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RE: Montana *Pro Hac Vice* Application

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Bowen Greenwood
Clerk of Supreme Court
State of Montana

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed is a copy of an application to appear *pro hac vice* before your court or agency from the attorney listed below.

Matthew L. Murdock
Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP
1425 K Street NW, Ste. 600
Washington DC 20005

The attorney has complied with the rules governing a *pro hac vice* appearance and is currently in good standing with the other state or jurisdiction(s) in which they are admitted. Further, the Montana counsel listed in the application is in good standing with the State Bar of Montana.

This is the 1st appearance for the attorney and the 3rd appearance for the firm. under the *pro hac vice* rules. Section VI(C) of the Rules for Admission to the State Bar of Montana states: *Except upon a showing of good cause, no attorney or firm may appear pro hac vice in more than two actions or proceedings in any state court or administrative agency in Montana.* Please provide my office with a copy of your decision to grant or deny this application. Please contact me at (406) 447-2204 if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Sean O'Connor
Bar Admissions Assistant

Enclosure

cc: Matthew L. Murdock
Ryan C. Rusche

Atty Status	Jurisdiction(s) NM ✓ ND ✓ DC ✓
Discipline	NONE
Appearance: Applicant	1st Firm 3rd
MT Attorney	SBM ✓ ODC ✓

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VERIFIED ONLINE

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104-22	Application Number
10/11/2022	Date Received
\$495.00	Fee Paid
SS609	Staff Initials
10/11/2022	Date Sent to Court or Agency

STATE BAR OF MONTANA
P.O. Box 577, Helena, MT 59624
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Telephone: (406) 442-7660
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PRO HAC VICE APPLICATION

The original application must be submitted to the State Bar of Montana with a fee of \$495 for each *pro hac vice* appearance requested **and** a certificate of good standing from each state the attorney is a member of.

1. Matthew L. Murdock (202) 682-0240 mmurdock@sonosky.com
Applicant's Name Phone E-Mail

2. Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry LLP
Firm Name (List all firm(s) with which you are associated.)

3. 1425 K Street NW Suite 600 Washington D.C. 20005
Office Address City State Zip

4. 1515 15th St NW Apt 429 Washington D.C. 20005
Residence Address City State Zip

5. List the name, address, and telephone number of the active member of the State Bar of Montana who is the attorney of record in the case for which this application is being made.

Ryan C. Rusche Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry LLP (406) 890-8450
Attorney & Firm Name Daytime Phone Number

1425 K Street NW Suite 600 Washington D.C. 20005
Address City State Zip

6. List all state and federal courts in which you have been admitted to practice and the dates of admission **and provide certification of good standing for each State only. Do not** include pro hac vice admissions.

A. State Courts: New Mexico (Sept. 23, 2013); North Dakota (Nov. 2, 2015);
District of Columbia (Feb. 5, 2018)

B. Federal Courts: U.S. District Court for District of New Mexico (Apr. 2014)

7. Are you currently suspended, disbarred, or otherwise not licensed to practice in any of the above courts? If so, attach copies of all relevant court documents or disciplinary documents. ___ Yes No
8. Are you subject to pending disciplinary proceedings in any jurisdiction? If so, attach a description of the nature and status of each pending disciplinary proceeding. ___ Yes No
9. Do you maintain a residence in Montana? ___ Yes No
10. Are you regularly employed in Montana? ___ Yes No
11. Are you regularly engaged in the practice of law or in substantial business or professional activities in Montana? ___ Yes No
12. Do you have an application for admission to the State Bar of Montana pending? ___ Yes No
13. List the title of each state court and cause in Montana in which you **OR YOUR FIRM** have filed an application to appear as counsel pro hac vice, the date of each application, and whether it was granted or denied. *(Do not list Federal court pro hac vice appearances.)*

List the current title, court, and cause number for which you are applying.

