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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN RE: JUSTIN M. OLIVEIRA)	
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Petitioner,)	PETITION TO WAIVE MPRE
)	REQUIREMENT IN APPLICATION
)	FOR ADMISSION BY MOTION TO
)	STATE BAR OF MONTANA
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Petitioner, Justin M. Oliveira, an applicant for admission by motion to the State Bar of Montana, petitions this Honorable Court to waive the requirement to obtain a Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (“MPRE”) scaled score of 80 or higher no earlier than three years prior to the submission date of the applicant’s application for admission on motion or no later than nine months after notification of eligibility for admission on motion. In support of this petition, Petitioner states as follows:

BACKGROUND

Applicants for admission by motion to the State Bar of Montana are required by Rule V of the Rules for Admission to the Bar of Montana to submit evidence of a passing scaled score on the MPRE. Rule VII of the Rules for Admission to the Bar of Montana further provides, in relevant part, that an applicant for admission by motion to the State Bar of Montana must obtain an MPRE scaled score of 80 or higher from any testing site no earlier than three years prior to the submission date of the applicant’s application for admission on motion or no later than nine months after notification of eligibility for admission on motion.

Petitioner is applying for admission by motion to the State Bar of Montana on the grounds that Petitioner has been admitted by bar examination to practice law in Texas since 2013, has engaged in the active practice of law for at least five of the seven years preceding Petitioner’s application for admission by motion to the State Bar of Montana without any

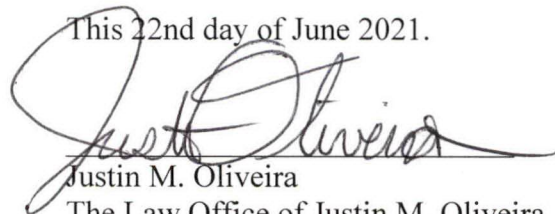
grievances or disciplinary sanctions, and is a member in good standing with the State Bar of Texas.

Petitioner previously obtained an MPRE scaled score of 80 or higher prior to Petitioner's admission by bar examination to practice law in Texas, and Petitioner was required to submit evidence of a passing scaled score on the MPRE when seeking a license to practice law in Texas. Petitioner has also submitted evidence of a passing scaled score on the MPRE to the Bar Admissions Administrator of the State Bar of Montana.

REQUESTED RELIEF

Petitioner prays that, with regard to Petitioner's pending application for admission by motion to the State Bar of Montana, this Honorable Court would waive the requirement to obtain an MPRE scaled score of 80 or higher no earlier than three years prior to the submission date of Petitioner's application for admission on motion or no later than nine months after Petitioner's notification of eligibility for admission on motion. Petitioner further prays that this Honorable Court would find Petitioner's previously obtained passing scaled score on the MPRE in conjunction with Petitioner's background and experience as a legal practitioner sufficient to satisfy the MPRE requirement of Petitioner's application for admission by motion to the State Bar of Montana.

This 22nd day of June 2021.



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