



Stevensville Special Town Council Meeting

Agenda for

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2026

6:30 PM

206 Buck Street, Town Hall

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments (Public comment from citizens on items that are not on the agenda)
4. New Business
 - a. Discussion/Decision: Approve the Recommendation of Christine Lindley as the Town Attorney for the Town of Stevensville
5. Adjournment

Welcome to Stevensville Town Council Chambers

We consider it a privilege to present, and listen to, diverse views.

It is essential that we treat each other with respect.

We expect that participants will:

- ✓ Engage in active listening
- ✓ Make concise statements
- ✓ Observe any applicable time limit

We further expect that participants will refrain from disrespectful displays:

- ✗ Profanity
- ✗ Personal Attacks
- ✗ Signs
- ✗ Heckling and applause

Guidelines for Public Comment

Public Comment ensures an opportunity for citizens to meaningfully participate in the decisions of its elected officials. It is one of several ways your voice is heard by your local government. During public comment we ask that all participants respect the right of others to make their comment uninterrupted. The council's goal is to receive as much comment as time reasonably allows. All public comment should be directed to the chair (Mayor or designee). Comment made to the audience or individual council members may be ruled out of order. Public comment must remain on topic, and free from abusive language or unsupported allegations.

During any council meeting you have two opportunities to comment:

1. During the public comment period near the beginning of a meeting.
2. Before any decision-making vote of the council on an agenda item.

Comment made outside of these times may not be allowed.

Citizens wishing to speak during any public comment period should come forward to the podium and state their name and address for the record. Comment may be time limited, as determined by the chair, to allow as many people as possible to comment. Comment prior to a decision-making vote must remain on the motion before the council.

Thank you for observing these guidelines.

File Attachments for Item:

- a. Discussion/Decision: Approve the Recommendation of Christine Lindley as the Town Attorney for the Town of Stevensville



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Agenda Item Request

To be submitted BEFORE Noon on the Wednesday immediately preceding the Thursday agenda publishing deadline (8-days ahead of the meeting).

Agenda Item Type:	New Business
Person Submitting the Agenda Item:	Jim Crews
Second Person Submitting the Agenda Item:	
Submitter Title:	Mayor
Submitter Phone:	
Submitter Email:	
Requested Council Meeting Date for Item:	02/09/2026
Agenda Topic:	Discussion/Decision: Approve the Recommendation of Christine Lindley as the Town Attorney for the Town of Stevensville
Backup Documents Attached?	Yes
If no, why not?	
Approved/Disapproved?	Approved
If Approved, Meeting Date for Consideration:	02/09/2026
Notes:	Mr. Greg Overstreet gave his resignation as the Town of Stevensville's Town Attorney at the regularly scheduled town council meeting on 01/08/2026. An RFQ was placed on the towns website and notice of the vacancy for town attorney ran in the local newspaper on 01/14/26 and 01/28/26. Mayor Crews is making the recommendation of Christine Lindley as the new Town of Stevensville Town Attorney.



Lindley Law, LLC

Town of Stevensville, MT

206 Buck Street
Stevensville, MT 59870
townclerk@townofstevensville.gov

RE: Engagement of Lindley Law, LLC – Town of Stevensville, MT Civil Attorney Contract

This Agreement, effective upon the approval of the Town Council and signature of the Town Mayor, is entered into by and between the Town of Stevensville, Montana, whose address is 206 Buck Street, Stevensville, Montana 59870 (the “Town”), and Lindley Law, LLC, (a Montana Limited Liability Company whose address is 4740 Canyon Creek Boulevard, Missoula, Montana 59808) acting by and through Christine Lindley, it’s manager (hereafter collectively the “Parties”).

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized to enter into contracts for legal services under Section 7-5-4301, Montana Code Annotated (“MCA”);

WHEREAS, the Town held a Town Council Meeting on January 8, 2026 and voted to open a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) for Town Attorney services;

WHEREAS, the Town posted a RFQ on its website following the January 8, 2026 Town Council Meeting;

WHEREAS, the Town published a notice of RFQ in the Bitterroot Star on January 13, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommended for approval this Agreement to the Town Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council approved this Agreement on February 9, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE, the terms of this Agreement are as follows:

