

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

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

**AFFIDAVIT OF KYLE C. RYAN IN SUPPORT OF APPELLANTS'
UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR SECOND EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
OPENING BRIEF**

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

2. I am a licensed, practicing attorney in the State of Montana, and am a partner at the law firm Cotner Ryan Blackford, PLLC. I am counsel of record for the Appellants, Bruce and Kim Doering.

3. Appellants' Opening Brief was originally due June 23, 2025. On June 12, 2025, Appellants were granted their first request for an extension, and their Opening Brief is currently due July 23, 2025.

4. I am requesting an additional 30 days, until August 22, 2025, to complete and file the Opening Brief. This is the Appellants' second motion for an extension of time.

5. Counsel for the Doerings has exercised reasonable diligence and has substantial need for the requested extension, which is necessary because there are two attorneys at Cotner Ryan Blackford, PLLC that are currently dealing with family matters that are either keeping them from work entirely or in part. The first attorney welcomed the birth of her first child on June 30, 2025 and is on maternity leave for the next three months. The second attorney is attending to his father, who is currently receiving medical treatment out-of-state and, as such, has had an inconsistent work schedule. The undersigned is assisting with both attorneys' workloads to allow them to focus on their respective family matters.

6. No further extensions will be necessary, and, with the requested extension, Appellants will file their Opening Brief withing the time requested in this Motion.

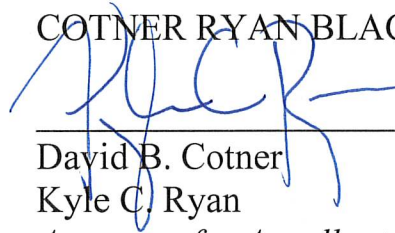
7. I will continue to work diligently on this appeal, and the Opening Brief will be completed in the time requested, if not before.

8. Counsel for Appellees have been contacted about this request and do not oppose.

9. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

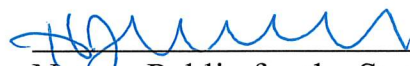
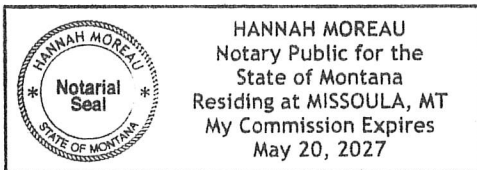
Respectfully submitted this 14th day of July 2025.

COTNER RYAN BLACKFORD, PLLC



David B. Cotner
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 14th day of July, 2025.



Notary Public for the State of Montana