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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE: APPLICATION OF WILL THOMAS JORDAN,)
2105 NW 28TH STREET, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73107)
FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY PERMIT TO PRACTICE)
LAW IN OKLAHOMA UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF)
RULE TWO, SECTION 5, OF THE RULES)
GOVERNING ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF)
LAW IN OKLAHOMA)

ORDER

The Board of Bar Examiners of the State of Oklahoma has filed its Report and Recommendation finding that Will Thomas Jordan (Petitioner) should be granted a special temporary permit to practice law in Oklahoma under the provision of Rule 2, section 5 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Practice of Law in the State of Oklahoma (RGAPL), 5 O.S.2011, ch. 1, app. 5.

From a review of the Report and Recommendation and the documents attached thereto, this Court finds that the Petitioner is employed by Chesapeake Energy Corporation (Employer) with a place of business in the state of Oklahoma; that the Petitioner's employment is devoted to Employer; that the Petitioner receives his entire compensation from Employer for the Petitioner's legal services; and that Petitioner receives no compensation for legal services from any source other than Employer. This Court further finds that Petitioner was admitted to the Arkansas State Bar on October 2, 2009 and is an active member in good standing. Also based on the Report and Recommendation, this Court finds that the Petitioner is fully qualified to take the bar examination in Oklahoma under the rules of this Court.

It is ordered that Will Thomas Jordan be granted a special temporary permit to

practice law in the State of Oklahoma pursuant to Rule 2, section 5 of the RGAPL for the purpose of employment with Chesapeake Energy Corporation as provided above. The permit granted herein will be valid for so long as Will Thomas Jordan is so employed; devotes full time employment to Chesapeake Energy Corporation; and receives no other compensation for legal services other than from Chesapeake Energy Corporation. The right of Will Thomas Jordan to practice law in the State of Oklahoma under the special temporary permit granted herein shall terminate upon the termination of the above stated employment or upon transfer outside the State of Oklahoma, and Petitioner is required to so inform the Oklahoma Bar Association of such a change in his employment. In addition, such time acquired under the permit granted herein shall not be used to fulfill the requirements for admission upon motion. The Special Temporary Permit shall be subject to Rule 10 of the RGAPL which revokes the permit if Petitioner takes the Oklahoma bar examination and fails the examination.

DONE BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT IN CONFERENCE this 19th day of June, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Colbert", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Chief Justice

Colbert, C.J., Kauger, Winchester, Edmondson and Taylor, JJ., concur;
Watt (by separate writing), Combs and Gurich, dissent;
Reif, V.C.J., not voting.

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WATT, J., with whom COMBS and GURICH, JJ. join, dissenting:

¶1 While the majority feels this applicant has met the requirements for a temporary permit, I would issue an order for the applicant to show cause why he has not been engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Oklahoma from immediately prior to August 3, 2009, when he became employed with his current employer, Chesapeake Energy Corporation, until November 11, 2013, the date of his application for this temporary permit.

¶2 If a temporary permit is granted, the applicant should understand that ANY PERIOD OF PRACTICE IN OKLAHOMA UNDER SAID TEMPORARY PERMIT may not be counted toward the five years of continuous practice in a reciprocal state in order to gain full admission to the Oklahoma Bar under those provisions of Rule 2. Although Mr. Jordan's petition states he last practiced law in Arkansas, where he was admitted on October 2, 2009, he had already established

residence in Oklahoma prior to that time, to wit: August 3, 2009. Thus, he has no experience from a reciprocal state to apply toward admission in Oklahoma based on reciprocity under the provisions of Rule 2. If the applicant's desire is to become a full member of the Oklahoma Bar, he shall only be able to do so by registering for and passing the Oklahoma Bar Exam, regardless of the number of years he may practice under this temporary permit. For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully dissent.