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IN THE MATTER OF CALLING A RETIRED
DISTRICT JUDGE TO ACTIVE SERVICE

ORDER

Honorable Matthew J. Cuffe, Judge of the District Court for the Nineteenth Judicial District of the State of Montana, has requested the assistance of retired District Judge Mike Salvagni to assume jurisdiction of Lincoln County Cause Nos. DV 25-187, *Thomas Steiger, et al. v. Charles Brad Black, M.D., et al.*, DV-25-161, *David Wickwire v. Charles Brad Black, M.D., et al.*, and DV-25-193, *Brenda M. Auge, et al. v. Charles Brad Black, M.D., et al.*

Judge Salvagni has retired under the provisions of the Montana Judges' Retirement System and, being subject to call for duty pursuant to § 19-5-103(a) and (b), MCA, has advised that he is agreeable to assisting the Nineteenth Judicial District Court with the above-listed matters.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Honorable Mike Salvagni, retired District Judge, is hereby called to active service in the District Court of the Nineteenth Judicial District of the State of Montana, to assume judicial authority of Lincoln County Cause Nos. DV 25-187, *Thomas Steiger, et al. v. Charles Brad Black, M.D., et al.*, DV-25-161, *David Wickwire v. Charles Brad Black, M.D., et al.*, and DV-25-193, *Brenda M. Auge, et al. v. Charles Brad Black, M.D., et al.*, and is hereby authorized to proceed with any and all necessary hearings, opinions, and orders, including final resolution of said matters.

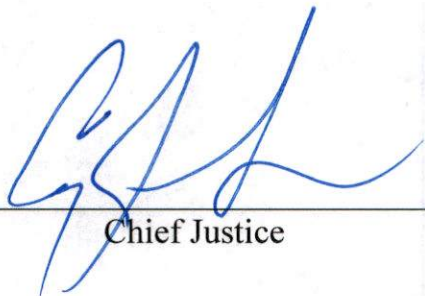
2. For all active service, Judge Salvagni shall be paid the salary compensation to which he is entitled by § 19-5-103(2)(b), MCA, and actual expenses, if any, shall be reimbursed.

3. A copy of this Order shall be filed with the Clerk of Court for Lincoln County, with the request that this Order be sent to all counsel of record in the above-listed matters.

4. A copy of this Order shall also be furnished to Judge Matthew J. Cuffe, Judge Mike Salvagni, and to Cathy Pennie, Office of the Supreme Court Administrator.

The Chief Justice enters this Order pursuant to Article VII, Section 6(3) of the 1972 Montana Constitution, and statutes enacted in conformity therewith and in implementation thereof.

DATED this 6th day of January, 2026.



Chief Justice