

C. BRADLEY CALBO
(Suspension)

On September 25, 2024, the Idaho Supreme Court entered a Disciplinary Order suspending Jerome attorney C. Bradley Calbo from the practice of law for a period of five years, with one year of that suspension withheld, effective August 31, 2024.

The Idaho Supreme Court found that Mr. Calbo violated I.R.P.C. 8.4(b) [Committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects], I.R.P.C. 8.4(c) [Engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation], and I.R.P.C. 8.4(d) [Engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice]. The Idaho Supreme Court's Disciplinary Order followed a stipulated resolution of an Idaho State Bar disciplinary proceeding in which Mr. Calbo admitted that he violated those Rules.

The formal charge case related to the following conduct. In February 2021, Mr. Calbo was involved in a physical altercation with his then-wife, J.C., who called 911 and alleged that Mr. Calbo had assaulted her in their Oregon home. With respect to that incident, Mr. Calbo pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault and harassment pursuant to a plea agreement. The Oregon court entered a deferred disposition and placed Mr. Calbo on unsupervised probation. In September 2021, while on probation, Mr. Calbo was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Mr. Calbo pleaded guilty to misdemeanor DUI pursuant to a plea agreement and was sentenced to 10 days in jail and a one-year probation. In the assault case, he was sentenced to 30 days in jail, to run concurrent with his sentence in the DUI case.

In June 2023, while serving as the Jerome County Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Calbo was involved in a physical altercation with his current wife, D.C., while on vacation in Oregon. D.C. reported the incident to Oregon law enforcement which resulted in Mr. Calbo's arrest. Upon pre-trial release, the Oregon court entered a no-contact order ("NCO") prohibiting Mr. Calbo from having any contact with D.C. In July 2023, after the Oregon court denied Mr. Calbo's motion to modify the terms of his release and the NCO, Mr. Calbo had direct contact with D.C. at their Jerome residence. Mr. Calbo then attempted to circumvent arrest when Jerome law enforcement visited that residence. Mr. Calbo returned to Oregon pursuant to a bench warrant for violation of the NCO and continued to communicate with D.C. in violation of the NCO. In September 2023, Mr. Calbo pleaded no contest to misdemeanor assault and attempted strangulation and was sentenced to a 90-day jail term and 36-month probation. Also in September 2023, Mr. Calbo resigned as the Jerome County Prosecuting Attorney. He subsequently admitted that he continued to communicate with D.C. in violation of the Oregon court's NCO. In March 2024, Mr. Calbo pleaded guilty to resisting and obstructing an officer in Jerome County.

The Disciplinary Order provided that upon reinstatement after the four-year period of imposed suspension, Mr. Calbo will serve a four-year period of probation with terms and conditions that include counseling, abstention from alcohol, RUA testing, and the immediate imposition of the one-year withheld period of suspension if Mr. Calbo violates the terms of his probation or admits or is found to have violated any Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct for which a public sanction is imposed for conduct that occurred during the probationary period.

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