

DRU M. GUTHRIE
(Public Reprimand)

On December 2, 2025, the Professional Conduct Board issued a Public Reprimand to Idaho Falls attorney Dru M. Guthrie based on violations of IRPC 3.4(c) [knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal], IRPC 3.4(d) [failing to make a reasonably diligent effort to comply with a legally proper discovery request], and IRPC 8.4(d) [engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice]. The Professional Conduct Board's Disciplinary Order followed a stipulated resolution of an Idaho State Bar disciplinary proceeding in which Mr. Guthrie admitted that he violated those Rules.

The formal charge case related to the following circumstances. Mr. Guthrie was retained by C.S., who was injured when she was struck by an uninsured motorist while crossing the street. C.S. timely submitted her uninsured motorist ("UM") claim to her insurer. Mr. Guthrie filed C.S.'s civil Complaint against her insurer for failing to pay the UM claim. Thereafter, based on circumstances in her personal life, C.S. advised Mr. Guthrie that she no longer wished to pursue the civil litigation against her insurer. Mr. Guthrie did not dismiss the civil litigation or take any other steps to advise the Court or opposing counsel that C.S. was no longer pursuing the case. Despite two court orders, Mr. Guthrie failed to timely serve C.S.'s discovery responses and Initial Disclosures. The Court granted the insurer's motion to dismiss C.S.'s case on the merits as a sanction for her failure to timely serve her discovery responses and Initial Disclosures and assessed \$420 in costs against C.S., which Respondent personally paid.

The Public Reprimand does not limit Mr. Guthrie'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.