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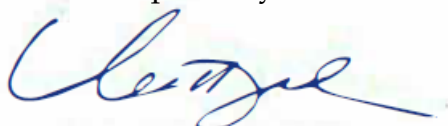
Re: *Detention Officers v. Missoula County*, DA 23-0691

Dear Clerk of Court:

The undersigned was appointed to serve as appellate mediator in this matter on December 28, 2023. However, due to a conflict of interest, the undersigned respectfully must decline the appointment and kindly requests that another mediator be appointed by the Court.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,



Matthew Hayhurst

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Matthew B. Hayhurst, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Mediation - Letter from mediator declining appointment to the following on 01-02-2024:

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