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TERMS

1. Scope of Work: This agreement that the scope of Lindley Law, LLC's representation will be assisting the Town of Stevensville (the "Town") with general civil matter, board, and Town department advising; contract drafting, review, and negotiation; resolution and ordinance drafting and/or review; general in-house municipal civil counsel services (department and board advising, contract drafting and negotiation, land use municipal advising, municipal facilities and public works advising, risk assessment and prevention, labor and employment law, and finance issues) and may include civil litigation matters not covered by insurer assigned defense counsel and acting as a liaison with insurer assigned defense counsel. Upon request, Lindley Law, LLC may also assist with advising municipal law enforcement with risk prevention training.
2. Duration. This Agreement shall be for 2 years from the effective date, after which the Agreement may be extended automatically unless either of the Parties notify the other in writing of its intent to not renew this Agreement prior to end of the initial 2 year period. If no notice of intent to not renew this Agreement is given, this Agreement shall thereafter extend for 1 additional year, beginning on the day after the last day of the 2 year period.
3. Responsible Parties. Christine Lindley will be the attorney responsible for work performed on the Town's behalf, and Lindley Law, LLC's Assistant/Office Manager, Tammy Lindley, will be an additional point of contact related to these services.
4. Fees. The fees for Lindley Law, LLC's services will be as follows:
 - Attorney's legal fees for this scope of work for the Town would be at the rate of \$150 per hour, billed in 6-minute intervals. Legal assistant's fees for this scope of work would be at the rate of \$50 per hour, billed in 6-minute intervals.
 - Reimbursement of attorney travel mileage at the rate of \$0.35 per mile (2026 rate) and \$45 per hour travel time (billed in 6-minute intervals). It is understood that Christine Lindley's primary office and residence is currently in Missoula [which is subject to change upon Lindley Law, LLC's pending relocation to Ravalli County], for which one-way for her travel to Town Hall at its shortest distance is 32.3 miles (\$11.31 to be

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reimbursed) and round-trip at \$22.62 to be reimbursed. Lindley Law, LLC will strive to keep these fees economical for the Town, and this mileage estimate is subject to change upon Lindley Law, LLC's relocation to Ravalli County.

When fees are earned pursuant to this engagement letter/agreement, the fees become the property of Lindley Law, LLC.

5. Costs Not Included in Fees. For litigation matters, all filing fees, postage, experts, depositions, reporters, process servers, and/or other court costs will be billed to the Town and are not included in the above-described rates. For transactional matters, all closing costs, postage, title reports (if needed), and/or recording fees will be billed to the Town and are not in the above-described rates.
6. Insurance. Lindley Law, LLC will carry malpractice insurance in the amounts described in the attached certificate of insurance through the duration of this Agreement (attached hereto and incorporated as if fully restated herein by reference). If additional malpractice coverage is required for this work, the Town shall reimburse Lindley Law, LLC for the additional increased coverage under its policy or purchase a separate policy for its purposes.
7. Conflicts. As Lindley Law, LLC only has a preliminary understanding of the Town's scope of work, but not a comprehensive list of all pending cases, transactions, and/or regulatory drafting matters, we are not aware of any current conflicts that would preclude our representation of the Town. As Ravalli County was attorney Christine Lindley's client in the past, there may be some conflicts that could arise, however, we have not identified any conflicts that would initially prohibit this scope of representation. We reserve the right to continuously run conflict checks during the scope of this representation, and reserve the right to notify the Town if we become aware of a conflict that would prohibit our representation on any matter.
8. Modification. This Agreement may be modified if the Parties enter into a written and signed modification in compliance with Section 7-5-4308, MCA.
9. Cooperation. By accepting the terms of this Agreement, the Town agrees to cooperate and participate in the conduct of Lindley Law, LLC's

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representation of the Town and to truthfully and immediately notify Lindley Law, LLC of anything that could affect its work for the Town.

10. **Termination.** Either the Town or Lindley Law, LLC may terminate this Agreement at any point by giving the other party reasonable notice in writing prior to terminating this Agreement.
11. **Severability.** Should any provision(s) of this instrument be held to be void or unenforceable for any reason, such fact shall not render invalid the remaining provisions of this instrument.
12. **Entire Agreement.** This executed Agreement supersedes, negates, and renders void all prior agreements, understandings, and interpretations of this Agreement's terms and constitutes the final Agreement of the Parties.

/s/ Christine Lindley
Authorized signer for Lindley Law, LLC

Date: February 3, 2026

Signed: _____

James “Jim” Crews, Mayor
[authorized signer for Town of Stevensville, MT upon consent of the Town Council]

