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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

Case Number: AF 06-0628

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RULES FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINARY ENFORCEMENT

ORDER

The Court is considering modification of Rule 2 of the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement so that the areas from which lawyer members of the Commission on Practice are elected match the areas from which Montana State Bar Trustees are now elected. The proposed new areas are more evenly balanced than are the present areas as to number of attorneys in each area.

The proposed new areas would be:

Area A, comprising the Eleventh and Nineteenth Judicial Districts;

Area B, comprising the Fourth, Twentieth, and Twenty-first Judicial Districts;

Area C, comprising the Second, Third, and Fifth Judicial Districts;

Area D, comprising the Eighth and Ninth Judicial Districts;

Area E, comprising the Seventh, Tenth, Twelfth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, and Seventeenth Judicial Districts;

Area F, comprising the First Judicial District;

Area G, comprising the Sixth and Eighteenth Judicial Districts; and

Area H, comprising the Thirteenth and Twenty-second Judicial Districts.

IT IS ORDERED that public comment will be accepted on the above proposed new areas for lawyer members of the Commission on Practice for a period of thirty days after the date of this Order. Comments must be submitted in writing to the office of the Clerk of this Court. Comments also are invited as to an implementation schedule for the new areas.

This Order shall be posted on the Court's website.

The Clerk is directed to provide copies of this Order to the State Bar of Montana with a request that a link to the Order be published on the Bar's website and that the proposal be referenced in the next available issue of the *Montana Lawyer*. The Clerk is further directed to provide copies of this Order to each member of the Commission on Practice.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2018.

For the Court,

/S/ MIKE McGRATH