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## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

PR 06-0544

IN RE PETITION OF MICHAEL LAWRENCE THORNTON FOR REINSTATEMENT TO ACTIVE STATUS IN THE BAR OF MONTANA

ORDER

Michael Lawrence Thornton has petitioned for reinstatement to active status in the State Bar of Montana. Thornton was placed on inactive status by the State Bar of Montana pursuant to Rules 3B2, 5, and 13 of the Rules for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) on July 1, 2024, as a result of noncompliance with CLE requirements. In accordance with Rule 13 of the CLE Rules, Thornton has provided a letter from the State Bar certifying that Thornton has now completed all CLE requirements "through the reporting year that ended March 31, 2024."

The Petition indicates Thornton is or has not been: 1) suspended, disbarred, or otherwise ineligible to practice of law in another jurisdiction and is not currently subject to disciplinary proceedings or pending disciplinary proceedings in another jurisdiction, 2) charged with a criminal offense, 3) accrued delinquent debt or filed for bankruptcy, 4) failed to fulfill the obligations of a public office or professional license, or 5) committed any violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct while on inactive status. Good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the petition of Michael Lawrence Thornton for reinstatement to active status in the State Bar of Montana is GRANTED.

The Clerk is directed to provide copies of this order to the Petitioner and the State Bar of Montana.

DATED this 24 day of September, 2024.

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