Date: _____

Attest: _____
Jenelle S. Berthoud, Town Clerk



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CERTIFICATE OF PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE		DATE: 01/12/2026			
THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.					
THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICY LISTED BELOW.					
NAMED INSURED:		CERTIFICATE HOLDER:			
Lindley Law 4740 Canyon Creek Boulevard Missoula, MT 59808		Town of Stevensville, Montana 206 Buck Street Stevensville, MT 59870			
IF THE DESCRIBED POLICY IS CANCELLED BEFORE ITS EXPIRATION DATE ALPS WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAIL TEN DAYS WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER NAMED ABOVE, BUT FAILURE TO DO SO SHALL IMPOSE NO OBLIGATION OR LIABILITY OF ANY KIND UPON ALPS, ITS AGENTS OR REPRESENTATIVES COVERAGES.					
THE POLICY OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAS BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICY DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICY. AGGREGATE LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.					
TYPE OF INSURANCE:	POLICY NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE	RETROACTIVE COVERAGE DATE	LIMIT OF LIABILITY
LAWYERS PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY CLAIMS MADE	ALPS40447	11/17/2025	11/17/2026	11/17/2025	EACH CLAIM \$3,000,000 AGGREGATE \$3,000,000
DEDUCTIBLE: EACH CLAIM \$7,500 THE DEDUCTIBLE SHALL BE SUBTRACTED FROM THE CLAIM EXPENSE ALLOWANCE AND THEN THE TOTAL LIMIT OF LIABILITY RESULTING FROM EACH CLAIM REPORTED TO THE COMPANY DURING THE POLICY PERIOD, SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL AGGREGATE DEDUCTIBLE EQUAL TO TWICE THE DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT LISTED IN THE DECLARATIONS.					
ENDORSEMENTS LISTED ON THE DECLARATION AT INCEPTION: First Dollar Defense					
LAW OFFICE LOCATED: 4740 Canyon Creek Boulevard Missoula, MT 59808					
ALPS P.O. Box 9169, Missoula, MT 59807-9169 (800) 367-2577 (406) 728-3113 Fax: (406) 728-7416 www.alpsinsurance.com		 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE ALPS PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY			

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Lindley Law, LLC

Town of Stevensville, MT
cc: Attorney Greg Overstreet

January 13, 2026

RE: Cover Letter and Initial Request for Qualifications Information

To Whom it May Concern,

Thank for considering this letter of initial interest in and qualifications for contract counsel for the Town of Stevensville (the “Town”). My current understanding is the Town has a contract prosecutor and the Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) (attached and incorporated by reference herein) deals exclusively with civil issues. My specialization in law has been primarily in local government, land use, real estate, contract, and general counsel/employment law advising and litigation. Based on this, I believe I am a good candidate for serving in this capacity.

I have been an attorney for nearly two and a half years, having served as Ravalli County’s Deputy Civil Attorney, then in private practice at a larger firm, and now in my own practice at Lindley Law, LLC. I am experienced with the broad range of areas of law that touch on civil local government operations and would love to serve this community. As detailed in my attached résumé, my practice has ranged from local government contracting, land use, finance, elections, infrastructure, and labor and employment law, and I have had substantial experience in litigation including one civil bench trial this last summer. I am familiar with some issues that have faced the Town. However, it has been my experience that one cannot be familiar with all issues and perspectives facing a local government entity until one actually begins working for that entity.

Pursuant to the RFQ, I would like to be considered for the following practice areas:

- General municipal law advisory
- Labor/employment, training and personnel investigations
- Tax (federal, state, local)
- Housing Authority/HUD [I am only somewhat familiar with this practice area, and am willing to become proficient at this area of law through research and/or training.]
- Workers compensation (public entity employer)
- Election procedures and law
- Urban Run-off
- Solid waste/recycling
- Telecommunications (advisory and administrative proceedings)
- Bankruptcy [I am only somewhat familiar with this practice area, and do not claim proficiency to be able to litigate this presently, but am willing to become proficient for general advising/litigation strategy purposes, and am familiar with some individuals who practice this area who I could contact if needed by the Town.)
- Code enforcement

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- Disability issues/FEHA/ADA
- Bidding and Procurement
- Montana Public Records
- Special Districts

Litigation Defense, including but not limited to:

- Public entity tort claims
- Labor and employment matters
- Public safety defense
- Construction law/public works/prevailing wage matters [I am somewhat familiar with prevailing wage, but am willing to become proficient in this area as needed by the Town.]
- Writ litigation and appellate procedures

Real Property, including but not limited to:

- Condemnation/ eminent domain
- Unlawful detainer/eviction (commercial) [I am familiar with some issues and case-law related to commercial unlawful detainer/eviction, however, most of my involvement with commercial leasing has not ended in an unlawful detainer/eviction actions. I am willing to become more specialized in this area as needed by the Town.]
- Development/redevelopment
- Land use/environmental/hazardous materials/brownfields
- Storm water discharge
- Water Use, including laws, regulations, and local issues
- Real estate transaction/commercial document preparation
- Foreclosure [I am familiar with this area of law, but have not had to initiate a foreclosure previously. I am willing to become proficient in this area as needed by the Town.]

I have worked well with the Town's current prosecutor, Kierra "Kiki" Smethers, in the past and she has agreed to be one of my local government attorney references. I have also contacted Bill Fulbright, Ravalli County Attorney, and Charles "Nicho" Hash, Lewis and Clark County Chief Civil Deputy Attorney, both of whom I have worked with in the past and have agreed to be local government attorney references for me.

