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Mr. Bowen Greenwood,
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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:

Sarah A. Matsumoto
University of Colorado Law School
2450 Kittridge Loop Rd.
Boulder, CO 80309

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) 447-2217 if you have questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

Laura Frovarp
Bar Admissions Coordinator

Enclosure

Cc: Domenic A. Cossi
Sarah A. Matsumoto

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State of Montana

Atty Status	Jurisdiction(s) CO ✓ OR ✓
Discipline	_____
Appearance: Applicant	1st Firm 1st
MT Attorney	SBM ✓ ODC ✓

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4-1-24	Application Number LF
Date Received \$515	Staff Initials Online
Fee Paid 4-2-24	Check No.
Date Sent to Court or Agency	

STATE BAR OF MONTANA
P.O. Box 577, Helena, MT 59624
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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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| Sarah A. Matsumoto | (206) 351-5515 | Sarah.Matsumoto@colorado.edu |
| Applicant's Name | Phone | E-Mail |
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| University of Colorado Law School - Natural Resources & Environmental Law Clinic |
| Firm Name (List all firm(s) with which you are associated.) |
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|-------------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| 2450 Kittredge Loop Rd. | Boulder | CO | 80309 |
| Office Address | City | State | Zip |
- | | | | |
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| 4500 Quiet Court | Denver | CO | 80211 |
| 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.

Domenic A. Cossi	Western Justice Associates PLLC	(406) 587-1900
Attorney & Firm Name	Daytime Phone Number	
303 W. Mendenhall, Ste. 1	Bozeman	MT 59715
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.

A. State Courts: Colorado (law professor license June 20, 2018); Oregon (May 6, 2011)

B. Federal Courts: D. Colorado (Sept. 6, 2018); D. Oregon (Aug. 18, 2022);
10th Cir. Ct. of App. (Nov. 19, 2018)

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 ☒ No
8. Are you subject to pending disciplinary proceedings in any jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☒ 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 ☒ No
10. Are you regularly employed in Montana? ☐ Yes ☒ No
11. Are you regularly engaged in the practice of law or in substantial business or professional activities in Montana? ☐ Yes ☒ No
12. Do you have an application for admission to the State Bar of Montana pending? ☐ Yes ☒ 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)
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A. **Previous Cases:** _____

B. **CURRENT Case:** (please include County) _____
Rikki Held, et al. v. State of Montana, et al., Supreme Court No. DA 23-0575, Cause No. 2020-307,
Lewis and Clark County

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 Colorado

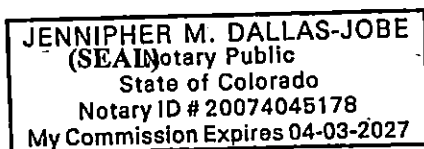
County of Boulder

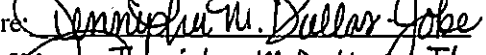
The above statements are true based upon applicant's knowledge and belief. Further, I agree to submit to the pro hac vice rules, the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct, and the Montana Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement.


Signature of Applicant

3/21/2024
Date

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 21st day of March, 2024.



Notary Signature: 
Printed Name of Notary: Jennipher M. Dallas-Jobe
Notary Public for the State of: Colorado
Residing in: Boulder
My commission expires: April 3, 2027

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.



STATE OF OREGON
SUPREME COURT
SALEM

In the Matter of the Admission of

SARAH A. MATSUMOTO
as an Attorney of this Court.

I, as State Court Administrator of the State of Oregon, certify that on the
6th day of May, 2011


SARAH A. MATSUMOTO

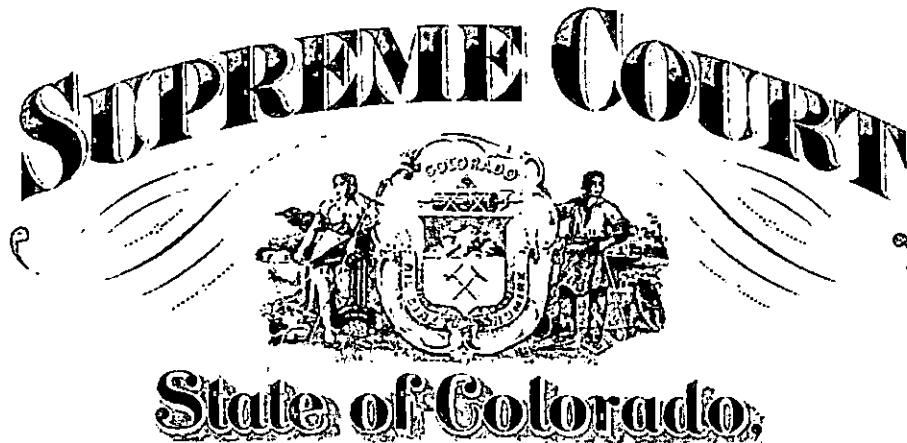
was admitted to the practice of law in the Supreme Court and all other courts in the State of
Oregon, and is now an attorney in good standing.

March 12, 2024.

NANCY COZINE
State Court Administrator




Authorized Representative



STATE OF COLORADO, ss:

I, Cheryl Stevens, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Colorado, do hereby certify that

Sarah Ann Matsumoto

has been duly licensed and admitted to practice as an

Law Professor Certification

Pursuant To C.R.C.P 204.5

within this State; and that this name appears upon the Roll of Law Professor Attorneys in my office of date the 20th

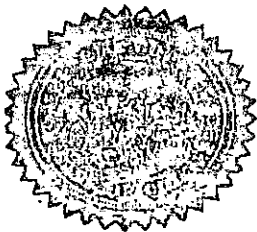
day of June A.D. 2018 and that at the date

hereof the said Sara Ann Matsumoto Is in good standing

at this Bar.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I Have hereunto subscribed my name and Affix the Seal of said Supreme Court, at Denver in said state, this

15th day of March A.D. 2024



Alicia Luero

Deputy Clerk