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Clerk, U.S. District Court  
District of Montana  
Missoula DivisionIN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANAIn re: Appointment of the Local Rules  
Advisory Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 26-36

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following persons are appointed as members of the District of Montana Local Rules Advisory Committee for the terms specified below:

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Judge DeSoto shall serve as Chair of this  
Local Rules Advisory Committee.

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026.



Brian Morris, Chief Judge  
United States District Court