## IN THE SUPREME COURT, STATE OF WYOMING

October Term, A.D. 2019

In the Matter of Amendments to	)
Rule 7 of the Rules Governing the Wyoming State Bar and the Authorized Practice of Law	)

## ORDER AMENDING RULE 7 OF THE RULES GOVERNING THE WYOMING STATE BAR AND THE AUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW

**Bar Counsel for Wyoming State Bar** has recommended that the Wyoming Supreme Court amend Rule 7 of the Rules Governing the Wyoming State Bar and the Authorized Practice of Law. That recommendation was made after a non-lawyer was appointed to the position of a public records ombudsman. See Wyo.Stat.Ann. § 16-4-202(c)(v). Now, having carefully reviewed the proposed amendments to Rule 7, the Court finds the proposed amendments should be adopted. It is, therefore,

**ORDERED** that the amendments to Rule 7 of the Rules Governing the Wyoming State Bar and the Authorized Practice of Law, attached hereto, be, and hereby are, adopted by the Court to be effective March 1, 2020; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this order and the amendments be published in the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter; the amendments be published in the Wyoming Court Rules Volume; and that this order and the amendments be published online at the Wyoming Judicial Branch's website, http://www.courts.state.wy.us. The amendments to Rule 7 of the Rules Governing the Wyoming State Bar and the Authorized Practice of Law shall also be recorded in the journal of this Court.

**DATED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

**BY THE COURT:** 

/s/

MICHAEL K. DAVIS Chief Justice

## **RULES GOVERNING THE WYOMING STATE BAR AND THE AUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW**

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## Rule 7. Authorization to practice law.

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(c) Whether or not they constitute the practice of law, the following are not prohibited: \*\*\*\*\*

(15) <u>Statutorily authorized acts by the public records ombudsman, pursuant to the Public Records Act, Wyo. Stat. Ann.§§ 16-4-201 *et seq.*</u>

(16) Nonlawyers engaging in any other activity which the Supreme Court determines, upon the report and recommendation of the Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law, does not constitute the unauthorized practice of law.

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