

TIMOTHY D. NEVILLE
(Public Reprimand)

On April 2, 2018, the Professional Conduct Board of the Idaho State Bar issued a Public Reprimand to Boise lawyer Timothy D. Neville, based on professional misconduct.

The Professional Conduct Board's Order followed a stipulated resolution of an Idaho State Bar disciplinary proceeding in which Mr. Neville admitted that he violated Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct 3.5(a) [A lawyer shall not seek to influence a judge by means prohibited by law], 3.5(d) [A lawyer shall not engage in conduct intended to disrupt a tribunal] and 8.4(d) [Conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice].

The disciplinary action related to Mr. Neville's contact with a judge in a case when he was not counsel for any party in the proceeding. The case was a closed child protection hearing involving two minor children of a mother and father. Mr. Neville was not counsel for any party in that case, but discussed the case with the mother. Mr. Neville sent four emails to the presiding judge asserting that the prosecutor had a conflict of interest and had concealed facts relating to the mother and father during the proceedings, which he believed prejudiced the mother. Since the Judge considered those emails as inappropriate communications to the court, he did not read any of those emails and instead forwarded them to Bar Counsel for investigation.

The public reprimand does not limit Mr. Neville's eligibility to practice law.

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