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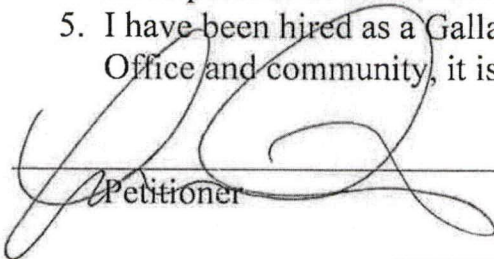
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Lauren M. O'Neill,
Petitioner

Petition for Admission to
State Bar of Montana
Case # _____

Petitioner Lauren M. O'Neill; moves this Court for admission to the State Bar of Montana. In support of this motion, Petitioner states as follows:

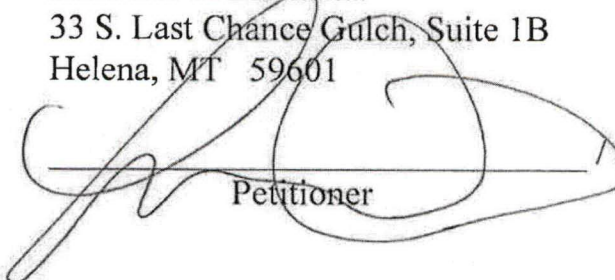
1. I have obtained a certification from the Commission on Character and Fitness, see attached letter (attachment 1.)
2. I have passed the Montana Uniform Bar Examination.
3. I have passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.
4. I have obtained a letter from the State Bar of Montana stating that I have met all requirements for admission to the State Bar of Montana (attachment 2).
5. I have been hired as a Gallatin Deputy County Attorney; in order to serve my Office and community, it is imperative that I be sworn in as soon as possible.

 / Dated this 14th day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.
Petitioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Admission on the State Bar of Montana by mail as follows:

State Bar of Montana.
33 S. Last Chance Gulch, Suite 1B
Helena, MT 59601

 / Dated this 14th day of September, 2023.
Petitioner



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Dear Lauren,

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you the Montana Board of Bar Examiners has determined you were successful in passing the July 2023 Montana Bar Examination. The scores from each segment of the exam are converted to the 400-point UBE scale and combined with the MBE scaled scores. The lowest passing combined score for Montana is 266. **Your scaled UBE score on the July 2023 Montana Bar Examination was 282.**

If you would like to have your certified UBE scores transferred to other jurisdictions, you must submit a request to the NCBE for an official score transcript. More information about UBE scores and requesting a score transfer can be found on the NCBE's website.

Included is a separate letter from the Supreme Court Clerk's office with details of the Swearing-in Ceremony to be held on **September 26, 2023** in Helena. Due to the short time frame, please contact the Court at (406) 444-3858 as soon as possible to let them know if you plan to attend the ceremony. You will also need to contact the Court Clerk's office if you'd prefer to be sworn-in at a different place or time and they will provide information for off-site swearing-in. **The Rules require that you MUST be sworn-in within twelve months from the date of this letter, and you cannot practice law until you are sworn-in.**

The State Bar collects the dues and fees on behalf of the Supreme Court Clerk, and those fees must be paid by either check or credit card by contacting Jill Diveley, jdiveley@montanabar.org, or 406-447-2211, before you can be sworn-in. I have enclosed a Membership Registration form that must be submitted with the fees to the State Bar of Montana in order to register your membership in the Bar. **The form and fees are due no later than September 22, 2023, if you intend to be sworn-in with the group on September 27th.**

<u>Fees*</u>	<u>For Active Status</u>	<u>For Inactive Status</u>
License Tax	25.00	25.00
State Bar Dues	50.00	50.00
Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection	20.00	0
Disciplinary Counsel Assessment	125.00	0
Total	\$220.00	\$75.00

Once again, congratulations!

Sincerely,

Kathie Lynch
Bar Admissions Administrator

O'Neill, Lauren

From: O'Neill, Lauren <lauren1.oneill@umconnect.umd.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 8:37 AM
To: O'Neill, Lauren
Subject: Fwd: Certification
Attachments: Exam Code of Conduct.docx; Guidelines for Acceptable Essay Answers.pdf

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From: Kathie Lynch <klynch@montanabar.org>
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 11:08:41 AM
To: O'Neill, Lauren <lauren1.oneill@umconnect.umd.edu>
Subject: Certification

Good Morning,

The primary purposes of character and fitness screening before admission to the Bar of Montana are to assure the protection of the public and safeguard the justice system. An attorney should be one whose record of conduct justifies the trust of clients, adversaries, courts and others with respect to the professional duties owed to them. The public is adequately protected only by a system that evaluates the character and fitness as those elements relate to the practice of law.

Upon thorough review of your application and background investigation, the Montana Commission on Character and Fitness finds that you have produced satisfactory evidence that you can fulfill these requirements. You are therefore certified for admission to the Montana Bar pending completion of all eligibility requirements. "Certification" as used in the Rules of the Character & Fitness Commission, refers to permission to sit for the Montana Bar examination and be admitted to the practice of law in Montana.

Prior to your admission to the Montana Bar, you have a continuing obligation to furnish complete and accurate information to the Character & Fitness Commission and to inform the Bar Admissions Administrator should anything occur which would change or render incomplete any portion of the information furnished in connection with your application. The Commission may revoke certification based upon any relevant information pertaining to your character and fitness received after the date of this letter. Further, the Commission may transmit this information to the Montana Supreme Court and/or the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, either before or after admission to the State Bar of Montana.

The public should be secure in its expectation that those who are admitted to the bar are worthy of the trust and confidence clients may reasonably place in their attorney. We encourage you to uphold the highest standards and ideals of the profession and to be an active part of the Montana legal network.

Also, attached is the Code of Conduct form. Please read that and sign, you can either email that back or make sure to have it with you to turn in when you sign in the day of the exam.

Remember if you have not done so already, the exam and Montana Law Seminar fees are due by July 1st, 2023. You can pay those fees by check or go to our website, www.montanabar.org, under the store tab, admissions, select the appropriate fees.

Sincerely,