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The Honorable Mike McGrath
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Re: Revisions to the Rules of the Judicial Standards Commission

Dear Chief Justice McGrath and Justices of the Montana Supreme Court:

Enclosed herewith is a final version of the proposed amendments to the procedural rules of the Judicial Standards Commission. Thank you for allowing the Judicial Standards Commission additional time to address some issues raised by Justice Baker relative to the proposed amendments to the rules.

In addition to the revisions highlighted in our previous letter to the Court, clerical errors have been corrected and additional language has been added to clarify the payment of costs under Rule 13(h).

There is a question as to whether the Supreme Court's approval of the rule changes is required. Rule 15 has been revised to provide for approval by a majority of the Commission or upon review of the Supreme Court, if required. The Commission has unanimously approved the revisions to the rules. If a majority of the Court determines that no approval is required by the Court, please consider the submission of these revised rules as a courtesy to inform the Court of the modifications to the rules that govern the Commission's consideration of complaints regarding the conduct of judicial officers.

If the Court has any further questions in this regard or needs further assistance from the Commission, we would be pleased to provide the same.

Respectfully,
JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

Blair Jones
Hon. Blair Jones, Chairman

Enclosure