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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
DA 18-0370

IN RE THE ESTATE OF EDWARD M. BOLAND,

Deceased,

PAUL BOLAND and MARY GETTEL, Co-Personal
Representatives of the Estate of Dixie L. Boland,

Petitioners and Appellants,

v.

CHRIS BOLAND, BARRY BOLAND, ED BOLAND
CONSTRUCTION, INC., and NORTH PARK
INVESTMENTS, LLC,

Respondents and Appellees,

AFFIDAVIT OF CHANNING J. HARTELIUS

STATE OF MONTANA)
) ss.
County of Cascade)

I, CHANNING J. HARTELIUS, being first duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I am the selected Mediator in the above-entitled matter.

2. Appellants' Opening Brief is now due November 2, 2018. It has been already extended twice and the Appellants are now moving for a third extension of time until December 2, 2018.

3. When it became clear to me that this case on appeal could not be settled without including three other cases in which the same parties are involved, I encouraged the parties to attempt to settle all four cases in a global settlement. Some progress has been achieved. Discovery had not been completed in the instant case when the notice of appeal was filed; both a Motion for a Protective Order and a Motion to Compel Discovery were outstanding at the time the appeal was taken. At my request, additional information has been presented and still more information has been promised. I have discussed the issues separately with leading counsel for both sides and I believe there is a genuine possibility that the parties can reach a global settlement.

4. These cases involve complicated family disputes over the estates of their parents. For the best interests of everyone, they should be settled. Settlement would certainly save both the Parties and the Courts a large amount of time and expense. The time saved by three separate Courts plus the Supreme Court would be considerable.

5. At the present time, the Parties are attempting to schedule another mediation session only this time it would involve all the necessary attorneys involved in the four cases. I submit this Affidavit because requiring the parties to prepare and file briefs would harden the positions and make settlement much more difficult. I urge the Court to grant the Appellant's Motion for an Extension.

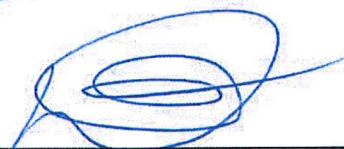
DATED this 24 day of October, 2018.



CHANNING J. HARTELIUS

SUBSCRIBED and AFFIRMED before me this 24/18 day of October, 2018,
by Channing J. Hartelius, Mediator.





Notary Public for the State of Montana

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was delivered to the following counsel of record, served by e-service and/or U.S. mail, postage-prepaid, upon:

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Dated this 24th day of October, 2018.

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