

## THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

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Dear Mr. Gottstein:

Chief Justice Gray received your February 28 letter, and the members of the Court discussed it at conference. They have asked me to respond.

You have asked for "clarification" as to whether certain activities in which you have engaged or may engage constitute the unauthorized practice of law in Montana in violation of § 37-61-201, MCA. The requested "clarification" would entail legal advice, which the Court cannot provide.

Sincerely,

Unis Water

Christine A. Wethern Staff Attorney