

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA 14-0712

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

JASON D. ALLPORT,

Defendant and Appellant.

STUDENT PRACTICE PETITION REGARDING JOHN WOLFF

Koan Mercer, counsel for Appellant, respectfully petitions the Court to allow law student John Wolff to practice before the Court in this matter pursuant to the Montana Student Practice Rule. The Court has previously granted Mr. Wolff permission to practice before the Court within the matter of *State v. St. Onge*, DA 14-0450, and *State v. McKeever*, DA 13-0461. Mr. Wolff remains enrolled as a clinical student with the University of Montana School of Law's Office of the Appellate Defender Clinic. Undersigned counsel is the Supervising Attorney for this clinic and will be the supervising lawyer for Mr. Wolff's practice before this Court. Mr. Wolff has demonstrated himself to be a bright and dedicated individual who will provide competent legal service. Undersigned counsel approves of Mr. Wolff's appearance in this matter.

As required by the Student Practice Rule, the following documents are attached in support of this Petition: written consent to Mr. Wolff's appearance by Appellant Jason D. Allport (Ex. A); certification of Mr. Wolff by the University of Montana Law School Dean (Ex. B); and certification by Mr. Wolff that he has read and will abide by the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct (Ex. C).¹ Undersigned counsel requests the Court to consider the above Petition as satisfying the Rule's additional requirements for the supervising lawyer's written approval of Mr. Wolff's appearance and for an introduction of Mr. Wolff to the Court by an attorney admitted to practice before the Court.

Respectfully submitted this the 31st day of March, 2015.

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¹ The documents attached as Exhibits B and C are copies. The originals were filed with the Court on October 22, 2014, as part of the Student Practice Petition Regarding John Wolff submitted in *State v. St. Onge*, DA 14-0450.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Gem Koan Mercer, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Motion - Student Attorney Representation to the following on 03-31-2015:

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