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Mr. Smith:

It is my pleasure to introduce to you and the Montana Supreme Court, E. Lars Phillips. Mr. Phillips is about to be a third-year law student and has completed all of the necessary paperwork. As of May 18, 2015, he will have completed all credit hours to appear as a student practitioner pursuant to the Student Practice Rules of the University of Montana School of Law and the Court's Order and Amended Order No. 12982. The "Dean's Certification of Student's Moral Character and Legal Competence" notes that it is subject to Mr. Phillips's "successful completion of spring semester courses."


It is my intention of have Mr. Phillips assist me in *Marble v. State*, Supreme Court No. DA 13-0763. That case will be orally argued after Mr. Phillips has completed the spring semester but before the students receive their grades. I have been assured by the law school Mr. Phillips has done remarkably well his spring semester. I have also attached an unofficial copy of his transcripts to support the idea that it is highly likely that he will successfully complete the spring semester.

Mr. Phillips has been assisting myself and the Montana Innocence Project on Mr. Marble's case since Mr. Phillips's first year in law school. That first year, Mr. Phillips found countless volunteer hours to devote to the Montana Innocence Project despite having no requirement to do so. He has analyzed the Court's decision in *State v. Beach*, and the district court's decision in Marble which is the issue on appeal. Additionally, Mr. Phillips has written numerous memos on the subject and helped develop the briefing in this case. His law review article, scheduled to be published in the Montana Law Review's next edition, addresses the Court's decision in *Beach II* and the district court's opinion in Marble's case.

The client, Mr. Marble, knows Mr. Phillips from working at the Montana Innocence Project and is eager to have Mr. Phillips assist.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
SMITH & STEPHENS, P.C.



Colin M. Stephens

Form 4

SUPERVISING ATTORNEY'S APPROVAL
OF STUDENT APPEARANCE

Cody William Marble,)
Plaintiff/ Appellant)

vs.)

State of Montana)
Defendant/ Appellee)

Court: Supreme Court for the
State of Montana


Case No. DA 13-0763

I, the undersigned, am the attorney of record in the above-entitled case. I represent
Cody William Marble and have explained to the client
that
(name of client)

s/he is being represented by a student practicing under my supervision.

I have supervised and counseled with
E. Lars Phillips,
(name of student)

who is working under my supervision. I consent that the student may try this case
and
represent the client in this action, pursuant to the Student Practice Rules of the
Supreme Court of Montana and the United States District Court for the District of
Montana.


Supervising Attorney's Signature

5/5/15
Date

CLIENT'S AUTHORIZATION OF
STUDENT REPRESENTATION

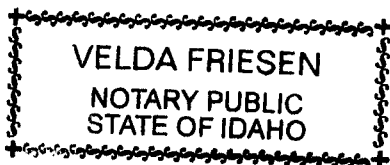
I, Cody William Marble, a client
of Colin M. Stephens
client's name

name of law firm

am aware that I am to be represented by a law student in this case. That law student will be supervised by an attorney. The status of the student has been explained to me. I agree to be represented by that law student in either state or federal court consistent with the Student Practice Rules of the Supreme Court of Montana and the United States District Court for the District of Montana.

Cody William Marble
Client's Signature

Date 5-1-15



Velda Friesen
Notary of Shoshone County
05.01.15
EXP 02.01.19

Under the Montana Student Practice Rule, E. Lars Phillips will be supervised
by Colin M. Stephens of 315 W. Pine Missoula 59802
Supervising Attorney Student's Name Supervising Attorney's mailing address city zip

DEAN'S CERTIFICATION
OF STUDENT'S MORAL CHARACTER AND LEGAL
COMPETENCE -

SUBJECT TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF
SPRING SEMESTER COURSES

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, E. Lars Phillips
is duly enrolled in the University of Montana School of Law, which is approved by
the American Bar Association; has completed legal studies amounting to at least
two-thirds (2/3) of the total credit hours required for graduation (or is within five
credit hours of meeting this requirement) **subject to successful completion of all
spring semester courses**; is of good character; has competent legal ability; and is
adequately trained to perform as a legal intern.

Elaine Zagwanski
Dean/Dean's Designee
School of Law
The University of Montana

4/27/15
Date

STUDENT'S CERTIFICATE

I, E. Lars Phillips, hereby certify that I have read, am familiar with, and will abide by the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct. I understand that these Rules track the American Bar Association Model Rules of Professional Conduct and have been regularly interpreted by the Ethics Committee of the State Bar of Montana.

E. Lars Phillips
Name (please print)

Lars Phillips
Signature

4/21/2015
Date