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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>OLIVIA M. JOHNSTON,  Petitioner.</p>	<p><b>MOTION FOR ADMISSION TO PRACTICE LAW IN MONTANA</b></p>
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I, OLIVIA M. JOHNSTON, respectfully move this Court for admission to practice law in the State of Montana pursuant to the Rules for Admission to the State Bar of Montana. In support of this motion, I have attached a copy of the letter from the Commission on Character and Fitness of the Supreme Court of the State of Montana certifying that I have satisfied the requirements set forth in the Rules for Admission to the State Bar of Montana. I also request to be sworn in by the Clerk of the Court.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 22 day of August, 2025.

DUNN & BLACK, P.S.

  
OLIVIA M. JOHNSTON

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 22nd day of August, 2025, I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to the following:

- HAND DELIVERY
- U.S. MAIL
- OVERNIGHT MAIL
- FAX TRANSMISSION
- EMAIL

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August 19, 2025

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Olivia Marie Johnston  
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RE: *Certification for Admission to the State Bar of Montana*

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Dear Olivia:

The primary purposes of character and fitness screening before admission to the Bar of Montana are to assure the protection of the public and safeguard the justice system. Upon thorough review of your application and background investigation, the Montana Commission on Character and Fitness finds that you have produced satisfactory evidence that you can fulfill these requirements. You are therefore certified for admission to the Montana Bar pending completion of all eligibility requirements. My records indicate that you have submitted qualifying UBE and MPRE scores and have attended the Montana Law Seminar. Upon payment of the license tax and dues, you will have fulfilled all requirements for admission to the State Bar of Montana.

The Montana Bar collects the license tax on behalf of the Supreme Court Clerk, and those fees must be paid before you are able to be sworn-in. I have enclosed a Membership Registration form that should be completed and mailed along with a check made payable to the State Bar of Montana or, if you prefer to pay by credit card, you can contact me at 447-2210 with that information; there will be a processing fee added to credit card purchases.


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<u>Fees*</u>	<u>Active Status</u>	<u>Inactive Status</u>
License Tax	25.00	25.00
State Bar Dues	50.00	50.00
Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection	20.00	.0
Disciplinary Counsel Assessment	125.00	.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$220.00</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>

Please contact the Supreme Court Clerk's office at (406) 444-3858 to arrange for swearing-in at the Court or another location. Information and a form petition to request authorization for off-site admission are available on the Clerk's website at <http://courts.mt.gov/clerk>.

Congratulations again, and we wish you the greatest success in your career as a Montana attorney.

Sincerely,  
  
Melissa Dyess Hartze  
Bar Admissions Assistant

08/19/2025

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Mr. Bowen Greenwood, Clerk  
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*RE: Admission to the Bar of Montana*

Dear Mr. Greenwood:

The following applicant has applied for admission to the Bar of Montana by transfer of Uniform Bar Examination score.

Olivia Marie Johnston

The applicant has been certified by the Commission on Character & Fitness, submitted qualifying UBE and MPRE scores and attended the Montana Law Seminar. Upon payment of the license tax and dues, she will have fulfilled all requirements for admission to the State Bar of Montana.

She has been directed to contact your office to arrange for swearing-in, and we look forward to welcoming her as a new attorney to the State Bar of Montana.

Sincerely,

Melissa Dyess Hartze  
Bar Admissions Assistant

cc: Jill Diveley