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IN RE THE RULES FOR ADMISSION  
TO THE BAR OF MONTANA

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**ORDER**

The Montana Board of Bar Examiners and the State Bar of Montana have submitted a petition to amend the Rules for Admission to the Bar of Montana to require the “NextGen” Uniform Bar Examination used by the National Conference of Bar Examiners as the method of direct examination for admission to the bar of Montana. They submit that the NexGen Uniform Bar Exam aligns more closely with the majority of UBE jurisdictions, and adoption of NexGen will provide the knowledge and skills essential for competent practice in Montana. They request that the Court utilize the current Standing Committee of stakeholders on admission matters to assist with the implementation of the new exam.

After consideration of the petition, the Court has determined that the bench and bar of the State of Montana should be provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions.

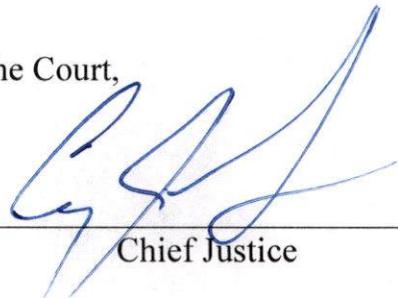
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all members of the bench and bar of Montana and any other interested persons are granted 60 days from the date of this Order in which to file with the Clerk of this Court appropriate comments and/or suggestions to the attached petition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order and attached petition shall be posted on the websites of the Montana State Law Library and the State Bar of Montana. The State Bar of Montana is requested to give notice of this Order and of its website posting of the petition to the membership by publication in the *Montana Lawyer* magazine and through other electronic and timely means.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall post this Order with the attached petition on the Court's website and shall provide copies to the State Bar of Montana, to each District Court Judge and each Clerk of the District Court, and each City, Municipal, and Justice Court Judge and Clerk, with a request that each Clerk make the Order and attachments available for public review in their respective offices.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

For the Court,



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Chief Justice