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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

DOMINGO BAEZ JR,  
APPELLANT

and

HANNAH GALIA SNELSON,  
APPELLEE

Cause No.: DA-25-0262

IN RE: DR-23-0061

MOTION TO PROCEED  
“IN FORMA PAUPERIS”

COMES NOW, APPELLANT DOMINGO BAEZ JR, appearing pro se, and respectfully moves THIS HONORABLE SUPREME COURT for an Order allowing him to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to Rule 5 of the Montana Rules of Appellate Procedure and Rule 3.1 of the Montana Uniform District Court Rules. In support of this motion, Appellant states the following:

1. Appellant is unable to afford the costs associated with this appeal, including but not limited to the preparation and acquisition of trial court transcripts necessary for proper appellate review.
2. Appellant has suffered severe financial hardship as a result of ongoing litigation, the loss of primary parenting time with his minor child, and prolonged legal expenses related to custody and protection order proceedings in the District Court.
3. Appellant has no retained counsel and is proceeding pro se before this Court.
4. Appellant submits that he is without sufficient income, property, or resources to pay the transcript fees and requests this Court to issue an order waiving or suspending those costs.  
(See attached email from Court Reporter for 2 hours of transcripts from 1 hearing)
5. A Sworn Financial Declaration will be submitted contemporaneously with this motion, in accordance with the Court's rules.

6. Good cause exists for this motion as the trial transcripts are essential to Appellant's claims of judicial bias, due process violations, improper evidentiary rulings, and denial of effective assistance of counsel, which are all raised in the Notice of Appeal.

**WHEREFORE**, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court grant him leave to proceed in forma pauperis and waive the cost of transcripts and other required appellate fees.

### **Certificate of Service**

I, Domingo Baez, hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing Motion, any referenced Affidavit, and other documents indicated above filed as attachments to this Motion were served upon the opposing party(ies) on the 05 day of, May, 2025, by the method and at the address as indicated below:

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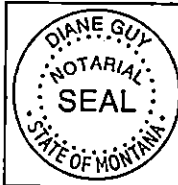
## Verification on Oath or Affirmation (Jurat)

State of MONTANA

County of YELLOWSTONE

The attached record was signed and sworn to or affirmed before me on

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DIANE GUY  
NOTARY PUBLIC for the  
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Diane Guy  
(Notary Signature)

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