

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF MONTANAIN RE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN  
ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMISSION

ORDER

On December 23, 2011, the Montana Supreme Court Equal Justice Task Force (EJTF), through its co-chairpersons, Andrew King-Ries and Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, and EJTF member Tammy Plubell petitioned the Court to establish an Access to Justice Commission (ATJC). The ATJC, if established, would have the permanent responsibility of coordinating and managing access to justice in Montana on a long-term basis. The Court has agreed to consider this matter at a Public Meeting following a 60-day comment period.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED that public comments will be accepted on the "Petition to Create [an Access to Justice] Commission and Formalize Structure." Such comments shall be filed, in writing, with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order.

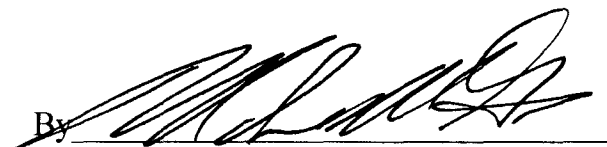
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order and the copy of the Petition shall be published on the Montana Supreme Court website, and that notice of this Order shall be posted on the website of the State Bar of Montana and in the next available issue of the *Montana Lawyer*.

The Clerk is directed to provide copies of this order to:

Andrew King-Ries, Associate Professor, University of Montana School of Law  
Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Attorney at Law;  
Tammy Plubell, Assistant Attorney General;  
The State Bar of Montana; Paralegal Section, Access to Justice Committee,  
and Dispute Resolution Committee;  
All District Court Judges;  
The Governor's Office of Indian Affairs;  
Montana Legal Services Corporation;  
Office of the Court Administrator; and  
Members of the Commission on Self-Represented Litigants.

DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

For the Court,

By   
Chief Justice