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SUPREME COURT
STATE OF WASHINGTON
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THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF AN)
AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE)
WSBA BYLAWS)
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_____)

ORDER
NO. 25700-B-665

The Washington Supreme Court has plenary authority over the practice of law in Washington. The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) serves under the delegated authority of the Court in regulating and administering licenses to practice law in Washington and effectuating other purposes and functions as set forth in General Rule (GR) 12 and 12.1 – 12.5. All amendments to the WSBA’s bylaws are subject to Supreme Court approval.

In a letter dated April 20, 2021, WSBA Executive Director Terra Nevitt provided the Court a proposed amendment to Article III, Section D., of the WSBA bylaws that was approved by the Board of Governors at its March 18, 2021, meeting. The amendment to Section D. 1. A. 1) (a) provides that the application/investigation fee is not required to be paid by a Limited Practice Officer or Limited License Legal Technician who returns to active status from inactive status after 90 days or less. This amendment was submitted jointly to the Board of Governors by the Limited Practice Board and the Limited License Legal Technician Board.

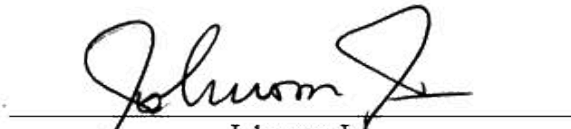
Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

That the WSBA Bylaws Amendment to Article III, Section D, as described above and as provided in the attached copy of the amendment, is approved by this Court and shall be given full force and effect.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 29th day of April, 2021.


González, C.J.

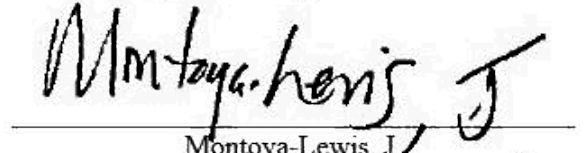

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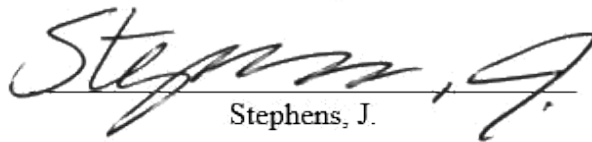

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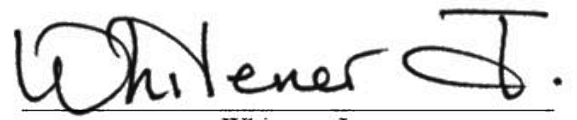

Madsen, J.


Yu, J.


Owens, J.


Montoya-Lewis, J.


Stephens, J.


Whitener, J.

Approved by BOG March 18, 2021: Changes to Art. III, Sec. D.1.a.1(a) REDLINE

- g. date and period(s) of administrative suspensions, if any;
 - h. date and period of disciplinary actions or sanctions, if any, including suspension, disbarment, and revocation;
 - i. such other data as the BOG or Washington Supreme Court may from time to time require of each member.
3. Any Active member residing out-of-state must file with the Bar, in such form and manner as the Bar may prescribe, the name and physical street address of a designated resident agent within Washington State. The member must notify the Bar of any change in resident agent within 10 days of any such change.
4. Any member who fails to provide the Bar with the information required to be provided pursuant to these Bylaws, or to notify the Bar of any changes in such information within 10 days, will be subject to administrative suspension pursuant to these Bylaws and/or the Admission and Practice Rules. Judicial members are exempt from suspension pursuant to this provision while eligible for Judicial membership and serving as a judicial officer.

D. CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP STATUS TO ACTIVE

1. Members may change membership status as provided below.
- a. Transfer from Inactive to Active.**
- 1) An Inactive member or Honorary member may transfer to Active by:
 - (a) paying an application and/or investigation fee and completing and submitting an application form, all required licensing forms, and any other required information. The fee in this paragraph is not required from an LPO or LLLT who has been inactive for 90 days or less;
 - (b) earning, within the six years preceding the return to Active status, and reporting the total number of approved MCLE credits required for one reporting period for an Active member with the same license type, and paying any outstanding MCLE late fees that are owed. If the member has been Inactive or a combination of Suspended and Inactive for less than one year, and the member would have been required to report during the time the member was Inactive and/or Suspended, the member must establish that the member is compliant with the MCLE reporting requirements for that reporting period before the member can change to Active. This paragraph does not apply to members transferring back to Active during their first MCLE reporting period;
 - (c) passing a character and fitness review essentially equivalent to that required of all applicants for admission to the Bar, pursuant to APR 20-24.3; and
 - (d) paying the current Active license fee, including any mandatory assessments, less any license fee (not including late fees) and assessments paid as an Inactive member for the same year.
 - 2) If a member was Inactive or any combination of Suspended and Inactive in Washington for more than six consecutive years, the member must earn MCLE credits in a manner consistent with the requirement for one reporting period for an Active member of the