Title, Court, Cause #	County	Date	Granted: (Yes, No)
A. Previous Cases: <u>See attached</u>			
B. CURRENT Case: (please include County) <u>Lustre Oil Company LLC & Erehwon Oil & Gas LLC v. Anadarko Minerals, Inc. & A&S Mineral Development Co., LLC, Case No. DA 22-0034, Montana Supreme Court,</u>			
<u>Helena, MT, Lewis & Clark County</u>			

14. I agree to comply with the applicable statutes, laws, and procedural rules of the State of Montana. I further agree to be bound by the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct (except as to Rules 6.1-6.4) and will submit to the jurisdiction of the Montana courts, the Montana disciplinary process, and the State Bar of Montana with respect to acts and omissions occurring during admission under this application.
15. I understand that a lawyer not admitted to practice in Montana is subject to the disciplinary authority of Montana for conduct that constitutes a violation of the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct and that: a) involves the practice of law in Montana by that lawyer; or b) involves that lawyer holding himself or herself out as practicing law in Montana; or c) involves the practice of law in Montana by another lawyer over whom this lawyer has the obligation of supervision or control.
16. I state that payment has been made to the State Bar of Montana in accordance with the requirements of Section IV of the Rules for Admission and in accordance with the requirements of Rule 6 of the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement.
17. I understand I have an on-going obligation to advise the State Bar of Montana and court/administrative agency if my standing or status changes in any of the jurisdictions in which I am admitted during the term of my pro hac vice admission.

- 18. I agree to provide the State Bar of Montana with the court or administrative agency's order to grant or deny this application. (All applications will be counted as an appearance unless the State Bar of Montana is advised the application was denied by the Court.)
- 19. I agree to notify the State Bar of Montana of any appeals if the case is referred to a higher court. (If the above action proceeds to a court of higher jurisdiction, I understand the appealed case will not be counted as an additional appearance.)
- 20. I agree to provide current certificates of good standing from the jurisdiction(s) in which I am admitted.
- 21. I understand that the \$495 assessment is an annual assessment and agree to promptly pay the assessment as long as this proceeding is pending before a Montana administrative agency or any Montana court (except federal court).

District of Columbia

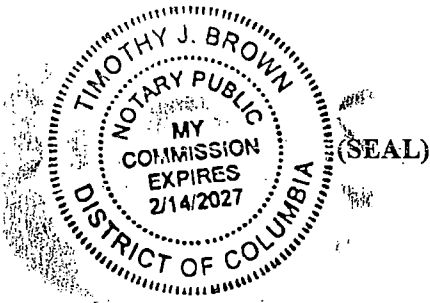
~~State of~~ District of
~~County of~~ Columbia

The above statements are true based upon applicant's knowledge and belief. Further, I agree to submit to the pro hac vice rules, the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct, and the Montana Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement.

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant

10-7-22
Date

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 7th day of Oct, 2022



Notary Signature: [Signature]
Printed Name of Notary: Timothy J. Brown
Notary Public for the State of District of Columbia
Residing in: _____
My commission expires: 2-14-2027

**ATTACH: Certificate(s) of Good Standing
\$495.00 Pro Hac Vice Fee**

Rules and information about pro hac vice are available on the State Bar's website at www.montanabar.org. Please direct questions to Sean O'Connor: soconnor@montanabar.org or (406) 447-2204

Timothy J. Brown
Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires 2/14/2027

District of Columbia
Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me
on 10-7-2022 by Matthew Musbeck
Date Name(s) of Individual(s) making Statement
[Signature]
Signature of Notarial Officer
Title of Office
My commission expires: 2-14-2027

Previous Cases: My firm, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry, LLP, has filed an application to appear as counsel pro hac vice in the following cases:

1. In The Matter of Application for Beneficial Water Use Permit No. 40S-30119937 by Transcanada Keystone Pipeline LP, Hearing Examiner David A. Vogler, Water Resources Div., Dept. of Natural Resources & Conservation (Aug. 2019)

Granted: Yes.

2. In the Matter Of The Adjudication Of the Existing Rights To The Use Of All The Water, Both Surface And Underground, Within The Milk River Below Whitewater Creek Drainage Area Including All Tributaries Of The Milk River Below Whitewater Creek In Valley County, Montana, Water Court of The State of Montana, Water Court Case No. 400-003

Granted: Yes.