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STATE OF MONTANA

Case Number: PA 20-0388

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA 20-0286

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

LOGAN RAY GARDNER,

Defendant and Appellant.

## STUDENT PRACTICE PETITION REGARDING LAUREN AMONGERO

Koan Mercer, counsel for Appellant, respectfully petitions the Court to allow law student Lauren Amongero to practice before the Court in this matter pursuant to the Montana Student Practice Rule.

Ms. Amongero is enrolled as a clinical student with the University of Montana School of Law's Appellate Defender Clinic. Undersigned counsel is the Supervising Attorney for this clinic and will be the supervising lawyer for Ms. Amongero's practice before this Court. Ms. Amongero has demonstrated herself to be a bright and dedicated individual who will provide competent legal service. Undersigned counsel approves of Ms. Amongero's appearance in this matter.

As required by the Student Practice Rule, the following documents are attached in support of this Petition: written consent to Ms.

Amongero's appearance by Appellant Logan Ray Gardner (Ex. A); certification of Ms. Amongero by the University of Montana Law School Dean (Ex. B); and certification by Ms. Amongero that she has read and will abide by the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct (Ex. C).

Undersigned counsel requests the Court to consider the above Petition as satisfying the Rule's additional requirements for the supervising lawyer's written approval of Ms. Amongero's appearance and for an introduction of Ms. Amongero to the Court by an attorney admitted to practice before the Court.

Respectfully submitted this the 29th day of September, 2020.

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