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COURT ANNOUNCEMENT

The United States District Court for the District of Montana is pleased to announce the selection of Ms. Jordan Y. Crosby of Great Falls, Montana, to serve as the next United States magistrate judge in the Great Falls Division. Ms. Crosby was selected from among a highly qualified group of finalists compiled by a Court-appointed merit selection panel.

Ms. Crosby is a shareholder/partner with the law firm of Ugrin Alexander Zadick, P.C., in Great Falls, Montana. She was born and raised in Missoula and attended the University of Montana, obtaining a BA in political science and history, with high honors, in 2001. She received her J.D. from the University of Montana School of Law, with honors, in 2004. After graduating from law school, Ms. Crosby served as a law clerk for United States Magistrate Judge Carolyn S. Ostby from 2004 until 2008. Ms. Crosby then entered private practice in Great Falls before joining UAZ in 2008.

Ms. Crosby practices primarily civil defense, in the areas of employment and labor law, discrimination and civil rights, municipal and governmental liability, insurance defense, insurance bad faith, and insurance coverage. Ms. Crosby has also recently served as a mediator throughout Montana. She is admitted to practice in the state and federal courts of Montana, the United States Supreme Court, and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She is a member of the State Bar of Montana, Federal Bar Association, Cascade County Bar Association, Montana Defense Trial Lawyers, SHRM, and DRI.

Ms. Crosby serves on the Board of Directors for the Federal Defenders of Montana, Inc., a Community Defender Organization in the federal defender system. In addition, for the past several years, she has served as president of the board. She also recently completed service on the Board of Directors of the

Cascade County Law Clinic, which accommodates pro-bono legal services, primarily in the area of family law, to low-income residents of Cascade County.

The District of Montana has three full-time magistrate judge positions, located in Missoula, Billings, and Great Falls. Ms. Crosby will become the sixth magistrate judge to serve on a full-time basis in the Great Falls Division and will fill the seat once held by Judge Ostby. Her appointment takes effect on January 6, 2027. She will succeed current United States Magistrate Judge John T. Johnston, who has announced plans to retire on January 5, 2027.