

Rules for the Regulation of the Practice of Law
In Montana by Attorneys at Law

(revisions suggested by Ed Smith and Chris Wethern)

- I. For purposes of these rules, "attorney at law" includes attorneys (except attorneys-in-fact acting under a valid power of attorney), lawyers, counselors at law, barristers, solicitors, and to persons acting "of counsel."
- II. No person may practice law as an attorney at law in this State:
 - a. unless that person has graduated with a Juris Doctor or equivalent degree from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association; and
 - b. until that person has complied with the latest Rules of Admission to the Bar of Montana, has successfully passed review by the Commission on Character and Fitness, and has successfully passed the Montana Bar Examination, ~~or has otherwise complied with the rules for pro hac vice practice in this State,~~ and
 - c. until that person has signed the written attorney ethics oath prescribed by the Montana Supreme Court and taken the oral ~~a-written~~ oath prescribed by § 37-61-207, MCA, to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Montana and to faithfully discharge the duties of an attorney with fidelity to the best of his or her knowledge and ability, and
 - d. until that person has filed with the Clerk of this Court his or her written attorney ethics oath described in (b) above, and signed or the Clerk of this Court has entered the person's name on the roll of attorneys kept by the Clerk of this Court, and
 - e. unless that person is a member in good standing (regardless of the category of membership) of the State Bar of Montana, has paid all dues, fees, and license taxes applicable to his or her status as an attorney at law and member of the State Bar of Montana, and has met the continuing legal education requirements prescribed by this Court, and
 - f. provided, however, rules IIa. and b. above shall not apply to those persons licensed to practice law in Montana and who are members of the State Bar of Montana on the date of the adoption of these rules, and that rules IIa. through e. shall not apply to a person who has complied with the rules for *pro hac vice* practice in this State.

FILED

MAY 19 2010

Ed Smith
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

III. No person may, in any form of oral or written communication, hold himself or herself out as an attorney at law unless that person has complied with II above.