

## ABOUT US

DisAbility Rights Idaho is part of the National Disability Rights Network.

We are a statewide non-profit agency designated by the Governor to provide advocacy and legal services for people with disabilities in Idaho.

### Visit our website

[www.disabilityrightsidaho.org](http://www.disabilityrightsidaho.org)

We serve  
people in Idaho  
with any type  
of disability

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## Where Can I Get Services?

### Statewide Toll-Free Number

1-866-262-3462 (TDD/Voice)

### Boise Office

4477 Emerald Street, Suite B-100  
Boise, ID 83706-2066  
(208) 336-5353

### Pocatello Office

845 West Center Street, C-107  
Pocatello, ID 83204-4237  
(208) 232-0922

### Moscow Office

428 West 3rd Street, Suite 2  
Moscow, ID 83843-2284  
(208) 882-0962

### Email

[info@disabilityrightsidaho.org](mailto:info@disabilityrightsidaho.org)



## The Commitment Process

Your Lawyer's  
Responsibilities To You

We Protect  
Promote and  
Advance  
Disability Rights

*Established in 1977*

# YOUR LAWYER'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO YOU

All Idaho lawyers must follow the *Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct*

Some of these rules may have been important during your commitment proceeding

## **RULE**

A lawyer shall provide competent representation to a client.

### **What does this mean?**

Your lawyer is required to have the skills, knowledge and legal ability to represent you AND must be prepared to represent you.

## **RULE**

A lawyer shall abide by a client's decisions concerning the objectives of representation.

### **What does this mean?**

Your lawyer should listen to what you want to have happen at your hearing. To the best of his ability, he should follow your wishes on the outcome you want.



## **RULE**

A lawyer shall explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation.

### **What does this mean?**

Your lawyer should take time to talk to you about what you want at your hearing. Your lawyer should explain your choices. Your lawyer should help you understand the results of your choices.

**Violations of the Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct by a lawyer can result in disciplinary action.**

**If you have any questions or concerns contact:**

**Idaho State Bar  
Office of Bar Counsel  
P.O. Box 895  
Boise, ID 83701  
208-334-4500**



## **RULE**

When a client's capacity to make adequately considered decisions in connection with a representation is diminished, whether because of mental impairment or for some other reason, the lawyer shall, as far as reasonably possible, maintain a normal client-lawyer relationship with the client.

### **What does this mean?**

Even if you have difficulty understanding for any reason, your lawyer still needs to meet with you and try to work with you.

Your lawyer should respect you by treating you the same as she would anyone else.

A complete copy of Idaho's Rules of Professional Conduct can be obtained online from the Idaho State Bar's Web site:  
<http://www.isb.idaho.gov/>