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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In Re: BENJAMIN D. HARGROVE)
) PETITION TO WAIVE MPRE
) REQUIREMENT IN APPLICATION
) FOR ADMISSION BY
) TRANSFERRED UBE SCORE TO
) MONTANA STATE BAR
)

Benjamin D. Hargrove ("Petitioner") respectfully petitions this Honorable Court to waive the three-year Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE") test requirement for admission to the State Bar of Montana by Transferred UBE Score. In support, Petitioner states as follows:

Petitioner, a new full-time resident of Montana, is seeking admission to the State Bar of Montana by Transferred UBE Score. Petitioner has submitted the NCBE Character & Fitness Application and the Montana Application for the Montana Board of Bar Examiners & Commission on Character & Fitness. Petitioner has not taken the MPRE within the last 3 years.

Petitioner was required to take the UBE bar exam and MPRE when originally seeking his license to practice law in Minnesota in 2018. The Minnesota State Board of Law Examiners requires a passing MPRE score of 85. Petitioner took the MPRE in March of 2017, passed the exam with an adjusted score of 102, and was admitted to the Minnesota State Bar on November 5, 2018.

Since being admitted to the State Bar of Minnesota, Petitioner:

- Is and has at all times been a member in good standing of the state bar, without any ethical or disciplinary action;
- Served in two judicial clerkships for approximately twenty-eight (28) months; and

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- Began practicing law on January 4, 2021 as an Assistant United States Attorney, admitted to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and upon his July 2021 transfer to the United States Attorney's Office in Billings, Montana, was admitted to the United States District Court for the District of Montana.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order waiving the three-year MPRE test requirement for admission to the Montana Bar, set a hearing in this matter if required, and for such other relief as this Honorable Court deems appropriate.

Dated this 10th day of August 2021.


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