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**Montana Supreme Court Public Meeting
Tuesday, February 18, 2014 1:15 p.m.
Justice Building, Attorney's Lounge, 4th Floor
215 North Sanders, Helena, Montana**

Chief Justice McGrath called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. Justices Baker, Rice, Cotter, McKinnon, and Wheat were in attendance, as were John Hartsoe, Clerk of Court Ed Smith, Betsy Brandborg from the State Bar of Montana, law clerks Tessa Keller and Patricia Klanke, and staff attorney Chris Wethern.

The Court approved the minutes of its last meeting.

Agenda Item One. The Court reappointed the Honorable Jeffrey H. Langton and Melissa Broch to the Criminal Jury Instruction Commission, for terms that will expire on January 1, 2018.

Agenda Item Two. The Court reappointed Kirsten H. Pabst and Guy W. Rogers to the Commission on Rules of Evidence. The Court appointed Cynthia Ford to the seat on the Commission formerly held by Margaret A. Tonon. All three of the appointees' terms will expire on January 1, 2018.

Agenda Item Three. The Court appointed Teri Mazer of the Gallatin County Justice Court to the seat on the Access to Justice Commission reserved for a clerk of a court of limited jurisdiction. Mazer's term on the Commission shall expire on September 30, 2016.

Agenda Item Four. The Montana Judges Association has proposed revisions to the rule on substitution of district judges that is codified at § 3-1-804, MCA. The Court signed an order inviting comments on the proposed revisions to the rule, which comments may be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court in writing within the next 60 days.

Agenda Item Five. Clerk of Court Ed Smith requested authorization to inform clerks of district courts that district court records may be filed with this Court on disk, instead of in the original paper copies. This will reduce the cost of transmission of district court records and allow for easier disbursement of records to litigants. On motion of Justice Cotter, seconded by Justice Baker, the Court voted to authorize Smith's office to begin accepting the filing of district court records on disk.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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STATE OF MONTANA

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