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**Montana Supreme Court Public Meeting
Justice Building, 4th Floor, Attorney's Lounge
Helena, Montana
February 3, 2015**

Chief Justice McGrath called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. Justices Baker, Cotter, McKinnon, Rice, Shea, and Wheat were in attendance.

Also present were Chris Wethern, Staff Attorney for the Montana Supreme Court, Rex Renk, Deputy Clerk of Court, Valentine Sworts, Pro Se Clerk for the Montana Supreme Court, and Kelly Driscoll, Law Clerk for Chief Justice McGrath.

Item 1: Minutes

The Court unanimously approved the Minutes of the December 16, 2014 Public Meeting.

Item 2: Appointment to Access to Justice Commission

The Court approved the appointment of Yellowstone County Justice of the Peace, David A. Carter to the Access to Justice Commission.

Item 3: Appointment to Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction

The Court approved the appointment of Honorable Holly Frederickson to the Commission on Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.

Item 4: Amendments to Montana Rules of Appellate Procedure

The Court gave final approval to most of the changes to which it agreed in April of 2014. However, the court decided not to insert the words "or cross-appeal" in the first sentence of Rule 7(3)(a). The Court agreed to revise the last sentence of Rule 7(4)(g) to read as follows: If the affidavit is filed after the appointment of a mediator, the affidavit will be rejected. The revisions were approved as revised at the meeting, to be effective when published.

Additionally, the Chief called attention to new forms prepared by Staff Attorney Wethern.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Duly Submitted
Kelly Driscoll
Law Clerk

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