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STATE OF MONTANA

Case Number: PR 06-0422

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN RE:)	DR06-0422	AUG 0 3 2023
BETH D. CORRIEA Petitioner,)	PETITION TO WAIVE MPRE	Bowen Greenwood Clerk of Supreme Court State of Montana
10000000)	REQUIREMENT IN	
)	APPLICATION FOR ADMISS	SION BY
)	MOTION TO MONTANA STA	ATE BAR
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Comes now, Beth D. Corriea ("Petitioner"), 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 full-time resident of Montana, is seeking admission to the State Bar of Montana by Motion. She has submitted all application requirements except for taking the MPRE. Petitioner was required to take the MPRE in 1999 when originally seeking her license to practice law in California. Petitioner received a score of 109. (A true and correct copy of Petitioner's National Conference of Bar Examiners MPRE Unofficial Score Transcript is attached hereto as Exhibit A). Petitioner's score was a passing score and she was admitted to the State Bar of California in 2000. Since that time, Petitioner has/is:

- A member in good standing of the State Bar of California since 2000;
- Practiced law as a civil trial attorney for twenty-three (23) years, without any ethical or disciplinary issues in any jurisdiction where licensed;

- Served in leadership positions since 2010 as a Deputy City Attorney for the
 City of Los Angeles; as the Department Risk Manager for the Los Angeles
 Police Department; as a senior advisor on Risk Management to Police
 Commissioner William J. Bratton of the New York City Police Department;
 and is currently a Commissioner on the Police Commission for the Bozeman
 Police Department;
- A member of the American Board of Trial Advocates since 2010; a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association since 2000 and a member of its Amicus Committee since 2015;
- Currently a Program Advisor for *Women in Leadership* at University of California, Santa Barbara; and
- Started her own litigation and risk management consulting firm, Think Legal360, P.C., in 2014.

Ethical obligations are a core value of Petitioner's practice, consulting and business. While studying for and retaking the MPRE is certainly valuable in terms of focusing a practitioner's attention on the innumerable nuances and ethical traps that can arise, Petitioner would hope that her twenty-three (23) years of practicing law ethically and without incident, coupled with a career worthy of recognition, 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 and/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.

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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 California as sufficient for admission to the State Bar of Montana.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2023

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EXHIBIT A

Name: Beth Danielle Corriea NCBE Number: N10697201 Date of Birth: 06/12/1975 July 12, 2023

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 1999	109	

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.