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Case Number: PR 23-0232

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

John Laing Wise, IV  
Petitioner

Petition for Admission to  
State Bar of Montana  
Case # PR23-0232

Petitioner John Laing Wise, IV ; moves this Court for admission to the State Bar of Montana. In support of this motion, Petitioner states as follows:

1. I have passed the New York Uniform Bar Examination.
2. I have passed the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination.
3. 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).

John Laing Wise, IV / Dated this 29 day of November, 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

John Laing Wise, IV / Dated this 29 day of November, 2023.  
Petitioner

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RE: *Eligibility for Admission to the State Bar of Montana*

BARBARA M. HOWE, L.C.S.W.  
304 Broadway  
Helena, MT 59601

Dear John:

SAMUEL KING  
510 Holter St.  
Helena, MT 59601

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. 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. My records indicate that you have now completed eligibility requirements for admission to the Montana Bar, including submission of qualifying UBE and MPRE scores, have attended the Montana Law Seminar and been certified for character and fitness. Upon payment of the license tax and dues, you will have fulfilled all requirements for admission.

REN RENK  
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The Montana Bar collects the license tax on behalf of the Supreme Court Clerk, and those fees must be paid before you are able to be sworn-in. I have enclosed a Member Enrollment form that must be submitted with a check payable to the State Bar of Montana or, if you prefer to pay by credit card, you can contact Jill Diveley, [jdiveley@montanabar.org](mailto:jdiveley@montanabar.org).

Hon. CAROLYN OSTBY  
PO BOX 1595  
Billings, MT 59103

Bar Admissions Administrator

KATHIE LYNCH  
P.O. Box 577  
Helena, MT 59624  
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<u>Fees*</u>	<u>Active Status</u>	<u>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
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>

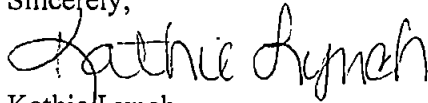
A letter has been forwarded to the Clerk of the Supreme Court advising that you have met the eligibility requirements listed above. You will need to file a motion with the Court requesting admission to the Montana Bar accompanied by this confirmation letter. This letter does not grant you admission to the Bar, and the Court will determine whether to grant or deny your admission.

Please contact the Supreme Court Clerk's office at (406) 444-3858 to arrange for swearing-in at the Court or another location. Information and a form petition to request authorization for off-site admission are available on the Clerk's website at <http://courts.mt.gov/clerk>. The Montana Rules of Admission require that you present

yourself for admission within one year from the date of this notice. The Montana Bar will mail your license upon notice by the Court that you have completed the necessary attorney's oaths for admission to the State Bar of Montana.

Congratulations again, and we wish you the greatest success in your career as a Montana attorney.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathie Lynch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kathie Lynch  
Bar Admissions Administrator