

CRAIG R. JORGENSEN

(Suspension)

On November 10, 2016, the Idaho Supreme Court issued a Disciplinary Order suspending Pocatello attorney Craig R. Jorgensen from the practice of law for a period of five (5) years, with all but eighteen (18) months of such suspension withheld, credit for time served, and three (3) years of probation with certain terms and conditions. The Idaho Supreme Court found that Mr. Jorgensen violated Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct 5.5(a) [Unauthorized practice of law] and 8.1(b) [Knowing failure to respond to lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority].

Mr. Jorgensen was previously suspended beginning on November 14, 2012 for two years with all but four (4) months withheld. While still suspended the Idaho State Bar filed formal charges against Mr. Jorgensen for violations of I.R.P.C. 5.5(a) and 1.15(d) for continuing to practice law while suspended and for failing to promptly deliver funds to a client entitled to receive them. That Complaint sought the imposition of the remaining twenty (20) months of suspension withheld from the earlier case plus additional suspension. On June 5, 2014, the Idaho Supreme Court issued a Disciplinary Order imposing the remaining twenty (20) months of suspension to November 14, 2014, and an additional ninety (90) days to February 14, 2015.

On April 1, 2016, the Idaho State Bar filed a Complaint against Mr. Jorgensen alleging violations of 5.5(a) and 8.1(b). The Idaho Supreme Court's Disciplinary Order followed a Recommendation issued by a Hearing Committee of the Professional Conduct Board on September 8, 2016, which followed the submission of a Stipulation by the parties agreeing to the sanction imposed by the Idaho Supreme Court, *i.e.*, five (5) years suspension with all but eighteen (18) months withheld, credit for time served beginning February 14, 2015, the date on which Mr. Jorgensen was eligible to petition for reinstatement, to August 14, 2016.

The Disciplinary Order also provided that following the eighteen (18) month period of imposed suspension and reinstatement, if any, Mr. Jorgensen will serve a three (3) year period of probation on specified terms and conditions.

The Idaho Supreme Court further ordered that as a condition of reinstatement, Mr. Jorgensen must show that he has satisfied all requirements of I.B.C.R. 518(b), and must reimburse the Idaho State Bar for all costs associated with his prior two disciplinary proceeding pursuant to I.B.C.R. 506(j).

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