I would be the responsible attorney and primary contact for this scope of work, and my office manager/legal assistant, Tammy Lindley, would be an additional contact. My practice is not presently large enough to impede my ability to serve the Town's interests effectively.

The scope of Lindley Law, LLC's services, should this request for qualifications be acceptable to the Town and a signed agreement with substantially similar terms is entered into, would be general civil matter, board, and Town department advising; contract drafting, review, and negotiation; resolution and ordinance drafting and/or review; general in-house municipal civil counsel services (department and board advising, contract drafting and negotiation, land use municipal advising, municipal facilities and public works advising, risk assessment and prevention, labor and employment law, and finance issues) and may include civil litigation matters not covered by insurer assigned defense counsel and acting as a liaison with insurer assigned defense counsel. Upon request, we may also assist with advising municipal law enforcement with risk prevention training, with input from the Town's prosecuting attorney.

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My fees for this scope of work for the Town would be \$150 per hour, billed in 6-minute intervals. My legal assistant's fees for this scope of work would be \$50 per hour, billed in 6-minute intervals. This is a significant reduction from my usual fees, and even more of a reduction in my fees compared to when I was at a larger firm, to make this more affordable for the Town.

I also request the Town reimburse my travel mileage at the rate of \$0.35 per mile (2026 rate) and \$45 per hour travel time (billed in 6-minute intervals). My primary office and residence is in Missoula, and one-way for my travel to Town Hall at its shortest distance is 32.3 miles (\$11.31 to be reimbursed) and round-trip at \$22.62 to be reimbursed. I am often in the Bitterroot Valley area and will strive to keep these fees economical for the Town.

I carry my own malpractice insurance and pay for my own continuing legal education requirements. A certificate of insurance is attached with my malpractice coverage limits. If additional malpractice coverage is required for this work, I would request the Town pay for the additional increased coverage under my policy or purchase a separate policy for its purposes.

For litigation matters, all filing fees, postage, experts, depositions, reporters, process servers, and/or other court costs will be billed to the Town and are not included in the above-described rates. For transactional matters, all closing costs, postage, title reports (if needed), and/or recording fees will be billed to the Town and are not in the above-described rates.

As we only have a preliminary understanding of the Town's scope of work, but not a comprehensive list of all pending cases, transactions, and/or regulatory drafting matters, we are not aware of any current conflicts that would preclude my representation of the Town. As Ravalli County was my client in the past, there may be some conflicts that could arise, however, I have not identified any conflicts that would initially prohibit this scope of representation. We reserve the right to continuously run conflict checks during the scope of this representation, and reserve the right to notify the Town if we become aware of a conflict that would prohibit my representation on any matter.

If the above properly sets forth terms acceptable to the Town, please notify me in writing so I can provide a draft agreement with substantially similar terms for your review. Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions regarding this. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Christine Lindley
Owner/Attorney, Lindley Law, LLC
Office: office@lindleylawllc.com
Office: (406) 214-7652
Website: <https://lindleylawllc.wordpress.com>

Attachments:

- Christine Lindley Résumé
- Certificate of Insurance
- List of Local Government Attorney Reference Contacts
- Request for Qualifications

Christine Lindley

4740 Canyon Creek Blvd • Missoula, MT 59808 • (406) 214-7652 • Email: christine@lindleyllc.com
• <https://lindleyllc.wordpress.com/>

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law

Juris Doctor

Malibu, CA
May, 2023

Honors:

Caruso Scholars Award (Awarded based on academic merit and diversity)
Finalist, Pepperdine Caruso Law's 2023 Annual Vincent S. Dalsimer
Moot Court Competition
Second Place Best Oral Advocate, Pepperdine Caruso Law's 2023
Annual Vincent S. Dalsimer Moot Court Competition
Best Brief, Pepperdine Caruso Law's 2023 Annual Vincent S. Dalsimer
Moot Court Competition

Activities:

Competed in Pepperdine Caruso Law's 2023 Annual Vincent S. Dalsimer
Moot Court Competition
Competed in Pepperdine Caruso Law's Spring, 2022 Cippola Closing
Argument Competition
Competed in Pepperdine Caruso Law's Student Bar Association Annual
Spring Talent Show in 2021, 2022, and 2023
Competed in Pepperdine Caruso Law's Annual Col. John L. and Maria
Moriarty's First-Year Moot Court Competition

Liberty University

Bachelor of Science in Law and Policy: Pre-Law Concentration

Lynchburg, VA
December, 2019

Honors:

Graduated Magna Cum Laude; Class rank of 1,602 out of 14,237;
Made the Dean's List 4 Times During Undergraduate Education

Activities:

