

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA  
Supreme Court Cause No. \_\_\_\_\_

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BRUCE DOERING, an individual and  
KIM DOERING, an individual,

Defendants/Appellants,

v.

SPENCER MELBY, an individual and  
COLLETTE MELBY, an individual,

Plaintiffs/Appellees,

and

DAWN MADDUX, an individual,  
WESTERN FRONTIER, LLC d/b/a  
ENGEL & VÖLKERS WESTERN  
FRONTIER, a Montana Limited Liability  
Company;

Co-Defendants/Appellees

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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On appeal from the Montana Fourth Judicial District Court, Missoula County  
Cause No. DV-21-671; Honorable Judge Jason Marks

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NOTICE is given that Bruce and Kim Doering are the Defendants in that cause of action filed in the Fourth Judicial District, in and for the County of Missoula, as Cause No. DV-21-671, hereby appeals to the Supreme Court of the State of Montana, pursuant to M. R. App. P. 54(b), from the District Court's Order Granting Plaintiffs' First Motion for Partial Summary Judgment (Breach of Contract) (Doc. 224), entered on April 29, 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 an appeal from an order certified as final under Mont. R. Civ. P. 54(b). A true copy of the District Court’s certification order is attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

3. Appellant is not aware of any challenge to the constitutionality of any act of the Montana Legislature in this matter, therefore no notice is required pursuant to Mont. R. App. P. 27.

4. That all available transcripts of the proceedings in this cause involving the issue have been ordered from the court reporter contemporaneously with the filing of this notice of appeal.

5. That a copy of the Notice of Appeal has been contemporaneously filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District Court and served by mail on all attorneys of record.

6. That included herewith is the filing fee prescribed by statute.

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of April 2025.

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/s/ David B. Cotner

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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