

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA 11-0155

ORIGINAL

AF 07-D393

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

PAUL BURGAD,

Defendant and Appellant.

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Ed Smith
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

STUDENT PRACTICE PETITION REGARDING JOHN WRIGHT

Koan Mercer, counsel for Appellant, respectfully petitions the Court to allow law student John Wright to practice before the Court in this matter pursuant to the Montana Student Practice Rule. The Court has previously granted Mr. Wright permission to practice before the Court within the matter of *State v. Bomar*, DA 11-0373. Mr. Wright remains enrolled as a clinical student with the University of Montana School of Law's Office of the Appellate Defender Clinic. Undersigned counsel is the Supervising Attorney for this clinic and is the supervising lawyer for Mr. Wright's practice before this Court. Mr. Wright has demonstrated himself to be a bright and dedicated individual who will provide competent legal service. Undersigned counsel approves of Mr. Wright's appearance in this matter.

As required by the Student Practice Rule, the following documents are attached in support of this Petition: written consent to Mr. Wright's appearance by Appellant Paul Burgad (Ex. A); certification of Mr. Wright by the University of Montana Law School Dean (Ex. B); and certification by Mr. Wright that he has read and will abide by the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct (Ex. C).¹

Undersigned counsel requests the Court to consider the above Petition as satisfying the Rule's additional requirements for the supervising lawyer's written approval of Mr. Wright's appearance and for an introduction of Mr. Wright to the Court by an attorney admitted to practice before the Court.

Respectfully submitted this the 15th day of February, 2012.

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¹ The documents attached as Exhibits B and C are photocopies. The originals were filed with the Court on September 22, 2011, as part of the Student Practice Petition Regarding John Wright submitted in *State v. Bomar*, DA 11-0373.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I caused a true and accurate copy of the foregoing
Student Practice Petition Regarding John Wright to be mailed, e-mail, or hand-
delivered to:

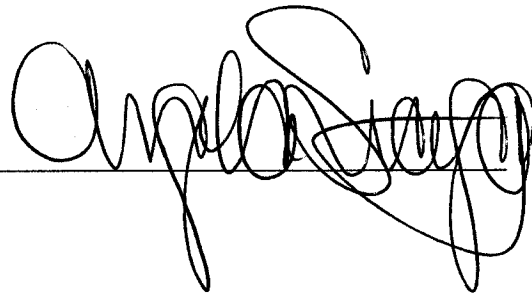
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Burgad", written over a horizontal line.