

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Bowen Greenwood
Clerk of Supreme Court
State of Montana

In Re: PATRICK A. CLERKIN)
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 Petitioner.)
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PETITION TO WAIVE MPRE
REQUIREMENT IN
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
BY MOTION TO MONTANA
STATE BAR

Patrick A. Clerkin (“Petitioner”) 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 Motion. In support, Petitioner states as follows:

Petitioner, is seeking admission to the State Bar of Montana by motion. He has submitted the NCBE Character & Fitness Application and the Montana Application for the Montana Board of Bar Examiners & Commission on Character & Fitness. He has not taken the MPRE within the last 3 years.

Petitioner was required to take the bar exam and MPRE when originally seeking his license to practice law in Texas in 2003, and then again when seeking his license to practice law in Massachusetts in 2017. Petitioner passed both MPRE exams with as scaled score of 92 or higher and is currently admitted to the State Bars of Texas, New York, New Mexico, Massachusetts, Oregon, Kentucky, Ohio, New Jersey, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Oklahoma.

Since being admitted to the first Bar in 2003, Petitioner:

- Is and has at all times been a member of good standing of the State Bar of Texas since 2003, New York since 2015, New Mexico since 2017, Massachusetts since 2017, Oregon since 2018, Kentucky since 2018, New Jersey since 2018, Ohio since 2019, Tennessee since 2020, Pennsylvania since 2020, and Oklahoma since 2021.
- Practiced law continuously as a civil litigation attorney for 19 years without any ethical or disciplinary action in any jurisdiction where licensed or admitted to practice law;
- Owned a law practice for 9 years;

- Was employed for 10 years as an attorney for law firms;
- Was an active member of local and state bar sections and associations; and
- Has volunteered for bar-related and community organizations.

REQUESTED RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court waive the MPRE requirement and rely upon Petitioner's background and experience and having previously passed the MPRE for admission in another Jurisdiction as sufficient for admission to the Montana Bar.

Signed this 28th day of January, 2022



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