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STATE OF MONTANA

SUPREME COURT

Bowen Greenwood  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF MONTANA  
Case Number: PR 19-0005

IN RE:

PETITION OF MARTIN J. BISHOP  
FOR ADMISSION ON MOTION TO BE SWORN IN TO THE STATE BAR OF MONTANA

To: Clerk of the Supreme Court  
Mr. Bowen Greenwood  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

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The above-named, Martin J. Bishop, respectfully requests permission to be sworn-in to the State Bar on Montana, by Admission on Motion. This request is made pursuant to Section V of the Montana Rules for Admission, Sec. A. Eligibility (1-11), and upon the following:

1. I am a 1999 graduate of Boston University School of Law, which is accredited by the American Bar Association.
2. I have been practicing law since 1999, and have been admitted to the Illinois Supreme Court, United States District Court for the Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of Illinois, Supreme Court of Florida, Texas Supreme Court, United States District Court for the Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas, as well as the Third, Fifth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.
3. I have never been denied admission to practice law in Montana or any other jurisdiction for any reason, whatsoever.
4. I have not taken and have not failed the Montana Uniform Bar examination within the last five (5) years, or at any time.
5. I attended the Montana State Law Seminar on February 28, 2019.
6. I took the MPRE on November 10, 2018.
7. Correspondence from Sean O'Connor, dated January 23, 2019 indicates that I have met the eligibility requirements for admission to the Montana Bar set forth in Rule V of the Rules for Admission to the Bar of Montana. A copy of this correspondence is attached as Exhibit A.
8. The member enrollment form for the State Bar of Montana was submitted to the Montana Bar, along with payment of the admission on motion fee as set forth in Rule I.G.5.

9. I have never been admitted to the Montana Bar.
10. I have never been previously engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Montana or any other jurisdiction.
11. I am a member in good standing in all jurisdictions in which I am admitted to practice law.
12. I have established to the satisfaction of the Commission on Character and Fitness, that I possess the character and fitness to practice law in the State of Montana.
13. I have furnished the following documents with my application:
- a. A copy of the certification of moral character and fitness by Commission on Character and Fitness;
  - b. An original transcript from Boston University School of Law, verifying completion and graduation in 1999;
  - c. Certificates of Good Standing for each jurisdiction;
  - d. Verification that I am now and have always been in good standing, never having disciplinary actions taken nor are there any disciplinary actions, complaints or charges against me;
  - e. I have maintained all continuing legal credits and satisfy the active practice rules and regulations, maintaining an active practice since 1999.
14. I have made payment in full for the Montana Attorney Admissions procedures and all dues and fees required, to this point, for Admission to the State Bar of Montana.
15. I believe I am an acceptable candidate and worthy of admission to practice law in the State of Montana.

Dated: April 1, 2019

Respectfully submitted,



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Mr. Bishop:

A letter has been sent to the Clerk of the Supreme Court advising that you have met the eligibility requirements for admission to the Montana Bar set forth in Rule V. of the Rules for Admission to the Bar of Montana, including:

1. You have graduated with a Juris Doctor from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association at the time of graduation, and are admitted to practice law in another state, district, or territory of the United States.
2. You have been admitted by bar examination to practice law and engaged in the active practice of law for at least five of the seven years preceding application to Montana in one or more states, territories, or protectorates of the United States or the District of Columbia;
3. You have never been denied admission to practice law in Montana or any other jurisdiction because of character or fitness deficiency;
4. You have not taken and failed the Montana Uniform Bar Examination within the five years preceding application under this Rule;
5. You have never been admitted to the practice of law in Montana, or you voluntarily withdrew or resigned from the bar of Montana while in good standing or practiced under pro hac vice admission or an order of temporary admission issued by the Montana Supreme Court;
6. You have not been previously denied admission to practice law in Montana or any other jurisdiction unless you were denied for the sole reason that you exceeded the number of allowed pro hac vice admissions;
7. You have never been previously engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Montana or any other jurisdiction;
8. You are currently a member in good standing in every jurisdiction in which you have been admitted to practice law. If at the time of your application you were not admitted to practice in the United States or the District of Columbia, you have established that you resigned in good standing. You have not been disbarred or suspended for any reason from the practice of law in another jurisdiction;
9. You have submitted evidence of a passing scaled score on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (88 score obtained 11/18) as described in Rule VII;
10. You have established to the satisfaction of the Commission on Character and Fitness that you possess the character and fitness to practice law in Montana; and

11. You will complete in-person attendance at the Montana Law Seminar (02/19) as provided in Rule VIII.

An attorney submitting an application for admission on motion is subject to the jurisdiction of the Montana courts with respect to Montana laws governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as an attorney admitted to practice in the courts of this state. If you have not met an eligibility requirement listed above, you must submit information to confirm or correct this information pursuant to Rule V.B:

**B. Amendment of Application**

An applicant shall promptly amend the application in the event any information on the application is incorrect or has been affected by intervening conduct or events.

5. (a) An applicant for admission on motion shall pay an application fee of \$2,500, which includes the Montana attorney application fee; Montana Law Seminar registration fee; and the first year's fees and assessments, including assessments for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Lawyers' Fund, and annual attorney license.

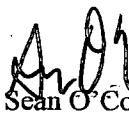
**You will need to return the enclosed Member Enrollment Form prior to submitting your Motion to the Clerk of Court's office.**

Montana places a high value on a lawyer's professional responsibility to provide legal services to those unable to pay. Attached is a Voluntary Law-Related Pro Bono Activity Statement which is designed to provide an opportunity for applicants to voluntarily disclose pro bono activities and to express specific interests or training needs in the provision of post-admission *pro bono publico* services. Once admitted to practice law in Montana, you will be asked on an annual basis to complete a similar reporting form.

As mentioned above, a letter has been forwarded to the Clerk of the Supreme Court advising that you have met the eligibility requirements listed above. You will need to file a motion with the Court requesting admission to the Montana Bar accompanied by this confirmation letter. This letter does not grant you admission to the Bar, and the Court will determine whether to grant or deny your admission. The Montana Bar will mail your license upon notice by the Court that you have completed the necessary attorney's oaths for admission to the State Bar of Montana.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (406) 447-2204.

Sincerely,



Sean O'Connor  
Bar Admissions Assistant

Enclosures: Member Eligibility Form  
Voluntary Pro Bono Reporting Form

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Martin J. Bishop, swear under oath that:

I served a copy of the attached letter of completion, along with the cover letter and this certificate of service to Ms. Kathy Lynch, Bar Admissions Administrator, at P.O. Box 577, Helena, MT 59624. In addition, I served one original and seven (7) copies of my Motion for Admission to the State Bar of Montana, along with certificate of service as stated above upon Bowen Greenwood, Clerk of the Supreme Court, State of Montana, at 215 N. Sanders, Helena, MT 59620-3003 on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2019,



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Martin J. Bishop