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Case Number: PR 06-0422

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

PR 06-0422

IN RE: )  
APRIL GONZALEZ- ) **PETITION TO WAIVE THREE-YEAR**  
ANDERSON ) **REQUIREMENT TO TRANSFER UBE**  
Petitioner. ) **AND MPRE SCORES FOR ADMISSION**  
 ) **TO MONTANA STATE BAR**  
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Comes now, April Gonzalez-Anderson ("Petitioner") petitions this Honorable Court to the waive the three-year time period to transfer her Uniform Bar Examination ("UBE") passing score. Petitioner also requests that the Court waive the three-year requirement for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE"). In support, Petitioner states:

1. In May 2018, Petitioner graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Law with a Juris Doctor Degree. Affidavit of April Gonzalez-Anderson is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
2. In July 2018, Petitioner sat for the North Dakota Bar Exam. *Id.*
3. In September 2018, Petitioner was notified that she passed the UBE. *Id.*; UBE Score attached to Gonzalez-Anderson Affidavit as Exhibit A.
4. In July 2017, Petitioner sat for the MPRE. Following the examination, Petitioner was notified that she passed the MPRE. *Id.*; MPRE Score attached to Gonzalez-Anderson Affidavit as Exhibit B.
5. Petitioner is an attorney in good standing in the state of North Dakota with Bar License Number 08930.

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6. Petitioner is an attorney in good standing in the state of Minnesota with Bar License Number 0400390.
7. Petitioner is not a subject of any written complaints pending before a disciplinary agency in either North Dakota or Minnesota.
8. Petitioner is a member in good standing of the State Bar of North Dakota and State Bar of Minnesota and has maintained that status since 2018.

Under Rule IV of the Rules for Admission to the Bar of Montana, an applicant who has earned a Uniform Bar Examination score in another jurisdiction, and meets the qualifications of Rule I.C., may be admitted to the State Bar of Montana by transferring an eligible UBE score of 266 or greater within three years of the date of application. In addition, the applicant must obtain an MPRE score of 80 or better, and the MPRE score must be earned within three years of the application. The Montana Supreme Court is the final authority as to whether an applicant may be admitted to practice law in Montana. Section IX of the Admission Rules further provides that the Court may, under circumstances it deems sufficient, waive any requirements under these Rules.

From the date of filing this petition, Petitioner is approximately seven (7) months past the three-year deadline from the July 2018 administration of the North Dakota UBE. Petitioner has continuously, actively practiced law since being admitted to both the North Dakota and Minnesota State Bars. Petitioner has had no ethical or disciplinary issues in either jurisdiction and has demonstrated the capacity to competently practice law since becoming admitted.

Due to the unanticipated departure of a Montana licensed attorney at Petitioner's law firm, Petitioner needs to obtain a license in Montana in order to assist in the continued representation of the law firm's clients before Montana courts. Petitioner respectfully requests admission based on her prior UBE and MPRE scores. The scores obtained by Petitioner on her UBE and MPRE exams

would be fully acceptable for admission, had Petitioner known licensure would be necessary and applied before her scores expired. Petitioner has demonstrated her ability to obtain passing scores on the requisite exams, has been deemed fit to practice law by 2 other jurisdictions, and has successfully practiced law in those jurisdictions for 3 years and 7 months. However, Petitioner is within the eligibility gap that exists between admission by UBE transfer and admission on Motion as provided for by the rules. As to waiver of the MPRE score, the Court allows waivers of the MPRE three-year requirement in *In re: Petition of John Albert Dow III*, PR 06-0422 (June 2021). Similarly, Petitioner requests that the three-year score requirement for the MPRE be waived.

### **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

Petitioner respectfully requests leave of this Court for admission to the Montana Bar based on her prior successful scoring on both the UBE and the MPRE; waiving the three-year deadline for score transfer requirements. Petitioner also requests that this Court waive the three-year requirement for MPRE score eligibility. Petitioner's expedited admission to the Montana Bar is imperative to ensure continued competent representation for Petitioner's firm's clients that were retained prior to learning of their prior Montana associate's departure.

Dated this 9 day of March 2022.

/s/ April Gonzalez-Anderson  
April Gonzalez-Anderson  
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ANDERSON ) **ANDERSON**  
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA )  
:ss.  
County of Cass )

April Gonzalez-Anderson being first duly sworn, deposes, and says:

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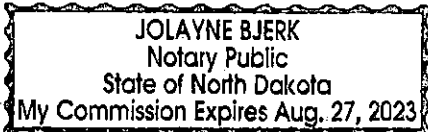
Further affiant sayeth not.

AG Anderson  
April Gonzalez-Anderson

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA     )  
  ) ss.:  
COUNTY OF CASS             )

On 3/18/22, personally appeared April Gonzalez-Anderson, whose name is above subscribed and acknowledged to me that the same was executed for the purpose therein contained.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this March 18, 2022.

(SEAL)  JOLAYNE BJERK  
Notary Public  
State of North Dakota  
My Commission Expires Aug. 27, 2023

Jolayne Bjerk  
Notary Public



**National Conference of Bar Examiners**  
**Unofficial UBE Score Transcript**



Name: April Gonzalez Anderson  
NCBE Number: N10371057  
Date of Birth: 04/09/1979

March 03, 2022

This unofficial UBE score transcript includes a full history, across all jurisdictions and all exam dates, of the UBE scores in NCBE's records on March 3, 2022 that were identified by the name, NCBE Number or Social Security number, and date of birth you provided in your request.

Test Administration	Testing Jurisdiction	Written Scaled Score	MBE Scaled Score	UBE Total Score
July 2018	NORTH DAKOTA	133.1	140.7	274

If an exam date is listed above but no scores are provided, it is because the jurisdiction has not authorized release of your scores. Consult the jurisdiction directly if you have any questions about why release of your scores has not been authorized.

**This is not an official UBE transcript and cannot be used to transfer UBE scores to a jurisdiction. It is provided for your information only. To transfer certified UBE scores to a jurisdiction, you must request an official UBE Score Transcript from NCBE and pay a separate fee. Each jurisdiction sets its own requirements for admission and policies for accepting UBE scores from other jurisdictions. You are strongly advised to consult the jurisdiction directly for the most accurate and current information about applying for admission on the basis of a UBE score earned in another jurisdiction.**



**National Conference of Bar Examiners**  
**MPRE Unofficial Score Transcript**



Name: April Gonzalez Anderson  
NCBE Number: N10371057  
Date of Birth: 04/09/1979

March 03, 2022

Based on the information you provided, the NCBE's records indicate that you have the following score(s) for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE).

Test Administration	Scaled Score
August 2017	103

Any questions about admission requirements pertaining to MPRE scores should be directed to the bar admissions agency in the jurisdiction to which you are applying. Jurisdiction contact information may be accessed on the [NCBE home page](#). Each jurisdiction determines its own passing score on the MPRE.

The MPRE scaled score is a standard score. Standard scaled scores range from 50(low) to 150 (high). For more information on the scoring process, review the FAQ "[How is the MPRE scored?](#)" in the Help & Support section of our website.

**This MPRE Unofficial Score Transcript is provided for your reference only and cannot be used to transfer your score to a jurisdiction.** To send an MPRE score to a jurisdiction, you must submit a request to NCBE for an [MPRE Score Report](#). MPRE score reports may be requested under the Score Services tab of your [NCBE account](#).