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WORKER'S COMPENSATION JUDGE  
HELENA, MONTANA

IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

ALEXIS RAUSCH, et al.,

Petitioners,

vs.

MONTANA STATE FUND,

Respondent/Insurer,

and

JEREMY RUHD,

Petitioner,

vs.

LIBERTY NORTHWEST INSURANCE  
CORPORATION,

Respondent/Insurer.

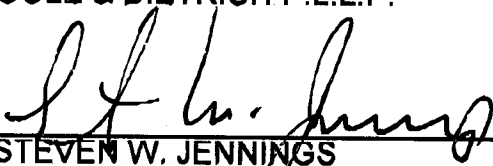
WCC No. 9907-8274R1

**NOTICE OF APPEARANCE**

COMES NOW the above listed Respondents ("Respondents") and, pursuant to this Court's invitation to any parties involved in any common fund litigation to brief the issue of interim attorneys fees, as set forth in the *Order Setting Briefing Schedule* of December 6, 2005, hereby appear in the above-captioned action for the sole purpose of briefing that issue.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006.

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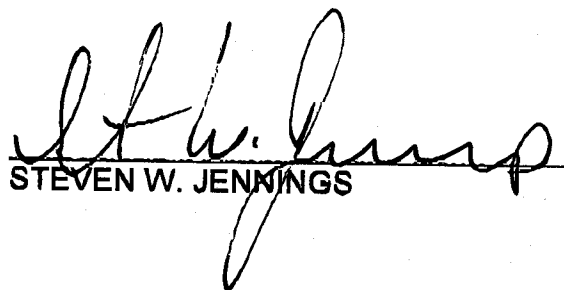
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I, STEVEN W. JENNINGS, one of the attorneys for the law firm of Crowley, Haughey, Hanson, Toole & Dietrich P.L.L.P., hereby certify that on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006, I mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing document, postage prepaid, to the following:

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**VIA FAX & U.S. MAIL:**  
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RE: *Rausch, et al. vs. Montana State Fund and Ruhd vs. Liberty Northwest Insurance Corporation*  
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Dear Clerk:

On behalf of our client, enclosed please find a Notice of Appearance and Interim Attorney Fee Lien Brief in the matter referenced above for filing. Please conform the cover sheets and return in the envelope provided.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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