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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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INRE: NICHOLAS J. MONTAGUE)

Petitioner,)

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PETITION TO WAIVE MPRE REQUIREMENT
IN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION BY
MOTION TO MONTANA STATE BAR

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Nicholas J. Montague, ("Petitioner"), petitions this Honorable Court to waive the three-year Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE") test requirement for admission into the State Bar of Montana by Motion. In support Petitioner states:

BACKGROUND

Petitioner is seeking admission to the State Bar of Montana by Motion. He has completed all application requirements except for taking the MPRE. Petitioner was required to take the MPRE when originally seeking his license to practice law in the State of Iowa in 2013. Petitioner took the MPRE in 2012 and received a score of 100. He subsequently passed the Iowa Bar Exam and was admitted to practice law in that state. Since that time, Petitioner has:

- Been a member in good standing with State Bar of Iowa;
- Applied for, been accepted to, and is in good standing with both the Nebraska and Missouri State Bar Associations;
- Practiced law as an estate planning attorney for 6 years, without any ethical or disciplinary issues or complaints in any jurisdiction where licensed to practice.

Petitioner would hope that his initial MPRE score of 100, coupled with 6 years of practicing law in multiple jurisdictions with no ethical or disciplinary actions or issue displays to this Court evidence of a practice that recognizes the importance of high ethical standards and future adherence to ethical standard required to be a member of the Montana Bar for which petitioner seeks admission. In that regard,

Petitioner is aware that the State Bar of Montana is in discussions with this Court regarding the current requirements and near-term plans to petition the Court to revise the MPRE requirement to eliminate the testing & (or retesting) requirement if the applicant has already taken and passed the MPRE for admission in another jurisdiction. Petitioner has met that requirement and, should the Court agree to implement the revised MPRE requirement, would be in compliance.

REQUESTED RELIEF

Petitioner requests that this Court waive the MPRE requirement and rely upon Petitioner's background and experience and previous MPRE score of 100 as sufficient for admission to the Montana Bar.

This 9th day of March, 2020



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