

AARON J. TOLSON
(Resignation in Lieu of Disciplinary Proceedings)

On March 9, 2026, the Idaho Supreme Court entered an Order accepting the resignation in lieu of disciplinary proceedings of Idaho Falls attorney Aaron J. Tolson. The Idaho Supreme Court's Order followed a stipulated resolution of a disciplinary proceeding that related to the following conduct.

In October 2024, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Idaho ordered that Mr. Tolson shall not file new bankruptcy petitions as debtor's counsel for chapters 11, 12, 13 or 15 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. In August 2025, the Bankruptcy Court amended its order stating that Mr. Tolson shall not file chapter 7 bankruptcy petitions as debtor's counsel for six months. Notwithstanding the amended order, Mr. Tolson continued to prepare chapter 7 bankruptcy petitions for clients and failed to inform those clients about the Bankruptcy Court's amended order prohibiting such work. Mr. Tolson was later held in contempt by the Bankruptcy Court for violating the amended order. The Bankruptcy Court ordered Mr. Tolson to refund attorney fees prepaid by some clients. However, Mr. Tolson failed to properly hold the unearned attorney fees in trust.

With respect to that conduct, Mr. Tolson admitted that he violated Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct ("IRPC") 1.2(a) [failure to abide by client objectives], 1.4(a)(5) [failure to reasonably communicate with client about any relevant limitation on the lawyer's conduct], 3.3(a)(1) [knowingly false statement of fact to a tribunal], 3.4(c) [knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal], 1.15(c) [a lawyer shall deposit in a client trust account legal fees and expenses that have been paid in advance, to be withdrawn by the lawyer only as fees are earned or expenses incurred], and 5.5(a) [a lawyer shall not practice law in a jurisdiction where doing so violates the regulation of the legal profession in that jurisdiction].

The Idaho Supreme Court accepted Mr. Tolson's resignation in lieu of disciplinary proceedings. By the terms of the Order, Mr. Tolson may not make application for admission to the Idaho State Bar sooner than five (5) years from the date of his resignation. If he does make such application for admission, 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. Tolson'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 March 9, 2026.

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