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David Aronofsky is the UM Legal Counsel, as well as an adjunct faculty member in the Schools of Law and Education. As UM Legal Counsel, he oversees all legal work for the University's several campuses located throughout western Montana. David received his J.D. and B.S. in Education from the University of Texas at Austin; a Ph.D. in Higher Education from Florida State University; and an M.Ed. in Counseling from Southern Methodist University. He is licensed to practice law in Montana, Texas and the District of Columbia. In addition, he is admitted to practice in the U.S. Supreme Court plus a number of federal appellate and district courts. He is an elected American Law Institute member.

The UM Legal Counsel strives at all times to maintain a confidential, approachable and professional environment in representing The University of Montana legal interests. The UM Legal Counsel advises the University President, as well as other administrators, faculty, staff and official University organizations; interprets federal and state laws, and Montana University System policies; directs all litigation involving the University; and handles all substantial contractual and technology transfer legal matters. The UM Legal Counsel works very closely with the Montana University System Chief Legal Counsel in Helena, in that the UM Legal Counsel position forms part of the in-house attorney team representing all of the System campuses, the Commissioner of Higher Education and the Board of Regents. The UM Legal Counsel office extensively uses law student interns and is an approved Law School clinic.

Before coming to The University of Montana in 1994, David was an attorney at a large Washington, D.C. law firm for 12 years. His legal specialty areas included education law; most aspects of private and public international law with emphasis on Latin America and on developing countries generally, including in-depth involvement with international trade organizations and multilateral development banks; and commercial and civil rights litigation. He received a 1990 Fulbright Scholar award to serve as a legal advisor to Chile's Congress during the country's first year of post-dictatorship democratic rule and to design a Chilean law school legislation course/clinical program. For the past 20 years he has continuously lectured and consulted with emerging democracy governments on economic and political law reforms. He worked with all 50 U.S. state legislatures as coordinator of his firm's state government relations practice; and with most U.S. Congressional committees on numerous substantive law matters including international trade and finance. Prior to becoming a lawyer, he was a higher education consultant in the Peace Corps and privately in Chile, where he designed the reorganization of two universities. He also worked on various education and human resources training projects elsewhere throughout Latin America. He speaks and writes Spanish fluently.

David's UM teaching includes Technology Law, International Business & Trade Law, Public International Law, and Advanced Legislation (requiring students to draft bills for the Montana Legislature) in the Law School; plus Advanced Education Law and Higher Education Law courses for graduate education and law students. He also teaches a UM course in Chile every January. He has prepared numerous bills enacted into law by Montana's Legislature, including several related to Montana University System administrative matters; a research and development law; and the 1995 law restructuring the Montana University System. He also authored higher education governance and tax reform white papers on proposed state constitutional amendments. He received a 2001 Fulbright Scholar award to teach U.S. law on a continuing year basis each summer in Uruguay, where several other UM Law School faculty and Montana's Supreme Court Chief Justice have joined him as instructors. David's broad range of scholarly international and education legal publications include two co-authored Montana Education Law books. He participates in UM international law and education projects involving Latin America, China and Taiwan, and Europe.