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IN RE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT
COMMISSION ON LOCAL RULES

ORDER

The Montana Workers' Compensation Court (WCC) petitioned this Court to establish a Commission on Local Rules for the limited purposes of establishing, adopting, amending, and repealing the WCC local rules. Following a 60-day period for public comment, the Court held a public meeting on June 23, 2026, at which time the Court unanimously approved the petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Workers' Compensation Court Commission on Local Rules (WWCCLR) is established. The WWCCLR is granted the authority to establish, adopt, amend, review, and repeal local rules of the WCC. It shall meet annually for that purpose, or sooner as the WCC directs.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the WWCCLR will consist of the following members, serving an indefinite term:

Charlie K. Smith (Chair)
Dean Blackaby
Michael A. Bliven
Miranda Dalpiaz
Michael C. Doggett
Geoff Keller
David T. Lighthall
Stacy Tempel-St. John

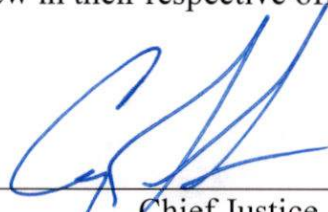
Thomas A. Mackay
Joe Maynard
Sydney E. McKenna
Matt Murphy
Tommy Murphy
Melissa Quale
Ben Williams

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the WCC shall provide administrative support for the WWCCLR.

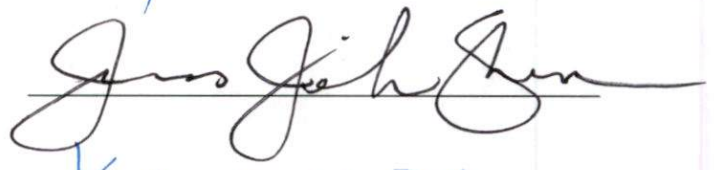
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be posted on the website of the State Bar of Montana. The State Bar of Montana is requested to give notice of this Order and of its website posting to the membership by publication in the *Montana Lawyer* magazine and through other electronic and timely means.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court is directed to post this Order on the Court's website and to provide copies to the State Bar of Montana, the Workers' Compensation Court, each member of the Workers' Compensation Court Commission on Local Rules, 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 available for public review in their respective offices.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2026.



Chief Justice



Katherine M. Biddegaray



Barbara N. K.



Angela Smith



Peter Brown



Justin Rice
Justices