



# COMMISSION ON CHARACTER AND FITNESS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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## AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

The Rules of Admission to the Bar of Montana require the Commission on Character and Fitness to decide whether to certify the admission of each applicant. Certification refers to permission to sit for the Montana bar examination and be admitted to the practice of law in Montana. Because I am an applicant, the Commission and any person or entity providing staff or prosecutorial support may request and obtain any such information that bears upon my character and fitness.

This Authorization and Release is my consent to the investigation described above of my moral character, professional reputation, and fitness for the practice of law.

I understand this investigation includes release of my educational, medical, criminal, mental health, and financial records. It also includes formal, informal, pending or closed bar discipline matters and litigation documents, as well as any other matters the Commission deem necessary to conduct its investigation.

I authorize and request every person, firm, company, corporation, governmental agency, court, association, or institution, including institutes of higher education having control of any documents, records, education records, and other information pertaining to me to furnish to the State Bar of Montana, Board of Bar Examiners, Commission on Character and Fitness, State Supreme Court, and their agents and representatives all information - including documents, education, other records, bar association files regarding charges, complaints filed against me (formal or informal, pending or closed), or any other pertinent data. I permit the above-named persons or any of their agents/representatives to review, obtain copies of, and use those documents, records, and other information.

I hereby request and authorize the Department of Defense to furnish to the above-named persons the record of each period of my service therein, and to furnish the character of service rendered for each period. My serial number was/is \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby release, discharge, and exonerate the Commission on Character and Fitness, the State Bar of Montana, the Montana State Supreme Court, the Board of Bar Examiners, Institutes of Higher Education their agents, employees and representatives, and any person or organization supplying information in connection with this application or the investigation, from any and all liability of every nature and kind arising out of the disclosure of information or documents relating to the Commission's investigation.

Name:

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Address:

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City, State, Zip

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(Applicant's Signature) (Date)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

(Notarial Seal)

Notary Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Notary \_\_\_\_\_  
Residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public for the State of \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

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