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IN RE THE RULES FOR ADMISSION
TO THE BAR OF MONTANA

ORDER

By order dated March 29, 2017, this Court opened a 90-day public comment period on the Application of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), Montana Chapter, seeking to amend the written and oral oaths of attorneys upon admission to the Bar of the State of Montana. The amendment would include a pledge to “maintain civility toward opposing parties and their counsel not only in court, but also in all written and oral communications.” No one submitted comment during the time allowed.


Having considered the Application, the Court determines that it is well taken. The Court appreciates the efforts of ABOTA, through its *Civility Matters* program, to elevate the standards of integrity, honor, ethics, civility, and courtesy in the legal profession and to promote professional and civil behavior in the practice of law, among both lawyers and judges.

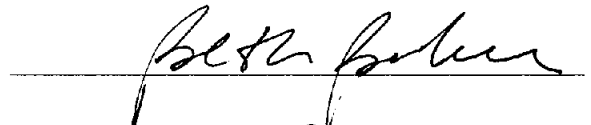
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, effective immediately, the written and oral oaths of admission to the Bar of the State of Montana are amended in the form attached to this Order.

A copy of this Order and of the attached copies of the written and oral oaths shall be posted on the Court’s website. In addition, the Clerk is directed to provide copies of this Order and attachment to the Executive Director of the State Bar of Montana, with the request that they be posted on the State Bar’s website and published in the next edition of the

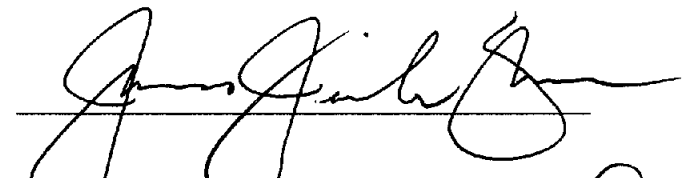
Montana Lawyer magazine; to the Chair of the Commission on Character and Fitness; to the Bar Admissions Administrator of the State Bar of Montana; to the Dean of the Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana; and to the Chair of the Board of Bar Examiners.

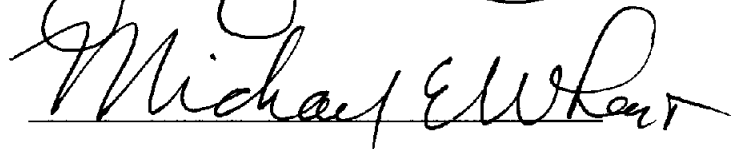
Dated this 19th day of September, 2017.



Chief Justice













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