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Case Number: PR 24-0005

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN RE: )  
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PATRICK S. COFFEY, )  
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Petitioner. )  
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PR-24-0005

**MOTION FOR ADMISSION TO THE  
MONTANA STATE BAR**

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Patrick S. Coffey ("Petitioner"), respectfully moves this Honorable Court to allow Petitioner admission to the Montana State Bar. In support of this motion, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner is a 1984 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago Kent College of Law which is accredited by the American Bar Association.
2. Petitioner has been practicing law since 1984 as a licensed member of the bar in Illinois, and a member of the Wisconsin bar since 1989.
3. Petitioner has never been denied admission to practice law in Montana or any other jurisdiction for any reason whatsoever.
4. Petitioner has not taken and has not failed the Montana Uniform Bar examination within the last five (5) years, or at any time.
5. Petitioner has completed the Montana State Law Seminar.
6. Petitioner took the MPRE in August 2023 and received a score of 127.
7. A letter written by Ms. Laura Frovarp, Bar Admissions Coordinator, Commission on Character and Fitness of this Honorable Court, dated February 13, 2024, advised Petitioner that he had met all eligibility requirements set forth in Rule V. of the Rules for Admission to the Bar of Montana. See Exhibit A attached hereto.
8. Petitioner has submitted the member enrollment form to the Montana Bar, and satisfied all fees associated with application for Montana bar membership.
9. Petitioner is a member in good standing in every jurisdiction in which he is admitted to practice law.

10. Petitioner has established to the satisfaction of the Commission on Character and Fitness of this Honorable Court that he possesses the character and fitness to practice law in the State of Montana.

11. Petitioner believes he is an acceptable candidate and worthy of admission to practice law in the state of Montana.

**WHEREFORE**, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant Petitioner admission to the Montana State Bar.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024

PETITIONER,

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Dear Patrick:

A letter has been sent to the Clerk of the Supreme Court advising that you have met the eligibility requirements for admission to the Montana Bar set forth in Rule V. of the Rules for Admission to the Bar of Montana, including:

1. You have graduated with a Juris Doctor from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association at the time of graduation, and are admitted to practice law in another state, district, or territory of the United States.
2. You have been admitted by bar examination to practice law and engaged in the active practice of law for at least five of the seven years preceding application to Montana in one or more states, territories, or protectorates of the United States or the District of Columbia;
3. You have never been denied admission to practice law in Montana or any other jurisdiction because of character or fitness deficiency;
4. You have not taken and failed the Montana Uniform Bar Examination within the five years preceding application under this Rule;
5. You have never been admitted to the practice of law in Montana, or you voluntarily withdrew or resigned from the bar of Montana while in good standing or practiced under pro hac vice admission or an order of temporary admission issued by the Montana Supreme Court;
6. You have not been previously denied admission to practice law in Montana or any other jurisdiction unless you were denied for the sole reason that you exceeded the number of allowed pro hac vice admissions;
7. You have never been previously engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Montana or any other jurisdiction;
8. You are currently a member in good standing in every jurisdiction in which you have been admitted to practice law. If at the time of your application you were not admitted to practice in the United States or the District of Columbia, you have established that you resigned in good standing. You have not been disbarred or suspended for any reason from the practice of law in another jurisdiction;
9. You have submitted evidence of a passing scaled score on the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination or waived as described in Rule VII;
10. You have established to the satisfaction of the Commission on Character and Fitness that you possess the character and fitness to practice law in Montana; and

**EXHIBIT A**

11. You have completed the Montana Law Seminar (02/24) as provided in Rule VIII.

An attorney applying for admission on motion is subject to the jurisdiction of the Montana courts with respect to Montana laws governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as an attorney admitted to practice in the courts of this state. If you have not met an eligibility requirement listed above, you must submit information to confirm or correct this information pursuant to Rule V.B:

B. Amendment of Application

An applicant shall promptly amend the application in the event any information on the application is incorrect or has been affected by intervening conduct or events.

5. (a) An applicant for admission on motion shall pay an application fee of \$2,500, which includes the Montana attorney application fee; Montana Law Seminar registration fee; and the first year's fees and assessments, including assessments for the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, Lawyers' Fund, and annual attorney license.

**You will need to return the enclosed Member Enrollment Form prior to submitting your Motion to the Clerk of Supreme Court.**

Montana places a high value on a lawyer's professional responsibility to provide legal services to those unable to pay. Attached is a Voluntary Law-Related Pro Bono Activity Statement which is designed to provide an opportunity for applicants to voluntarily disclose pro bono activities and to express specific interests or training needs in the provision of post-admission *pro bono publico* services. Once admitted to practice law in Montana, you will be asked on an annual basis to complete a similar reporting form.

As mentioned above, 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. 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.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at (406) 447-2217.

Sincerely,



Laura Frovarp  
Bar Admissions Coordinator

Enclosures: Member Eligibility Form