

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA  
Supreme Court Cause No. DA-25-0272

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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 STIPULATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND SELECTION  
OF REPLACEMENT MEDIATOR**

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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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COME NOW Defendants/Appellants Bruce and Kim Doering, by and through their counsel of record, and hereby move this Court for an extension of time to conduct a settlement conference pursuant to Mont. R. App. P. 7(4)(c). The record in this case was submitted on May 22, 2025, a settlement conference is to be held on or before June 25, 2025.

Parties agreed upon and nominated Mikel Moore of Moore Resolutions, PLLC, as mediator on April 25, 2025, pursuant to Mont. R. App. P. 7(4)(c). However, Appellants' counsel was set for a one-week trial commencing June 16,

2025 and due to scheduling conflicts cannot comply with the requirements of Mont. R. App. P. 7(4)(c). The parties have stipulated to and have selected Tracy Axelberg of Axelberg Mediation and Arbitration, PLLC to serve as the replacement mediator for the purpose of complying with the requirements of Mont. R. App. P. 7(4)(c). Furthermore, parties have stipulated and respectfully request an extension of time to conduct a settlement conference on or before August 28, 2025.

Respectfully submitted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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