

RICHARD L. HAMMOND
(Resignation in Lieu of Disciplinary Proceedings)

On August 26, 2024, the Idaho Supreme Court entered an Order accepting the resignation in lieu of disciplinary proceedings of Caldwell attorney Richard L. Hammond. The Idaho Supreme Court's Order followed a stipulated resolution of a disciplinary proceeding that related to the following conduct.

On November 29, 2023, Mr. Hammond was charged with felony counts of committing sexual exploitation of a child by possessing and distributing sexually exploitative material. Mr. Hammond self-reported those criminal charges to Bar Counsel. Mr. Hammond admitted to possessing sexually exploitative material and admitted that such conduct 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]. Mr. Hammond agreed to resign his license in lieu of disciplinary proceedings.

The Idaho Supreme Court accepted Mr. Hammond's resignation in lieu of disciplinary proceedings. By the terms of the Order, Mr. Hammond may not apply for admission to the Idaho State Bar sooner than five (5) years from the date of his resignation. If he does apply for admission after five (5) years, he will be required to comply with all the bar admission requirements in Section II of the Idaho Bar Commission Rules and shall have the burden of overcoming the rebuttable presumption of the "unfitness to practice law."

By the terms of the Idaho Supreme Court's Order, Mr. Hammond'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 on August 26, 2024.

Inquiries about this matter may be directed to: Bar Counsel, Idaho State Bar, P.O. Box 895, Boise, Idaho 83701, (208) 334-4500.