

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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STATE OF MONTANA

Case Number: PR 06-0422

IN RE: ROY LAWRENCE HANCE,
JR.

Petitioner,

PETITION TO WAIVE MPRE
REQUIREMENT IN APPLICATION FOR
ADMISSION BY MOTION TO
MONTANA STATE BAR

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Comes now, Roy Lawrence Hance, Jr., ("Petitioner"), who petitions this Honorable Court to waive the three-year Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination ("MPRE") test requirement for admission into the State Bar of Montana by Motion. In support Petitioner states:

BACKGROUND

Petitioner, a part-time resident of Montana, is seeking admission to the State Bar of Montana by motion. He has completed all application requirements except for taking the Multi-state Professional Responsibility Exam ("MPRE"). Petitioner was not required to take the MPRE when originally seeking his license to practice law in 1980 by the State Bar of Texas. The MPRE did not become part of the Bar Exam process in Texas until 1984. Since that time, Petitioner has:

- Been a member in good standing of the State Bar of Texas since 1980;
- Practiced law as a family lawyer for over 40 years, without any ethical or disciplinary issues in any jurisdiction where licensed;

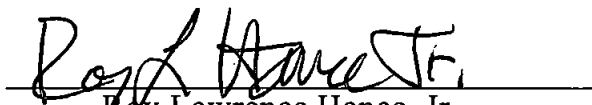
- Been a partner or shareholder in law firms since 1980 and been the sole or primary owner of the Hance Law Group (in various forms) in Dallas, Texas since 1990;
- Served by appointment as Associate Judge of the 301st District Court in Dallas County, where he served for several years before going back into private practice;
- Written papers and lectured on Family Law topics, including topics incorporating Ethics issues;
- Been a member of the State Bar of Texas Grievance committee and a chair of a State Bar Grievance sub-committee; and
- Has been Board Certified in Family Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization for over 35 years.

Ethical obligations are a core value of Petitioner's practice. While studying for and retaking the MPRE is certainly valuable in terms of focusing a practitioner's attention on the nuances and ethical traps that can arise, Petitioner would hope that his 40+ years of practicing law ethically and without incident, coupled with a career worthy of recognition, would be acceptable substitute under the circumstances.

REQUESTED RELIEF

Petitioner 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.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of March, 2022.


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