BOISE, JANUARY 8, 2025, AT 11:10 A.M.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IDAHO STATE BAR,)
Petitioner-Appellant-Cross Respondent,)
v.) Docket No. 51857
JUSTIN B. OLESON,)
Respondent-Respondent on Appeal-Cross Appellant.))

Appeal from the Professional Conduct Board Hearing Committee of the Idaho State Bar.

Joseph N. Pirtle, Idaho State Bar Counsel, Boise, for Appellant-Cross Respondent.

Points Law, PLLC, Boise, and Johnson May, Boise, for Respondent-Cross Appellant.

This is an attorney discipline case. The Idaho State Bar filed a complaint alleging that Justin Oleson had violated nine of the Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct ("Professional Rules"). After an evidentiary hearing, the Hearing Committee of the Professional Conduct Board ("Committee") found that the Idaho State Bar had proven Oleson violated three Professional Rules and determined the appropriate sanction to be a public reprimand. However, the Committee concluded that the Idaho State Bar had not proved by clear and convincing evidence that Oleson had violated the Professional Rules in the six other ways alleged in the Complaint.

The Idaho State Bar appeals the Committee's determination that Oleson did not violate five of the Professional Rules as alleged in the Complaint; it also challenges the sanction imposed by the Committee as being too lenient. Oleson cross-appeals the Committee's determination that he violated three of the Professional Rules; he also argues that the Committee abused its discretion by taking judicial notice of several documents before issuing its decision.