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RE: Montana *Pro Hac Vice* Application

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed is a copy of an application to appear *pro hac vice* before your court or agency from the attorney listed below:

Caleb Jaffe
Environmental Law & Community Engagement Clinic
Univ. of Virginia School of Law
580 Massie Road
Charlottesville, VA 22903

The attorney has complied with the rules governing a *pro hac vice* appearance and is currently in good standing with the other state or jurisdiction(s) in which they are admitted. Further, the Montana counsel listed in the application is in good standing with the State Bar of Montana.

This is the 1st appearance for the attorney and the 1st appearance for the firm. under the *pro hac vice* rules. Section VI(C) of the Rules for Admission to the State Bar of Montana states: *Except upon a showing of good cause, no attorney or firm may appear pro hac vice in more than two actions or proceedings in any state court or administrative agency in Montana.* Please provide my office with a copy of your decision to grant or deny this application. Please contact me at (406) 447-2210 if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Kathie Lynch
Bar Admissions Administrator

Enclosure

Cc: Caleb Jaffe
Timothy Bechtold

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Atty Status	Jurisdiction(s) SC ✓ VAW ✓
Discipline	None
Appearance: Applicant	1st Firm 1st
MT Attorney	SBM ✓ ODC ✓

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Application Number	
3-13-24	LF
Date Received	Staff Initials
\$515	2442
Fee Paid	Check No.
3-20-24	
Date Sent to Court or Agency	

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PRO HAC VICE APPLICATION

The original application must be submitted to the State Bar of Montana with a fee of **\$515.00** for each *pro hac vice* appearance requested **and** a certificate of good standing from each state the attorney is a member of.

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| Caleb Jaffe | 434-924-4776 | cjaffe@law.virginia.edu |
| Applicant's Name | Phone | E-Mail |
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| Environmental Law & Community Engagement Clinic, Univ. of Virginia School of Law |
| Firm Name (List all firm(s) with which you are associated.) |
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| 580 Massie Road | Charlottesville | VA | 22903 |
| Office Address | City | State | Zip |
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| 1853 Edgewood Lane | Charlottesville | VA | 22903 |
| Residence Address | City | State | Zip |
- List the name, address, and telephone number of the active member of the State Bar of Montana who is the attorney of record in the case for which this application is being made.

Timothy Bechtold, Bechtold Law Firm PLLC	406-721-1435		
Attorney & Firm Name	Daytime Phone Number		
317 East Spruce Street	Missoula	MT	59802
Address	City	State	Zip
- List all state and federal courts in which you have been admitted to practice and the dates of admission **and provide certification of good standing for each State only. Do not** include *pro hac vice* admissions.
 - State Courts: Virginia (admitted Dec. 16, 2003);
South Carolina (inactive status) (admitted Aug. 7, 2002)
 - Federal Courts: Supreme Court of the United States (2006); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2003); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2008); U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (2020); U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia (2004); U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2004)

7. Are you currently suspended, disbarred, or otherwise not licensed to practice in any of the above courts? If so, attach copies of all relevant court documents or disciplinary documents. ___ Yes X No
8. Are you subject to pending disciplinary proceedings in any jurisdiction? ___ Yes X No
If so, attach a description of the nature and status of each pending disciplinary proceeding.
9. Do you maintain a residence in Montana? ___ Yes X No
10. Are you regularly employed in Montana? ___ Yes X No
11. Are you regularly engaged in the practice of law or in substantial business or professional activities in Montana? ___ Yes X No
12. Do you have an application for admission to the State Bar of Montana pending? ___ Yes X No
13. List the title of each state court and cause in Montana in which you **OR YOUR FIRM** have filed an application to appear as counsel pro hac vice, the date of each application, and whether it was granted or denied. *(Do not list Federal court pro hac vice appearances.)*

List the current title, court, and cause number for which you are applying.

	Title, Court, Cause #	County	Date	Granted: (Yes, No)
A. Previous Cases:	No prior applications.			
B. CURRENT Case: (please include County)	R. Held, et al. v. State, et al., DA 23-0575,			
	Jurisdiction: Montana Supreme Court			
	Original Court: Lewis & Clark County District Court			

14. I agree to comply with the applicable statutes, laws, and procedural rules of the State of Montana. I further agree to be bound by the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct (except as to Rules 6.1-6.4) and will submit to the jurisdiction of the Montana courts, the Montana disciplinary process, and the State Bar of Montana with respect to acts and omissions occurring during admission under this application.
15. I understand that a lawyer not admitted to practice in Montana is subject to the disciplinary authority of Montana for conduct that constitutes a violation of the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct and that: a) involves the practice of law in Montana by that lawyer; or b) involves that lawyer holding himself or herself out as practicing law in Montana; or c) involves the practice of law in Montana by another lawyer over whom this lawyer has the obligation of supervision or control.
16. I state that payment has been made to the State Bar of Montana in accordance with the requirements of Section IV of the Rules for Admission and in accordance with the requirements of Rule 6 of the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement.
17. I understand I have an on-going obligation to advise the State Bar of Montana and court/administrative agency if my standing or status changes in any of the jurisdictions in which I am admitted during the term of my pro hac vice admission.

18. I agree to provide the State Bar of Montana with the court or administrative agency's order to grant or deny this application. (All applications will be counted as an appearance unless the State Bar of Montana is advised the application was denied by the Court.)
19. I agree to notify the State Bar of Montana of any appeals if the case is referred to a higher court. (If the above action proceeds to a court of higher jurisdiction, I understand the appealed case will not be counted as an additional appearance.)
20. I agree to provide current certificates of good standing from the jurisdiction(s) in which I am admitted.
21. I understand that the \$515.00 assessment is an annual assessment and agree to promptly pay the assessment as long as this proceeding is pending before a Montana administrative agency or any Montana court (except federal court).

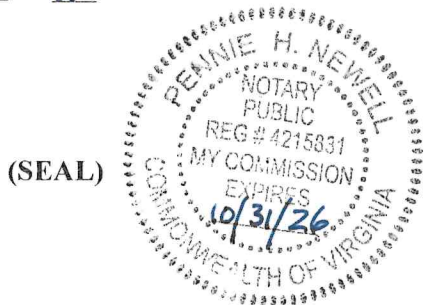
State of Virginia

County of Charlottesville City

The above statements are true based upon applicant's knowledge and belief. Further, I agree to submit to the pro hac vice rules, the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct, and the Montana Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement.

Alle AD 3/11/24
Signature of Applicant Date

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 11th day of March, 2024.



Notary Signature: Pennie H. Newell
Printed Name of Notary: Pennie H. Newell
Notary Public for the State of: VIRGINIA
Residing in: Charlottesville
My commission expires: 10/31/2026

**ATTACH: Certificate(s) of Good Standing
\$515.00 Pro Hac Vice Fee**

Rules and information about pro hac vice are available on the State Bar's website at www.montanabar.org.
Please direct questions to Kathie Lynch: klynch@montanabar.org or (406) 447-2210.