

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

PR 16-0265

IN THE MATTER OF JACK H. MORRIS,

An Attorney at Law,

Respondent.

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Ed Smith
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

On April 28, 2016, a formal disciplinary complaint was filed against Montana attorney Jack Morris. The disciplinary complaint may be reviewed by any interested person in the office of the Clerk of this Court.

Morris subsequently tendered to the Commission on Practice a conditional admission and affidavit of consent, pursuant to Rule 26 of the Montana Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement (MRLDE). The Commission held a hearing on the conditional admission and affidavit of consent on January 12, 2017, at which hearing Morris was present and testified on his own behalf. On March 7, 2017, the Commission submitted to this Court its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Recommendation that Morris's conditional admission be accepted.

We approve the findings, conclusions, and recommendation of the Commission on Practice. In his conditional admission, Morris has admitted to violations of Rules 1.4, 1.2, 1.1, and 1.3, 1.16(a), and 8.1 of the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct, in relation to his representation of Barry McLean in a quiet title action. Morris's admission, as amended at the hearing before the Commission, was tendered in exchange for discipline in the form of a public censure by this Court and payment of costs.

Based upon the foregoing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Commission's Recommendation that we accept Morris's Rule 26 tendered admission is ACCEPTED and ADOPTED.

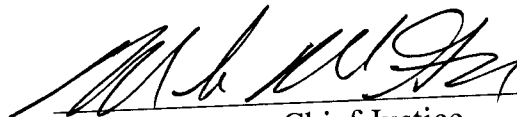
2. Jack Morris shall appear before this Court for a public censure to be administered in our Courtroom, at 1 o'clock p.m. on April 18, 2017.

3. Morris shall pay the costs of these proceedings subject to the provisions of Rule 9(A)(8), MRLDE, allowing objections to be filed to the statement of costs.

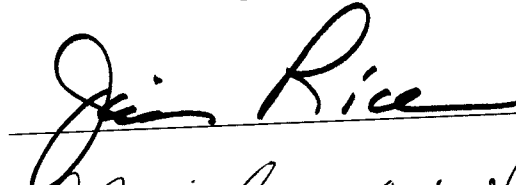
4. Pursuant to Rule 26(D), MRLDE, the Clerk of this Court is directed to file copies of Morris's Conditional Admission and Affidavit of Consent, together with the Commission's findings, conclusions, and recommendation.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to serve a copy of this Order of Discipline upon Jack Morris and to provide copies to Disciplinary Counsel; the Office Administrator for the Commission on Practice; the Clerks of all the District Courts of the State of Montana; each District Judge in the State of Montana; the Clerk of the Federal District Court for the District of Montana; the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Appeals of the Ninth Circuit; and the Executive Director of the State Bar of Montana.

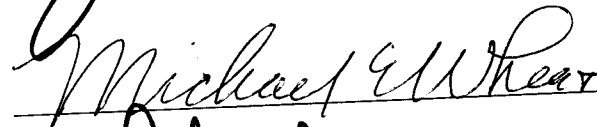
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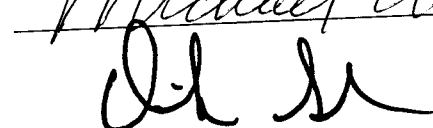
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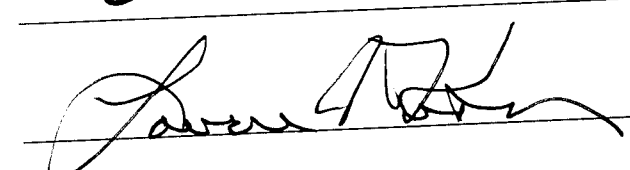
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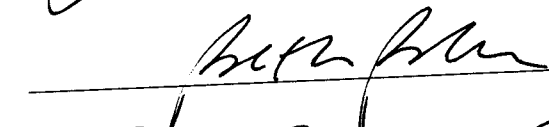
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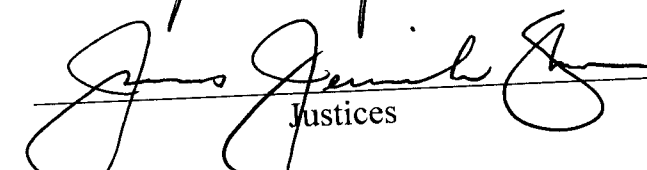
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