

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Aislinn W. Brown, Bureau Chief
Agency Legal Services Bureau
302 North Roberts Street
P.O. Box 201440
Helena, MT 59620-1440
Tel: (406) 444-3029
Fax: (406) 444-4303
Aislinn.Brown@mt.gov

*Attorney for Montana State Hospital
Department of Public Health and Human Services*

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

No. DA

Lauren Difolco and Sherry Spear,

Petitioners/Appellees,

v.

Montana State Hospital – Department of Public Health and Human Services,

Respondent/Appellant

**MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES'
NOTICE OF APPEAL**

NOTICE is given that the Montana State Hospital – Department of Public Health and Human Services, the Appellant above-named, and who is the Respondent in that cause of action filed in the Second Judicial District Court,

Silver Bow County, as Cause No. DV-24-17, hereby appeals to the Supreme Court of the State of Montana from the final judgment entered in such action on December 31, 2024.

THE APPELLANT FURTHER CERTIFIES:

1. That this appeal is subject to the mediation process required by Mont. R. App. P. 7.

2. That this appeal is not an appeal from an order certified as final under Mont. R. Civ. P. 54(b).

3. That this appeal does not involve a constitutional question subject to Mont. R. App. P. 27.

4. That all available transcripts of the proceeding in this case have been ordered from the court reporter.

5. That the Appellant is exempt from the filing fee prescribed by statute.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of February 2025.

By: /s/ Aislinn W. Brown
AISLINN W. BROWN, Bureau Chief

*Counsel for Montana State Hospital
Department of Public Health and Human Services*

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have filed a true and accurate copy of the foregoing *Notice of Appeal* with the Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court and that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing *Notice of Appeal* upon the Clerk of the District Court, each attorney of record, each court reporter from whom a transcript will be ordered in the above-referenced District Court action, as follows:

Clerk of Court
Silver Bow County
155 West Granite
Butte, Montana 59701

Adam Cook
Everett Cook Law
P.O. Box 969
217 East Park Avenue
Anaconda, Montana 59711
adamcook@everettlawpllc.com

By: /s/ Aislinn W. Brown
AISLINN W. BROWN

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Aislinn W. Brown, hereby certify that I have served true and accurate copies of the foregoing Notice - Notice of Appeal to the following on 02-26-2025:

Adam Cook (Attorney)
217 E. Park Street
Anaconda MT 59711
Representing: Lauren Difolco, Sherry Spear
Service Method: eService

Electronically signed by Elena Hagen on behalf of Aislinn W. Brown
Dated: 02-26-2025