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IN RE: DARREL ZBAR)

Petitioner,)

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

Darrel J Zbar, ("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

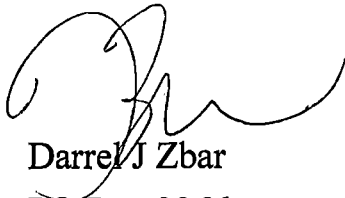
Petitioner, a part-time resident of Montana, is seeking admission to the State Bar of Montana by motion. He has completed all application requirements except for taking the Multi State Professional Responsibility Exam ("MPRE"). Petitioner was required to take the MPRE in 1984 when originally seeking his license to practice law in Florida. Petitioner passed the exam and was admitted to the State Bar of Florida. Since that time, Petitioner has/is:

- a member in good standing of the State Bar of Florida since 1984;
- Practiced law for 37 years, without any ethical or disciplinary issues by the Florida Bar, or the Department of Business and Professional Regulation in Florida, or the Colorado Division of Real Estate where the Petitioner is licensed as a real estate broker in both Florida and Colorado..

Ethical obligations are a core value of Petitioner's practice. While studying for and retaking the MPRE is certainly valuable in terms of focusing a practitioner's attention on the innumerable nuances and ethical traps that can arise, Petitioner would hope that his 37 years of practicing law ethically and without incident, coupled with a career worthy of recognition, would be acceptable substitute under the circumstances. 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 this Court agree to implement this revised MPRE requirement, would be in Compliance.

REQUESTED RELIEF

Petitioner requests that this Honorable Court waive the MPRE requirement and rely on the Petitioner's background and experience as a practicing attorney for 37 years without a single complaint or disciplinary action, and his prior passing score on the MPRE for admission to the Florida Bar as sufficient for admission to the Montana Bar.



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