Member of Liberty University Chapter of the Omega Nu Lambda
National Honor Society and The Society for Collegiate Leadership &
Achievement National Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lindley Law, LLC

Owner/Attorney

Missoula, MT

November, 2025 — Present

- Opened and currently running my own law practice, specializing in various real estate litigation and transactional matters, among other practice areas, listed below:

- Land Use/Zoning/Development
- Easement disputes
- Boundary disputes
- Homeowners' association/Covenants/Developer disputes
- County defense litigation (land use permitting and 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 Claims)
- Timeshare transfer advising
- Commercial property finance, purchase and sale, leasing, and litigation
- Residential property finance, purchase and sale, leasing, and litigation
- Construction law

Garlington, Lohn & Robinson, PLLP

Associate Attorney

Missoula, MT

October, 2024 — November, 2025

- Real estate litigation involving land use process, homeowners' association/developer disputes, realtor defense, and easement disputes
- County defense litigation (land use permitting and 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 claims)

- Construction lien and construction defect litigation
- Insurance defense litigation
- Contract dispute litigation
- Property development project financing transactions
- Timeshare transfer transactions
- Oil, gas, and mineral right research and leasing/selling advising
- Subdivision exemption advising
- Water right research and transfer advising
- Shareholder dispute litigation
- Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services Substance Use Disorder Facility Licensing/Advising

Ravalli County Attorney's Office

Hamilton, MT

Ravalli County Deputy Civil Attorney

August, 2023 — September, 2024

- Advised the Ravalli County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and other Ravalli County elected and appointed officials on a variety of areas of law, administrative and public processes, and in preparation for and in actions taken during civil litigation.
- Some specific areas of practice I personally gave advice in have included:
 - Advised the Ravalli County Planning Department, Planning Board, and BCC on Major and Minor Subdivision and Subdivision Exemption review and approval processes, including attendance at multiple Ravalli County Planning Board and BCC meetings and hearings
 - Advised the Ravalli County Planning and Environmental Health Departments, the Ravalli County Board of Health, and the BCC in Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Ravalli County Environmental Health Department subdivision and subdivision exemption sanitation approvals
 - Ravalli County Environmental Health and Board of Health abatement orders and compliance processes
 - Occasionally advised the Ravalli County Floodplain Administrator on floodplain permitting and compliance issues
 - Advised the BCC, Ravalli County Road and Bridge Department, and Ravalli County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department on various road and easement issues
 - Reviewed and drafted various Ravalli County contracts, including DEQ Sanitation in Subdivision Review, DEQ Air Quality, Wastewater Facilities Preliminary Engineering, Sewer Extension Construction Documents and Easements, event and food vendor permits/agreements at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds, and many others
 - Reviewed and drafted various Ravalli County Lease, Sub-Lease, and Consent to Mortgage Agreements for the Ravalli County Airport
 - Reviewed and drafted Class 8 Property Tax Exemption process and resolution form
 - Assisted the BCC in reviewing and processing various Class 8 Property Tax Exemption applications
 - Advised the Ravalli County Property Tax Appeal Board on various issues, including in public hearings of the Ravalli County Property Tax Appeal Board
 - Advised the Ravalli County Treasurer's Office on tax deed processes and applications
 - Advised Ravalli County's Rural Fire Districts on various issues, including providing review of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) loan documentation
 - Reviewed and advised the Ravalli County Planning Department, Open Lands Board, and BCC regarding various Open Lands Bond Program conservation easement applications and agreements
 - Advised Ravalli County Clerk and Recorder's Office and Elections Officials on various topics

- Advised Ravalli County's Human Resources Department regarding Family and Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, and applicable Montana law compliance, disciplinary procedures and terminations, and workers' compensation issues, as well as assisted in negotiating and drafted a collective bargaining agreement for one of Ravalli County's unions
- Advised Ravalli County's Human Resources Department and Safety Coordinator regarding Worker's Compensation compliance and safety training/investigation policies and procedures (including drafting a proposed Ravalli County Workplace Illness and Injury Reporting Policy)
- Served as a liaison with Ravalli County's insurance claim defense counsel for various state and federal lawsuits involving Ravalli County
- Served as a liaison with Ravalli County's independently-obtained counsel for ongoing litigation involving Ravalli County
- Provided some general litigation strategy/advice in criminal prosecutions and participated in mock trials

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law

Malibu, CA

Adjunct Professor: Masters of Legal Studies Law in Practice Course

April, 2023

- Instructed students in Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law's Masters of Legal Studies Law in Practice 2 day intensive course in April, 2023.
- Prepared a group of 5 students to conduct depositions, a pre-trial negotiation, and orally argue a summary judgment motion.
- Assisted students in preparing for and conducting depositions, a pre-trial negotiation, and orally arguing a summary judgment motion.

