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Case Number: PR 06-0422

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN RE:

TIMOTHY J. LONGFIELD,

Petitioner.

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) PETITION TO WAIVE MPRE
) REQUIREMENT AND
) TEMPORARILY PRACTICE
) LAW

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Petitioner Timothy J. Longfield (Colorado State Bar No. 53957)
respectfully petitions this Honorable Court for the following relief:

1. To waive the three-year Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE") test requirement for admission to the State Bar of Montana; and
2. To provisionally and temporarily admit him to the practice of law in Montana for four months, during review of his already submitted application to the Montana Bar by UBE transfer.

"The Montana Supreme Court is the final authority as to whether an applicant may be admitted to practice law in Montana ... [and] may, under circumstances it deems sufficient, waive any requirement under

these Rules.” Rules for Admission to the State Bar of Montana (“Admission Rules”) § XI(A). Petitioner proffers that sufficient circumstances exist and requests that the Court grant the requested relief.

Waiver of the Three-Year MPRE Score Requirement

Petitioner asks this Court to waive the three-year Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (“MPRE”) test requirement for admission into the State Bar of Montana.

Pending approval of his character and fitness report by the Montana State Bar and the National Council of Board Examiners and attendance at Montana Law Seminar, Petitioner will satisfy all the admission requirements except for submitting a qualifying MPRE score obtained within the past three years. Petitioner earned a score higher than 80 on the MPRE in November 2018. Petitioner has remained an active attorney in good standing in Colorado and at no time has Petitioner faced any disciplinary or ethical issues.

This Court has previously granted similar relief. *See, e.g., In re Taylor*, PR 06-0422 (Mont. Sept. 15, 2020); *In re Flowers*, PR 06-0422 (Mont. Aug. 18, 2020); *In re Wigginton*, PR 06-0422 (Mont. Aug. 12, 2020);

In re Bradbury, PR 06-0422 (Mont. Aug. 4, 2020). Accordingly, Petitioner requests this Court to waive the three-year test requirement for the MPRE for purposes of his application for admission to the State Bar of Montana.

Temporarily Admit Petitioner to Practice of Law

Petitioner asks this Honorable Court to provisionally and temporarily admit him to the practice of law in Montana, pending approval of his application to the Montana Bar by UBE score transfer. Petitioner's application is pending with the Montana Bar, and his character and fitness application is being processed by the National Council of Bar Examiners. Petitioner has been hired as an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Solicitor General. Until provisionally admitted, Petitioner will perform the duties of a law clerk to the Solicitor General in the Office of the Attorney General.

Petitioner sat for the Colorado bar exam in July 2019. He earned a qualifying UBE score on the July 2019 Colorado bar exam and obtained licensure in the State Bar of Colorado on November 4, 2019. At no time has Petitioner faced any disciplinary or ethical issues. A Certificate of Good Standing from the Colorado Supreme Court (or Colorado Bar) is

attached to this petition. (See Exhibit A).

Petitioner further will remain employed at the Attorney General's Office continuously during the pendency of any temporary admission and will work under the direct supervision of the Solicitor General. Should Petitioner's employment status change, Petitioner will immediately notify this Court.

Given his existing qualifications, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court provisionally admit him to the practice of law in Montana pending the approval of his application to the Montana Bar by UBE score transfer. Petitioner's temporary admission will greatly assist the Attorney General in conducting the state's legal business.

This Court previously has granted similar relief. *See, e.g., In re Temporary Admission to Practice of Dale Schowengerdt*, PR 07-0303 (Mont. Oct. 29, 2014) ("*In re Schowengerdt*"). Thus, Petitioner asks this Court to temporarily admit him to the practice law for a period of four months, while his application by UBE transfer is pending.

Requested Relief

Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court (1) waive the three-year MPRE requirement; and (2) temporarily admit him to the practice

of law in Montana for a period of four months, while his application by
UBE transfer is pending.

Dated: December 30, 2021

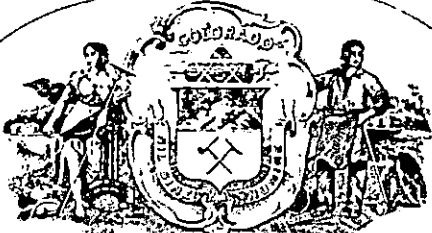
Respectfully submitted,



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Exhibit A

SUPREME COURT



State of Colorado

STATE OF COLORADO, ss:

I, Cheryl Stevens, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State
of Colorado, do hereby certify that

Timothy Jordan Longfield

has been duly licensed and admitted to practice as an

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW

within this State; and that his/her name appears upon the Roll of Attorneys

and Counselors at Law in my office of date the 4th

day of November A.D. 2019 and that at the date hereof

the said Timothy Jordan Longfield is in good standing at this Bar.



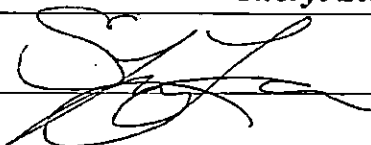
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and
affixed the Seal of said Supreme Court, at Denver, in said State, this

30th day of December A.D. 2021

Cheryl Stevens

Clerk

By



Deputy Clerk