

STEPHEN J. OLSON
(Resignation in Lieu of Discipline)

On June 15, 2015, the Idaho Supreme Court entered an Order accepting the resignation in lieu of discipline of Boise lawyer Stephen J. Olson. The Idaho Supreme Court's Order followed a stipulated resolution of a disciplinary proceeding that related to the following conduct.

In response to a disciplinary grievance received from one of his clients, Mr. Olson acknowledged that he had essentially abandoned his practice. Thereafter, the District Court appointed an Attorney Receiver for Mr. Olson's practice. Mr. Olson cooperated with the Attorney Receiver. The Attorney Receiver contacted and made arrangements for the representation of twelve of Mr. Olson's current clients, including the client who had filed the grievance. Orders were then entered relieving the Attorney Receiver of her obligations.

In addition, Mr. Olson was on criminal probation relating to two DUI convictions. His criminal probation was revoked and he was sentenced to one year incarceration. Mr. Olson admitted that he intentionally did not follow or complete a number of the conditions of probation.

Mr. Olson admitted that these circumstances constituted violations of the I.R.P.C. 1.2(a) [Scope of Representation], 1.3 [Diligence], 1.4(a) [Communication], 1.16(a) and (d) [Responsibilities Upon Termination of Representation], 3.4(c) [Disobeying an Obligation Under the Rules of a Tribunal], 8.4(b) [Criminal Act] and 8.4(d) [Conduct Prejudicial to the Administration of Justice].

The Idaho Supreme Court accepted Mr. Olson's resignation in lieu of discipline. By the terms of the Order, Mr. Olson may not make application for admission to the Idaho State Bar sooner than five years from the date of his resignation. If he does make such application for admission, he will be required to comply with all of the bar admission requirements in Section II of the Idaho Bar Commission Rules and shall have the burden of overcoming the rebuttal presumption of the "unfitness to practice law".

By the terms of the Idaho Supreme Court's Order, Mr. Olson's name was stricken from the records of the Idaho Supreme Court and his right to practice law before the courts in Idaho was terminated on June 15, 2015.

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