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law

Malibu, CA

Note-Taker for Civil Trial Preparation and Settlement Class with

January — April, 2023

Assistant Dean of Professional Formation Arnold Barba

- Took detailed notes and submitted them for students with disabilities to use as part of Pepperdine Caruso Law's accommodations process for my Civil Trial Preparation and Settlement course

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law

Malibu, CA

Note-Taker for Corporations Class with Professor Mark Scarberry

January — April, 2023

- Took detailed notes and submitted them for students with disabilities to use as part of Pepperdine Caruso Law's accommodations process for my Corporations course

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law

Malibu, CA

Teaching Fellow/Coach: Masters of Legal Studies Law in Practice Course

October – November, 2022

- Researched summaries of evidentiary objections for students' use during deposition exercises.
- Prepared a group of 6 students to conduct depositions, a pre-trial negotiation, and orally argue a summary judgment motion.
- Instructed students in Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law's Masters of Legal Studies Law in Practice 2 day intensive course November 18-19, 2022.
- Assisted students in preparing for and conducting depositions, a pre-trial negotiation, and orally arguing a summary judgment motion.

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law

(Remote from Great Falls, MT)

Summer Research Assistant for Professor Robert Pushaw, Jr.

June – July, 2022

- See Robert J. Pushaw, *Defending Dobbs: Ending the Futile Search for a Constitutional Right to Abortion*, Pepperdine University Legal Studies Research Paper (Forthcoming) https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4190711 (August 16, 2022).
- Researched and drafted summary memoranda discussing constitutional issues relating to *Roe v. Wade*, *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, and *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org.*, 597 U.S. __, 142 S.Ct. 2228 (2022).

FairClaim Workers' Compensation Attorneys (A Division of Linnell, Newhall, Martin, & Schulke, P.C.)
Great Falls, MT

Legal Intern

May – July, 2021

- Researched various workers' compensation legal issues and provided written legal memoranda for FairClaim's attorneys.
- Communicated with clients and witnesses.
- Drafted discovery requests.
- Communicated with medical professionals regarding client evaluations.
- Learned how to use firm management software program.
- Observed initial and later client communications and mediations.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Bitterrooters High School Mock Trial Club

Victor, MT

Coach

January — February 2024

- Started high school mock trial club for high school aged youth in the Victor and Corvallis area involving Corvallis High School and homeschooled members
- Developed program for high school aged youth to learn about litigation processes and evidentiary rules
- Instructed some high school aged members in evidentiary rules
- Coached members in conducting witness interviews
- Coached members in conducting direct and cross examination skills
- Coached members in conducting a mock trial

Glennville 4-H

Kern County, CA

Adult Volunteer 4-H Western Heritage Project

July, 2017 – March, 2020

- Instructed a large number of 4-H youth members on oral presentation and interview skills, with multiple members winning high placings at the County, State, and National levels in the 4-H Western Heritage Project.
- Developed curriculum and lessons for teaching youth members how to successfully compete in interview competitions
- Communicated with interview judges for this project's competitions, including museum curators, historical society members, a state park official, and a state park historical interpreter.
- Drafted historical knowledge test questions for County and State 4-H Western Heritage competitions.

Greenhorn Mountain Veterans' Association

Glennville, CA

Volunteer

February, 2011 – March, 2020

- Coordinated serving food at fundraising events with other servers and kitchen volunteers.
- Communicated with event attendees.
- Served food for fundraising events.
- Assisted in preparing for various events held at the veterans' association hall and rodeo grounds.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Licenses/Certifications: Montana State Bar (October, 2023 — Present)
Lawline/ALPS Insurance How to Avoid Conflict of Interest Malpractice Missteps CLE (January, 2026)
Western Montana Bar Association Tips on Effective Oral Argument with Judge Vanatta (4th Judicial District) CLE (November, 2025)

The Seminar Group 7th Annual Land Use Law in Montana Seminar CLE Attendee (November, 2025)
Garlington, Lohn & Robinson, PLLP Employment Law Seminar Presenter/Attendee (October, 2025)
2024 Montana County Attorney's Association Summer Prosecutor CLE Seminar Attendee (July, 2024)
The Seminar Group 19th Annual Labor and Employment Law: Best Practices for Public and Private Employers (March, 2024)
Garlington, Lohn & Robinson, PLLP Employment Law Seminar (October, 2023)
LexisNexis Practice Ready Certification (April, 2021)
LexisNexis Proficiency Certification (November, 2020)
Westlaw Foundations of Effective Legal Research Certification (September, 2020)

Affiliations: Missoula Alliance Church, Attendee (March, 2025 — Present)
American Bar Association Real Property, Trust, and Estate Section (March, 2022 — 2023)
American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division (February 2021 — 2023)
Pepperdine Caruso Law Student Bar Association (August, 2020 — May, 2023)

Other Community Service: Collected and assisted in distributing books for local youth through the Kern County medical clinics and the GET Bus Reading Express Program (2016); Assisted in coordinating fire relief during the CA Erskine Fire for two weeks during the fire and its aftermath (2016).

