

ROBIN L. HAYNES
(Suspension)

On January 10, 2025, the Idaho Supreme Court entered a Disciplinary Order suspending former Post Falls attorney Robin L. Haynes from the practice of law for two years. The suspension is effective February 1, 2026, the date Ms. Haynes otherwise would be eligible for reinstatement following a three-year period of suspension imposed in a separate disciplinary case. Ms. Haynes also agreed to provide a \$1,500 refund to one client in the disciplinary case and to comply with additional terms and conditions during her two-year period of probation upon reinstatement.

The Idaho Supreme Court found that Ms. Haynes violated I.R.P.C. 1.2(a) [Failure to abide by client objectives and consult with the client as to the means by which those objectives would be pursued], I.R.P.C. 1.4 [Failure to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and failure to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation], and I.R.P.C. 1.16(d) [Failure to take steps to the extent reasonably practicable upon termination of representation to protect the client's interest, including giving reasonable notice to the client and allowing time for employment of other counsel]. The Idaho Supreme Court's Disciplinary Order followed a stipulated resolution of an Idaho State Bar disciplinary proceeding in which Ms. Haynes admitted that she violated those Rules.

The formal charge case related to Ms. Haynes' conduct during her representation of two clients in separate custody cases. In mid-December 2022, Ms. Haynes executed a stipulation in a formal charge case agreeing to serve a three-year imposed disciplinary suspension effective February 1, 2023, or the date the Idaho Supreme Court entered its Disciplinary Order, whichever was later. In mid-January 2023, the Idaho Supreme Court entered a Disciplinary Order imposing the three-year suspension, effective February 1, 2023. On or around January 30, 2023, Ms. Haynes sent a certified letter to the two clients consistent with Idaho Bar Commission Rule 517 and filed her Notices of Withdrawal in the two pending custody cases. However, she did not inform either client at any time before January 30, 2023, about the possibility of her disciplinary suspension and the consequent termination of her representation and withdrawal as counsel in the clients' custody cases.

As part of the formal charge case, Ms. Haynes submitted a letter of acknowledgement regarding her professional misconduct. To obtain a copy of that letter or for any other inquiries about this matter, please contact Bar Counsel, Idaho State Bar, P.O. Box 895, Boise, Idaho 83701, (208) 334-4500.