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Case Number: PR 23-0232



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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN RE:

STERLING FITZWATER,
Petitioner,

PETITION FOR ADMISSION TO
THE STATE BAR OF MONTANA

Case # PR 23-0232

I, Sterling Fitzwater, the Petitioner, moves this Court for admission to the State Bar of Montana. In support of this motion, Petitioner states as follows:

1. I have a passing UBE score.
2. I have a passing Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination score.
3. I have attended the Montana Law Seminar.
4. I have paid all required State Bar dues and taxes required for active status (Enclosure 1).
5. I have attached a letter from the Commission on Character and Fitness of the Supreme Court of the State of Montana certifying my eligibility for admission (Enclosure 2).

For the forgoing reasons, I am respectfully requesting to be sworn in by the Clerk of the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated this 21st day of January, 2023.

Sterling G. Fitzwater
Petitioner

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ENCLOSURE 1

Dues Invoice 2023-2024

State Bar of Montana
33 S. Last Chance Gulch, Suite 18
P.O. Box 577
Helena, MT 59624

Invoice #	Payee #	Invoice Date	Due Date	Balance Due
51921	1000002742 (I)	12/20/2023	12/20/2023	\$0.00

Bill to:
Sterling Fitzwater
Judnich Law Office
1940 W. Dickerson Ave Ste 102
Bozeman, MT 59718
United States

Ship to:
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Item Description	QTY	Rate	Total
Active Attorney	1	\$50.00	\$50.00
Discipline Counsel Assessment	1	\$125.00	\$125.00
LFCP Membership	1	\$20.00	\$20.00
State of Montana License Tax	1	\$25.00	\$25.00
Credit Card Surcharge	1	\$6.60	\$6.60

\$226.60

Voluntary Section Dues:

<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Law (\$20)	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Practice Law (\$20)	<input type="checkbox"/> Paralegal (\$60)
<input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy Law (\$20)	<input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare Law (\$10, FREE 1st yr)	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Law (\$10)
<input type="checkbox"/> BETTR Law (\$20)	<input type="checkbox"/> Indian Law (\$20)	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Law (\$20)
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Law (\$20)	<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property Law (\$30)	<input type="checkbox"/> School Law (\$20)
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law (\$15)	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Law (\$10)	<input type="checkbox"/> Veterans Law (\$20)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dispute Resolution (\$10)	<input type="checkbox"/> New Lawyers (\$15)	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Law (\$30)
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Law (\$10)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Law (20)	<input type="checkbox"/> Women's Law (\$20)

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TO CHANGE STATUS OR TO RESIGN MEMBERSHIP PLEASE SIGN BELOW:

*PLEASE NOTE CHANGING TO ACTIVE STATUS FROM INACTIVE OR SENIOR REQUIRES FILING A PETITION WITH THE MONTANA SUPREME COURT

Signature



Date

2024/1/23

Changing to:

Active

ENCLOSURE 2

Eligibility letter from the Commission on Character and Fitness of the Supreme Court of the State of Montana (Next Page).



COMMISSION ON CHARACTER AND FITNESS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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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 Sterling:

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.

REX RENK
PO Box 201601
Helena, MT 59620

ALICE STANLEY
PO Box 577
Helena, MT 59624

ROBERT J. SULLIVAN
P.O. Box 9199
Missoula, MT 59807

MICHAEL W. TOLSTEDT
PO Box 577
Helena, MT 59624

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.

Hon. CAROLYN OSTBY
PO BOX 1595
Billings, MT 59103

Bar Admissions Administrator

KATHIE LYNCH
P.O. Box 577
Helena, MT 59624
klynch@montanabar.org

<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
<u>Disciplinary Counsel Assessment</u>	<u>125.00</u>	<u>.0</u>
Total	\$220.00	\$75.00

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 blue ink that reads "Kathie Lynch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathie Lynch
Bar Admissions Administrator

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Petition for Admission to the State Bar of Montana was electronically delivered on this 21st day of January, 2023 to:

Kathie Lynch
Bar Admissions Administrator
Post Office Box 577
Helena, Montana 59624
klynch@rnontanabar.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated this 21st day of January, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Fitzwater', is written over a horizontal line.

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