Interests: Spending Time With My Dog; Exploring Montana's Beautiful Natural Features and Historic Sites; Kayaking; Playing Acoustic Guitar; Fishing



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• <https://lindleyllc.wordpress.com/>

List of Local Government Attorney Reference Contacts

Bill Fulbright, Ravalli County Attorney

- (406) 375-6750

Charles "Nicho" Hash, Lewis and Clark County Chief Civil Deputy Attorney

- (406) 447-8221

Kierra "Kiki" Smethers, Ravalli County Deputy Attorney

Town of Stevensville Prosecutor

- (406) 375-6750



**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO PROVIDE
LEGAL SERVICES
FOR
THE TOWN OF STEVENVILLE**

The Mayor and Town Council are requesting interested law firms to submit Statements of Qualifications to provide legal services for the Town of Stevensville.

City Attorney Responsibilities

The City Attorney is expected to assist the Town by:

- Providing clear and concise legal advice and consultation as requested, to the Council and mayor. Response is required within a mutually agreed upon timeframe.
- Attending regular and special Town Council meetings and occasional advisory board meetings and advising the Council on agenda items and procedural matters.
- Providing guidance and training with regard to the legal requirements imposed by statute and common law.
- Providing designated hours or times of availability, as agreed to with the Mayor and/or the Town Council.
- Drafting, reviewing or revising documents such as legal memos, contracts, ordinances and resolutions.
- Representing the Town in litigation.
- Providing legal advice and assistance to operating departments with regard to employee workers' compensation, employee disciplinary actions, and bargaining unit MOUs.
- Performing legal research and advising on issues related to land use.
- Providing legal advice and assistance to Mayor, Council, and Staff with regard to interaction with local and state agencies.
- Researching and advising on municipal and other legal matters as requested by the Mayor or Town Council.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

(1) INTRODUCTION – AREAS OF LAW TO BE COVERED IN RFQ

The Town requests interested law firms to submit a Statement of Qualifications to provide legal services for the Town. The Town's decision to issue this Request for Qualifications is the result of a policy decision to periodically evaluate the legal services it receives from outside counsel. It does not reflect dissatisfaction with the services currently being provided.

Please provide the information requested in this RFQ for each of the specialized practices area for which you would like to be considered. These practice areas include:

- General Municipal Specialty, including but not limited to:

- General municipal law advisory
- Labor/employment, training and personnel investigations
- Tax (federal, state, local)
- Housing Authority/HUD
- Workers compensation (public entity employer)
- Election procedures and law
- Urban Run-off
- Solid waste/recycling
- Telecommunications (advisory and administrative proceedings)
- Bankruptcy
- Code enforcement
- Disability issues/FEHA/ADA
- Bidding and Procurement
- Montana Public Records
- Special Districts

- Litigation Defense, including but not limited to:

- Public entity tort claims
- Labor and employment matters
- Public safety defense
- Construction law/public works/prevailing wage matters
- Writ litigation and appellate procedures

- Real Property, including but not limited to:
 - Condemnation/ eminent domain
 - Unlawful detainer/ eviction (commercial)
 - Development/ redevelopment
 - Land use/ environmental/ hazardous materials/ brownfields
 - Storm water discharge
 - Water Use, including laws, regulations and local issues
 - Real estate transaction/ commercial document preparation
 - Foreclosure

(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

Identification of Attorneys. The response to this Request for Qualifications should include descriptions of the attorney or attorneys who would have primary responsibility for providing regular services under the proposal. For each attorney, the Statement of Qualifications should identify the qualifications, areas of expertise, and prior experience. References from comparable and representative public agency clients and the public agency's teams should be included, with names and telephone numbers of three to five public agency clients which the firm is currently working with or has worked in the recent past.

Support Staff. The Statement of Qualifications should include information about the types of support staff, such as other attorneys, paralegals, interns and others in the firm who would be assigned to perform work for the Town and whose time would be billed for such work. The response should include information about how the firm plans to utilize support staff within the Town's budget constraints.

Description of Services. The Statement of Qualifications should describe the services the firm proposes to provide, the firm's overall experience with municipal law, any areas of specialty listed above, and any special qualifications that are believed to distinguish it from other law firms.

Rates and Charges. The proposed means of compensation, including hourly rates or fees to be charged for each individual named in the Statement of Qualifications, should be listed. A schedule of the rates or amounts for all fees, charges, and expenses to be billed by each attorney or staff member should also be included. An estimated range of anticipated monthly charges the Town may expect to be billed is highly desirable.

