

## SUMMARY STATEMENT

*Ellis v. Ellis*, Docket No. 46477

The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed a district court decision that upheld a series of decisions made by a magistrate court relating to Poston, Denney & Killpack, PLLC's ("PDK") efforts to collect payment for services Bruce Denney performed as a receiver and forensic accountant in a divorce action between Lexi and Robert Ellis. After the divorce was final, PDK moved to intervene to recover payment from Robert Ellis, which the magistrate court granted. Later, the magistrate court granted PDK's motion for summary judgment and ordered Mr. Ellis to pay one-half of Mr. Denney's fees. The court declined to rule on the reasonableness of the fees at that time, determining further proceedings would be necessary. PDK filed a motion for a determination of the reasonableness of fees. After a hearing, the magistrate court granted PDK's motion and held Mr. Denney's fees were reasonable. The magistrate court also awarded attorney fees to PDK. Mr. Ellis appealed to the district court, which upheld the magistrate court's decision and awarded attorney fees to PDK on appeal. The Idaho Supreme Court affirmed and awarded attorney fees to PDK.