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IN RE THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF
THE ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION

ORDER

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On September 18, 2012, this Court appointed the initial members of the Access to Justice Commission for staggered three-year terms. On September 30, 2015, six of the initial three-year terms will expire. In addition, Representative Chuck Hunter and Clerk of the Missoula County Justice Court Amy Blixt have resigned from the Commission. Several members have indicated their willingness to serve for a new, three-year term. The Court extends its thanks to Rep. Chuck Hunter, Hon. David M. Ortley, Jon Bennion, Amy Blixt, and Professor Andrew King-Ries for their service on the Commission.

The Court notes that, since its creation of the Commission in May 2012, it has made four appointments to the position held by a court of limited jurisdiction clerk. Given the difficulty the Court has had retaining representatives to the Commission to fill this position, the Court has determined to eliminate it from the Commission until further order.

With the consent of the appointees,

IT IS ORDERED that the following members are reappointed to the Commission for a three-year term ending September 30, 2018: Matthew Dale, Justice Beth Baker, and Melanie Reynolds.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, also for terms ending September 30, 2018, Hon. Greg Pinski, District Judge for the Eighth Judicial District, will replace Hon. David M. Ortley; Paul F. Kirgis, Dean of the Alexander Blewett III, School of Law at the University of Montana, will replace Andrew King-Ries; and Edward F. Bartlett of Helena will replace Jon Bennion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Rep. Kimberly Dudik, with the Montana House of Representatives, is appointed to fill the term of Rep. Chuck Hunter, ending September 30, 2017.

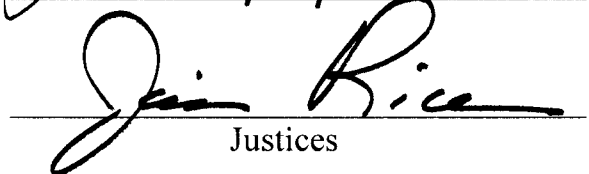
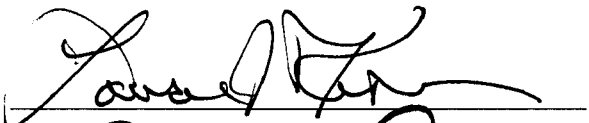
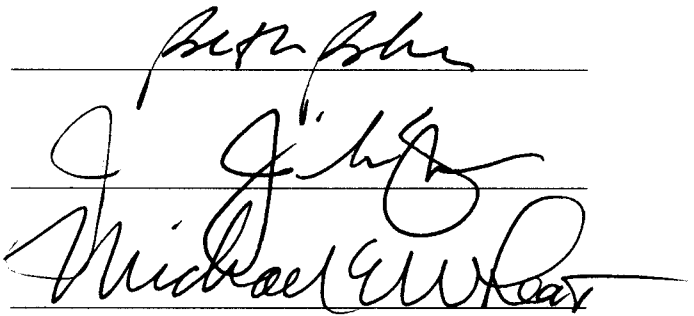
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court's May 22, 2012 order is amended to strike the Clerk of a Court of Limited Jurisdiction from the Commission's membership.

The Clerk is directed to provide copies of this order to each newly-appointed, current, and outgoing member of the ATJC and to the State Bar of Montana.

Dated this 15th day of September, 2015.



Chief Justice



Justices