Availability and Commitment to Provide Services. The Statement of Qualifications should include an indication of the commitment to provide the services by the attorney or attorneys with principal responsibility for providing services to the Town. In this context, the words availability and commitment should be taken in their broadest meanings, incorporating time, flexibility in scheduling, office location of the attorney or attorneys, and firm or personal policies and practices with regard to returning calls and meeting

deadlines. Any significant time period required before beginning services should be noted.

Knowledge of Stevensville Governmental Issues. The Statement of Qualifications should describe familiarity with unique issues facing local governments in Montana and the Town of Stevensville in particular.

Actual or Perceived Conflicts. The proposal should disclose the names, nature of assignment, and relevant dates for any of the firm's clients who may have actual or perceived conflicts of interest with the Town. Reasonable diligence to identify and disclose potential conflicts is expected of all firms submitting a response to this Request for Qualifications. The proposal should also provide a statement or description of firm policy to address how conflicts of interest between two or more clients are avoided.

Additional Information. Statements submitted in response to the Request for Qualifications may, but are not required to, provide additional information to assist a proper evaluation of the proposal. Any discussions relating to suggested strategies to reduce costs for outside legal services are appropriate in this section.

Submission Requirements. Proposals are due no later than **date to be determined** All submissions should be provided in digital format to townclerk@townofstevensville.gov

(3) EVALUATION CRITERIA

The main criteria used to evaluate the Statement of Qualifications will concern the experience and qualifications of the firm's attorneys who would be assigned to the Town. Ancillary information including the firm's fee structure and schedule of charges for ancillary services is important but will be given secondary weight.

(4) PROCESS FOR SELECTING LEGAL COUNSEL

The Mayor will determine a procedure to review each Statement of Qualifications. Calls to submitting firms or attorneys and their references may be made to clarify material in the submittals. Based upon this review, the best qualified firms may be invited to a personal interview. Following the interviews, thorough background and reference interviews may be conducted. The Mayor anticipates making a selection of a firm or firms following a careful evaluation of all relevant information. Following the Mayor's review and selection, the Town Council will be asked to consent to the selection.

(5) SPECIAL PROVISIONS

Contract Award

The contract will be awarded for an initial period of three(3) years. The agreement will be then automatically renewed for additional one-year periods unless terminated by either party. However, the City Attorney shall work at the pleasure of the Town, and nothing herein shall limit their ability to terminate the contract at will with no notice or penalty.

Cost of Preparing and Submitting Statements. All costs incurred in preparing and submitting the Statements of Qualifications is to be borne by the submitter and not the Town. In no event shall the Town be liable for any cost whatsoever for the preparation or submittal of a response to this Request for Qualifications.

Reservations and Options.

The Town reserves the rights and options to:

- Reject any or all of the submittals
- Waive any of the provisions of the Request for Qualifications
- Issue subsequent Requests for Qualifications
- Cancel the Request for Qualifications process
- Waive technical error in the responses it receives
- Negotiate with any, all, or none of the respondents to this Request for Qualifications

(6) QUESTIONS

For questions, please contact:

James Crews, Mayor
206 Buck Street
Stevensville, MT 59870
mayor@townofstevensville.gov
Tel 406-777-5271

recent past.

Jenelle Berthoud

From: Greg Overstreet <greg@overstreetlawgroup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 11:34 AM
To: Jenelle Berthoud
Cc: Jim Crews
Subject: Re: Town of Stevensville Attorney RFQ

Thanks, Jenelle.

Mayor: the candidate seems qualified.

From: Jenelle Berthoud <townclerk@townofstevensville.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 11:22 AM
To: Greg Overstreet <greg@overstreetlawgroup.com>
Cc: Jim Crews <mayor@townofstevensville.gov>
Subject: FW: Town of Stevensville Attorney RFQ

Greg and Jim,

Please see the email below and the attachment for Christine Lindley, thank you.

*Jenelle Berthoud, Town Clerk
Town of Stevensville
206 Buck St
Stevensville, MT 59870
406-777-5271 Ext 102
townclerk@townofstevensville.gov*

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From: Christine Lindley <Christine@LindleyLawLLC.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2026 3:02 PM
To: Jenelle Berthoud <townclerk@townofstevensville.gov>; greg@overstreetlawgroup.com
Cc: Office <Office@LindleyLawLLC.com>
Subject: Town of Stevensville Attorney RFQ

Hello Jenelle and Greg,

This is Christine Lindley. I attended the January 8 Town Meeting regarding opening the RFQ for Town Attorney. I submitted a physical copy of my RFQ submittal as well, and am submitting a digital copy here for your review. Please let me know if you have any questions in the meantime.

Thank you,



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