

JAMES F. JACOBSON
(Resignation in Lieu of Disciplinary Proceedings)

On June 4, 2026, the Idaho Supreme Court entered a Disciplinary Order accepting the resignation in lieu of disciplinary proceedings of Boise attorney James F. Jacobson, effective at 5:00 p.m. MDT on June 30, 2026. The Idaho Supreme Court's Order followed a stipulated resolution of a disciplinary proceeding that related to Mr. Jacobson's representation of clients in three separate matters.

In the first matter, the client retained Mr. Jacobson in May 2023 to file her Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Mr. Jacobson did not prepare the bankruptcy petition for the client's signature until June 2024. Mr. Jacobson failed to respond to the client's repeated requests for a status update regarding the bankruptcy case. The client signed the bankruptcy petition in June 2024, but inadvertently failed to sign in two places. Mr. Jacobson informed the client about the missing signatures in June 2024, but then failed to respond to the client's repeated requests for status updates about her bankruptcy case until he terminated the representation in November 2024. Mr. Jacobson provided a full refund to that client. Mr. Jacobson admitted that his conduct in that case violated IRPC 1.2(a) [Failing to abide by a client's decisions regarding the objectives of the representation], IRPC 1.3 [Failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness], and IRPC 1.4 [Failing to reasonably communicate with a client about the status of the matter].

In the second matter, the client retained Mr. Jacobson in October 2022 to file an appeal seeking the release of her friend, "J.S.," from prison. In March 2023 and multiple times thereafter, Mr. Jacobson confirmed to the client that he was preparing and would file documents in J.S.'s case. However, Mr. Jacobson never filed any documents in J.S.'s case and he failed to respond to the client's repeated requests for status updates. Mr. Jacobson admitted that his conduct in that case violated IRPC 1.2(a) [Failing to abide by a client's decisions regarding the objectives of the representation], IRPC 1.3 [Failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness], and IRPC 1.4 [Failing to reasonably communicate with a client about the status of the matter].

In the third matter, the client retained Mr. Jacobson in January 2024 for representation in a child support modification case. In March 2024, Mr. Jacobson filed the client's petition for modification and in May 2024, he filed the client's motion for a default judgment, which the court granted. Thereafter, Mr. Jacobson failed to respond to the client's repeated requests for status updates, failed to file any response to the magistrate court's Notice of Proposed Dismissal due to inactivity, and failed to inform the client about the Notice of Proposed Dismissal or the magistrate court's dismissal of the client's modification case. Mr. Jacobson admitted that his conduct in that case violated IRPC 1.2(a) [Failing to abide by a client's decisions regarding the objectives of the representation], IRPC 1.3 [Failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness], and IRPC 1.4 [Failing to reasonably communicate with a client about the status of the matter].

By the terms of the Idaho Supreme Court's Order, Mr. Jacobson's name was stricken from the records of the Idaho Supreme Court and his right to practice law before the courts in the State of Idaho was terminated at 5:00 p.m. MDT on June 30, 2026.

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