public Defender. The Idaho Court of Appeals ultimately affirmed the dismissal of the PCR Petition on the merits.

The public reprimand and probation do not limit Mr. Zollinger's eligibility to practice law. Inquiries about this matter may be directed to: Bar Counsel, Idaho State Bar, P.O. Box 895, Boise, Idaho 83701, (208) 334-4500.