

ORIGINAL

FILED

11/26/2025

Bowen Greenwood
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

Case Number: AF 11-0765

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

AF 11-0765

FILED

NOV 26 2025

Bowen Greenwood
Clerk of Supreme Court
State of Montana

ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION:
IN RE THE PROPOSAL TO ADOPT RULES
AUTHORIZING CERTIFIED LAY ADVOCATES
TO PROVIDE LIMITED LEGAL SERVICES IN
JUSTICE COURTS AND CITY COURTS

ORDER

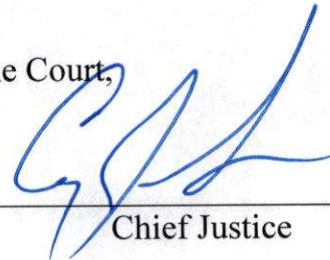
Upon the request of the State Bar of Montana that the public comment period for the petition from Montana Legal Services Association requesting that this Court adopt rules authorizing certified legal lay advocates to provide limited legal services in Justice Courts and City Courts, and for good cause shown.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Court will accept public comment for an additional period of time to conclude on January 15, 2026.

This Order, the MLSA petition, and the MLSA proposed order with draft rules for the program will be published on this Court's website. In addition, the Clerk is directed to provide copies to the State Bar of Montana, with the request that they be posted on the State Bar's website; the State Law Library; the members of the Access to Justice Commission; the Executive Director of the Montana Legal Services Association; and the Dean of the Alexander Blewett III School of Law.

Dated this 26 day of November, 2025.

For the Court,



Chief Justice