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Case Number: AF 11-0244

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. AF 11-0244

IN RE RECOMMENDATION OF ALEXANDER BLEWETT III SCHOOL  
OF LAW AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA DEAN PAUL F.  
KIRGIS FOR THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATION OF THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL EDUCATION, TESTING, AND  
BAR ELIGIBILITY

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PETITION

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In its Order of June 7, 2016, In re the Rules for Admission to the State Bar of Montana (AF11-0244), the Montana Supreme Court adopted a recommendation to create a standing committee to periodically review issues related to legal education, testing, and bar eligibility and stated that the Court would entertain a petition from Dean Paul Kirgis of the Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana regarding the structure and operation of that committee.

I. STRUCTURE


To effectively address the range of issues encompassed in legal education, testing, and bar eligibility, Dean Kirgis recommends the Standing Committee should include the following:

- Supreme Court Justice tasked with Bar oversight (Chair)
- President, State Bar of Montana
- Bar Admissions Administrator of the State Bar of Montana
- Chair, Board of Bar Examiners
- Chair, Commission on Character & Fitness
- Chair, CLE Commission
- Dean, Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana

II. OPERATION

The Chair should organize annual meetings, giving preference to live meetings but with the option of telephonic or video-conferencing as participant's circumstances require. A summary of the Committee's review and recommendations, if any, should be submitted to the Court following each meeting. Committee members should be reimbursed by the Court for meals and mileage occasioned by their attendance.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

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