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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

Case Number: PR 20-0005

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN RE:

CHRISTOPHER WARREN HOGUE

Petitioner,

PR 20-0005

) PETITION FOR ADMISSION ON
) MOTION TO THE STATE BAR OF
) MONTANA
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Comes now Christopher Warren Hogue, ("Petitioner") who petitions this Honorable Court for permission to be sworn-in to the State Bar of Montana, by Admission on Motion. This request is made pursuant to Section V of the Montana Rules for Admission, *sec. A. Eligibility* (1-11). In support Petitioner states:

1. I am a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law, which is accredited by the American Bar Association.
2. I have been practicing law since 2005, having been admitted to the State Bar of Texas, the United States District Court for the Northern and Eastern Districts of Texas, and have maintained active status in the practice of law, since 2005.
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 27, 2020.
6. I took the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam and received a passing scaled score as described in Rule VII of the Rules for Admission to the Bar of Montana.
7. A letter written by Kathie Lynch, dated June 1, 2020 indicates that I have met the

eligibility requirements for admission to the Bar of Montana set forth in Rule V of the Rules for Admission to the Bar of Montana. A true and correct copy of said letter is attached hereto.

8. A Member Enrollment Form was submitted to the State Bar of Montana, 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 practice of law in Montana.
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 every jurisdiction in which I am admitted to practice law (Texas).
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 along with my application:
 - a. A copy of the certification of moral character and fitness by Commission on Character and Fitness;
 - b. A transcript from Texas Tech University School of Law, verifying completion and graduation in 2004;
 - c. A Certificate from the State Bar of Texas certifying admission to the State Bar of Texas and am an active member in "Good Standing," meeting the Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements, having no previous disciplinary sanctions and not presently under either administrative or disciplinary suspension from the practice of law; and
 - d. A Certificate from the Supreme Court of Texas certifying admission as an attorney

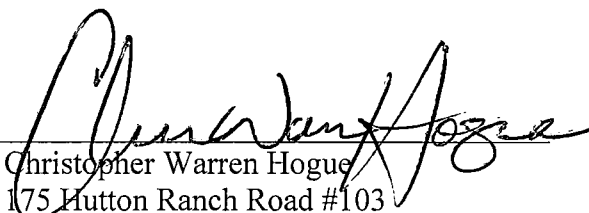
and counselor at law by the Supreme Court of Texas.

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.

REQUESTED RELIEF

Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court grant permission to be sworn-in to the State Bar of Montana, by Admission on Motion.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Warren Hogue", is written over a horizontal line.

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Mr. Hogue:

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 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 have submitted evidence of completed in-person attendance at the Montana Law Seminar (02/20) as provided in Rule VIII.

An attorney applying 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.

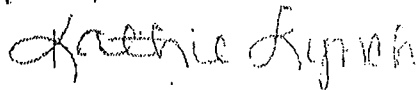
You will need to return the enclosed Member Enrollment Form prior to submitting your Motion to the Clerk of Court's office. Also, the remaining balance of \$1935 will need to be paid in full before you can be sworn-in.

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) 447-2210.

Sincerely,



Kathie Lynch
Bar Admissions Administrator

Enclosures: Member Eligibility Form

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN RE: Motion For Admission To The State Bar of Montana

CHRISTOPHER WARREN HOGUE
Petitioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Christopher Warren Hogue, swear (or affirm) under oath that:

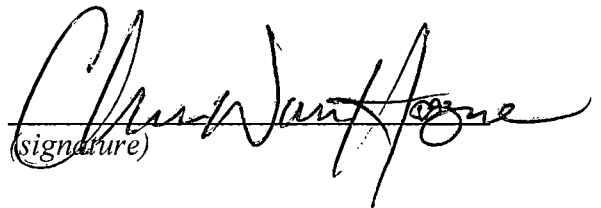
I served an electronic copy of the attached letter of completion, along with the cover letter and this certificate of service to Ms. Kathie Lynch, Bar Admissions Administrator at klynch@montanabar.org.

In addition, I served:

one (1) original and seven (7) copies of my Petition For Admission On Motion To The State Bar of Montana to the Montana Supreme Court; and

one (1) original and seven (7) copies of my Petition for Permission To Be Sworn-in To The State Bar of Montana By An Authorized Judge In Another Jurisdiction, along with Certificate of Service as stated above upon Mr. Lee Bruner, Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court, Room 323, Justice Building, 215 N. Sanders, PO Box 203003, Helena, Montana 59620-3003

DATED this 11th day of June, 2020


(signature)