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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA-17-0423

MONTANA DIAMOND AIRE, INC., and RJT PROPERTIES, L.L.C.,

Plaintiffs/Counter Claim Defendants and Appellants,

V.

JOHN TALMAGE, INDIVIDUALLY, THE STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, and PATRICIA L. BURKE,

Defendants/Counter Claimants and Appellees,

THE STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION,

Cross-Claimant,

v.

JOHN TALMAGE,

Cross-Claim Defendant.

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STUDENT PRACTICE PETITION REGARDING RAMON MERCADO

Patrick A. Quinn, counsel for Appelle, the State of Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED), respectfully petitions the Court to allow law student Ramon Mercado to practice before the Court in this matter pursuant to the Montana Student Practice Rule. Mr. Mercado is enrolled as a clinical student with the University on Montana School of

Law's Child Support Enforcement Division Clinic. Undersigned counsel is the

Supervising Attorney for this clinic and will be the supervising lawyer for Mr.

Mercado's practice before this Court. Mr. Mercado has demonstrated himself to be

a bright and dedicated individual who will provide competent legal service.

Undersigned counsel approves of Mr. Mercado's appearance in this matter.

As required by the Student Practice Rule, the following documents are

attached in support of this Petition: certification of Mr. Mercado by the University

of Montana Law School Dean (Ex. A); and certification by Mr. Mercado that he

has read and will abide by the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct (Ex. B).

Undersigned counsel requests the Court to consider the above Petition as satisfying

the Rule's additional requirements for the supervising attorney's written approval

of Mr. Mercado's appearance and for an introduction of Mr. Mercado to the Court

by an attorney admitted to practice before the Court.

Respectfully submitted this day of January, 2018.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

2675 Palmer Street, Suite C

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By:

Patrick A. Quinn

CSED Staff Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that I deposited in the regular U.S. Mail, postage prepaid on the 22nd day of January, a true and correct copy of the forgoing document to:

Larry M. Baer 1550 South Deer Road West Des Moines, Iowa 50266 Attorneys for Appellants

George B. Best Julia D. Nordlinger P.O. Box 278 Kalispell, MT 59903 Attorneys for Appellee, John Talmage

Patrick Quinn

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

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, Ramon Mercado is duly enrolled in the Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana, which is approved by the American Bar Association; has completed hours of legal studies, which amount 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); that s/he is of good character; has competent legal ability; and is adequately trained to perform as a legal intern.

Dean/Dean s Designee

Alexander Dewett III School of Law

at the University of Montana

Date

STUDENT'S CERTIFICATE

I, <u>Ramon Mercado</u>, 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.

Ramon Mercado

January 22, 2018

Date