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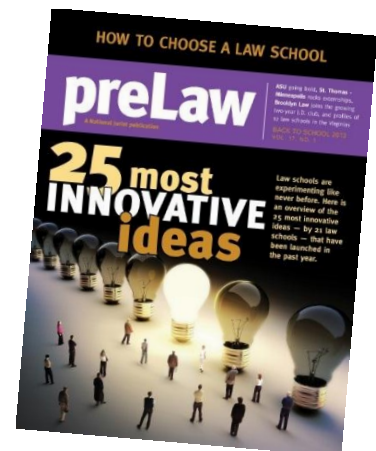
Justice Sandra Day O'Connor to receive honorary degree from UM

Longtime friend of UM Law, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, will receive an honorary doctorate of laws from the University of Montana at a ceremony on Friday, September 13, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. Justice O'Connor delivered the inaugural Jones Tamm lecture at the School in 1997 and most recently visited UM Law in 2011, sitting by designation on a panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. "Justice O'Connor occupies a unique place in the law," said Dean Irma Russell. "Her service is a model for students and embodies our Western heritage. The Law School is honored by our association with Justice O'Connor and we're delighted that UM is conferring this degree." The ceremony, which will be held in the Dennison Theatre on campus, is free and open to the public. Visit www.umt.edu/law for more details.

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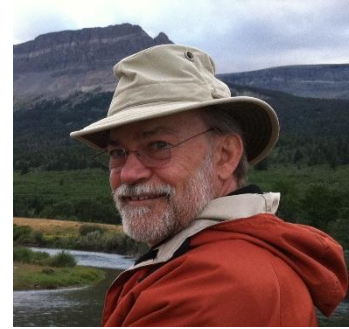
UM Law's student "law firm" program, a staple of the School's first-year curriculum, has been recognized among the most innovative in the nation by *preLaw* magazine, a National Jurist publication. The latest accolade for the School comes as live client interviewing on a real case has been added to experiential learning for first year students. Professor Greg Munro noted to the magazine that: "American law schools are now recognizing the deficiencies of the old model of legal education . . ." UM's law firm program, which first started in the 1980's, has evolved to include legal writing, drafting documents, interviewing, counseling and other core competencies for practice. Read more from the *preLaw* magazine article here:

http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/cypress/prelaw_2013backtoschool/#/0



Sitte to receive Jameson Award

Klaus Sitte, Director of Students and UM Law's Clinical Program, has been selected as the recipient of the 2013 William J. Jameson Award, the State Bar of Montana's highest honor. The Jameson Award is presented annually to the attorney who has exemplified the highest values of the legal profession throughout his or her career. Prior to his position at the Law School, Klaus worked at Montana Legal Services Association for nearly 40 years, his last eight as MLSA's Executive Director. "We are delighted with Klaus' designation as this year's Jameson Award Recipient. The Jameson Award recognizes his many years of service in seeking access to the justice system for countless Montanans living in poverty," said Dean Irma Russell. "And, of course, we are also delighted that he is now at the Law School, where he uses his long-standing experience and connection with the Law School's Clinic Program to benefit our students," she added.



U.S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee to visit UM Law for tribal energy listening session

United States Senator Jon Tester of Montana has invited Senator Maria Cantwell of Washington, chairwoman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, for a visit to UM Law on September 4, 2013. The Senators will be conducting a listening session on tribal economic development issues that will include representatives from Montana's eight tribes. UM Law has the oldest American Indian law clinic of its type in the nation, dating to 1981, and is carefully watching energy development and other economic development issues in Indian Country. "We are seeing a boom in energy production within Indian country," said Maylinn Smith, Director of the Margery Hunter Brown Indian Law Clinic. "The Clinic continues to engage in these issues and we look forward to assisting with this listening session." The session will take place in the Yellowstone Classroom, Room 101, at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2013.

FACULTY ROW

Renz selected as Fulbright Scholar

Clinical Professor Jeff Renz has been chosen as a Fulbright Scholar for 2013-2014. According to Mary Kirk, the Director of the State Department's Office of Academic Exchange Programs, 2013 was the most competitive year for Fulbright applications. Professor Renz will be teaching Civil Rights in the United States, Scientific Evidence, and Jury Practice at Free University of Tbilisi, Georgia. He will also assist in Free University's Constitutional Law Clinic, which collaborates with the Constitutional Law Project at Washburn University School of Law.

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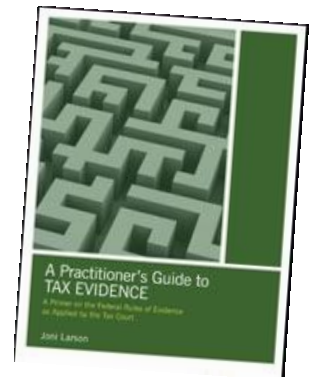
Scholarship and Awards Brunch slated for October 5th

UM Law's annual Scholarship and Awards Brunch continues as part of Alumni and Reunion Weekend this year, Saturday morning, October 5th, prior to the UM Homecoming Football game and the traditional UM Law Homecoming Tailgate. The annual tradition brings together scholarship donors* and awardees at the Missoula Holiday Inn Downtown beginning at 8:30 a.m.

* (Class reunion attendees and non-donors are also invited to attend the event and may contact the School for registration information.)

UM Law grad releases new book for tax court practitioners

Professor Joni Larson (UM Law '89), Assistant Director of the Graduate Tax Program at the Thomas M. Cooley Law School, has released a new book, *A Practitioner's Guide to Tax Evidence: A Primer on the Federal Rules of Evidence as Applied by Tax Court* (ABA Press, 2013). "[T]hose practicing in the Tax Court owe a debt of gratitude to Professor Larson for her work to assist in preparing for trial," said T. Keith Fogg, Professor of Law and Director of the Federal Tax Clinic, Villanova Law School in comments on the national TaxProf Blog: http://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2013/08/larson.html. After receiving her J.D. from Montana, Prof. Larson received her LL.M. from the University of Florida School of Law, and a M.A. from Michigan State University.



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