

**KEVIN J. WAITE**  
(Public Reprimand)

On August 1, 2025, the Professional Conduct Board issued a Public Reprimand to Coeur d'Alene attorney Kevin J. Waite based on violations of I.R.P.C. 1.2(a) [Failing to abide by a client's decisions concerning the objectives of the representation], I.R.P.C. 1.3 [Failing to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client], I.R.P.C. 1.4 [Failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter], and I.R.P.C. 8.4(d) [Engaging in conduct 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. Waite admitted that he violated those Rules.

The formal charge case related to the following circumstances. Mr. Waite represented D.T. in a divorce case. In September 2017, after trial, the court granted judgment in favor of D.T. and directed Mr. Waite to submit a proposed Judgment and Decree of Divorce ("proposed Judgment") with the parties' signatures. Mr. Waite promptly prepared and sent the proposed Judgment to D.T. for her signature. D.T. returned the signed proposed Judgment to Mr. Waite in January. However, Mr. Waite regarded D.T.'s signature as inadequate and did not submit the proposed Judgment until October 2018, after the court clerk issued a Notice of Proposed Dismissal for Inactivity. The court clerk rejected the proposed Judgment because Mr. Waite failed to include an email address and mail service fee. Mr. Waite did not see the clerk's notification email regarding that rejection and as a result did not inform D.T. or submit a corrected proposed Judgment. In March 2019, the court dismissed D.T.'s divorce case due to inactivity. Mr. Waite did not see the dismissal order and as a result did not inform D.T. that her divorce case was dismissed.

Approximately six years later, in July 2024, after remarrying and starting a new family, D.T. attempted to file a modification petition against her former husband and learned that she was still married to him because her divorce case was dismissed in March 2019. D.T. contacted Mr. Waite for advice and requested a copy of her case file. Mr. Waite spoke with D.T. twice but did not respond to all of her inquiries and did not provide her case file. In June 2025, Mr. Waite provided a full \$5,000 refund to D.T.

The Public Reprimand does not limit Mr. Waite'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.