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**Re: AF 12-0028, Public Comment on the Montana Supreme
Court's Establishment of an Appellate Pro Bono Program**

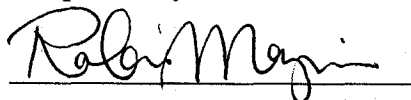
Dear Ed:

I write in wholehearted support of the Montana Supreme Court's January 13, 2012, proposal to establish an appellate pro bono program. The Court read my mind, so to speak, as I have been contemplating offering my pro bono appellate services, but was not sure where to begin or who to contact.

An appellate pro bono program would give appellate attorneys a meaningful opportunity to provide pro bono services to needy Montana litigants in a discipline in which they have experience and enjoy. It would also provide an invaluable opportunity to obtain oral argument experience before the Court.

I look forward to the Court's establishment of an appellate pro bono program and will be one of the first attorneys to sign-up and volunteer my services.

Respectfully Submitted,



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