

# ORIGINAL

## MINUTES

Montana Supreme Court Public Meeting  
Tuesday, January 4, 2011  
Justice Building, Attorney's Lounge, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
215 North Sanders, Helena, Montana

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Chief Justice Mike McGrath called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

*Ed Smith*  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF MONTANA

### In Attendance:

Chief Justice Mike McGrath, and Associate Justices Beth Baker, James Rice, James Nelson, Patricia Cotter, Michael Wheat, and Brian Morris. No members of the public were present.

### Agenda Items:

- 1. Approval of Minutes.** The minutes of the public meeting occurring on November 30, 2010, were approved without objection.
- 2. Appointment to the Commission on Practice.** The Court ordered that Attorney Bob Savage of Sidney, Montana, be appointed to the Commission. He will fill out the remainder of Attorney Jo Ridgeway's term, which ends on April 28, 2013.
- 3. Appointments to the Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.** The Court observed that the terms of three members of the Commission recently ended as a result of the 2010 elections. The Court ordered that the Hon. Stephen Fagerstrom be appointed to the Commission in the position reserved for a justice of the peace of a large community, replacing the Hon. David Ortley, for a term ending on June 30, 2012; that the Hon. Marie Anderson be appointed to the Commission in the position reserved for a city judge of a large community, replacing the Hon. Mary Jane Knisely, for a term ending on June 30, 2014; and that Bernie Cassidy be appointed to the Commission in the position reserved for a county representative, replacing Shaun Donovan, for a term ending on June 30, 2014.
- 4. Reappointments to the Commission of Uniform District Court Rules Commission.** The Court ordered that Elizabeth A. Halverson and Gregory S. Munro be reappointed to the Commission. Their terms will end on October 1, 2014.

The next public meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the Attorney's Lounge. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Duly submitted,

Christian Dietrich  
Law Clerk for Justice Beth Baker