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Case Number: PR 06-0422

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN RE:	)	PR 06 - 0422 OCT 0 3 2022		
DEVON T. MONGELUZZI, Petitioner,	)	Bowen Greenwood Clerk of Supreme Court State of Montana		
	)	PETITION TO WAIVE MPRE REQUIREMENT		
	)	IN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION BY		
	)	MOTION TO MONTANA STATE BAR		
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COMES NOW Devon T. Mongeluzzi ("Petitioner") and respectfully 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 is seeking admission to the State Bar of Montana by motion. She has completed all application requirements except for taking the MPRE. Petitioner was required to take the MPRE when originally seeking her license to practice law in 2015 in California. Petitioner took the MPRE in November 2014 and received a score of 116 out of 150. In support of this fact, attached hereto is a copy of Petitioner's Unofficial Score Transcript issued to Petitioner by the National Conference of Bar Examiners on October 26, 2021. As California requires a minimum score of 86 to pass the MPRE, Petitioner passed the exam and was admitted to the State Bar of California. Since that time, Petitioner has/is:

- a member in good standing of the State Bar of California since 2015;
- practiced law as a corporate lawyer for 6 years, without any ethical or disciplinary issues in any jurisdiction;
- diligently complied with her continuing legal education requirements, including with respect to ethical issues in the law;
- always demonstrated the highest standards of ethics in her dealings both with clients and also within her prior firm; and
- been a strong associate in her previous position, receiving high marks in her annual reviews that put her at the top of her class.

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 numerable nuances and ethical traps that can arise, Petitioner would hope that her 6 years of practicing law ethically and without incident would be an acceptable substitute under the circumstances. In that regard, Petitioner is aware that the State Bar of Montana is in discussions with this Court regarding the current requirements and near-term plans to petition the Court to revise the MPRE requirement to eliminate the testing (or retesting) requirement if the applicant has already taken and passed the MPRE for admission in another jurisdiction. Petitioner has met that requirement and, should this Court agree to implement this revised MPRE requirement, would be in compliance.

## **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.

Dated this 21th day of September, 2022 evon T. Mongeluzzi PO Box 9427

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October 26, 2021

Name: Devon Taylor Mongeluzzi NCBE Number: N10209664 Date of Birth: 09/08/1989

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	
November 2014	116	

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 <u>NCBE home page</u>. 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 <u>"How is the MPRE scored?"</u> 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 <u>MPRE Score Report</u>. MPRE score reports may be requested under the Score Services tab of your <u>NCBE account</u>.