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2013 Homecoming & Reunion Weekend

Alumni and Friends of the School of Law,

Today I write to extend to you a personal invitation to attend our 2013 Reunion CLE program, a vibrant part of the UM Law Homecoming weekend. The CLE will be held Friday, October 4, 2013 in from 8:30 to 3:15 pm at the Holiday Inn Missoula Downtown. Three years ago, we began the new tradition of Reunion CLE panels. Each year we feature outstanding members of our reunion classes, members of the faculty at UM Law and some special guests. In essence, we have consolidated our prior "Football CLE" program into a larger, one-day offering.

This year, we are again offering five (5) credits of CLE, including two (2) credits of ethics. We are pleased to host nationally recognized insurance expert James Murray from Washington, D.C. Mr. Murray received his undergraduate degree from UM, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. His work on complex insurance cases, including mass tort coverage issues, provides a background for a fascinating discussion. UMSL insurance law expert Professor Greg Munro will provide an introduction. We have another very special guest in Thomas Tamm, also from the Washington, D.C. area. You may recognize Mr. Tamm's name, as he is the nephew of Judge Edward Tamm, one of the two judges of renown for whom the School's hallmark Jones Tamm Lecture Series is named. Thomas Tamm, a former attorney in the United States Department of Justice Office of Intelligence Policy and Review, was one of the "whistle blowers" concerning the National Security Agency warrantless surveillance program. He received

the 2009 Ridenhour Truth Telling Prize. Mr. Tamm will speak on attorney ethics in a fascinating and timely presentation.



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We also have some of our brightest graduates, practitioners and jurists, who will address topics ranging from a discussion of the energy boom in Montana and what it means to the Montana bar, a panel of judges to address ethical considerations of practice in Montana courts, and a top-flight group of mediators who will provide hands-on, practical advice on successful settlement negotiations.

Because of our commitment to the bar in Montana and to presenting outstanding continuing education programs, we are bringing you this program at an incredible value of just \$83, in honor of this years' reunion classes ending in "8" and "3." To register for the CLE or obtain a reunion schedule and registration information, please visit: http://www.umt.edu/law/AlumniandGiving/2013ReunionSchedule_Registration.php.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,
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Fall Interview Weekend

Career Services will host its fall Interview Weekend on Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5. State and federal agencies, private law firms, and judges from the region will interview students for summer internships and full time attorney positions. Fall is the most popular recruiting season; employers have the best opportunity to interview students before they make other commitments and students benefit by planning for their future early so they can focus on their course work. Organizations that have positions for law student interns or attorneys are encouraged to take part in this

semi-annual event. UMSL will gather the applications, schedule interviews, and provide an interview room at the law school. Following interviews on Saturday, employers are invited to attend the Tailgate Party preceding the University of Montana's Homecoming Football game against Portland State. For more information about Interview Weekend, contact Lori Freeman, Director of Career Services, at lori.freeman@umontana.edu or (406) 243-2698.



2013 Montana Tax Institute The **61st Montana Tax Institute** will be held on October 18 & 19 at the DoubleTree Hotel. The agenda features a distinguished faculty of national tax practitioners and scholars who will address a broad range of current tax planning topics. To register online [please click here](#), or complete the [registration form](#) and send, with your check payment to: **61st Montana Tax Institute, School of Law, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59812-6552; Fax: 406.243.2576**. Early registration is encouraged. A limited number of walk-in registrations will be accommodated as space allows, although course materials may not be available until after the program. For more information, email patience.woodill@umontana.edu or call 406.243.6509.

Student Townhall with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Sandra Day O'Connor (Ret.) appeared at a town hall meeting for UM Law students this past week. Students asked a variety of questions, ranging from the expected to the unique, including what type of dry fly she prefers when fishing Montana's rivers. The forum, which was attended by over 100 students, was one part of a two-day visit by O'Connor to the University of Montana, during which she received an honorary doctorate of laws. O'Connor stressed the importance of civics education during her time on campus, which included a demonstration of her iCivics program to a group of Anaconda High School students. It was the fourth formal visit by O'Connor to UM Law and a memorable one for all involved.



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Faculty Row

Associate Professor Kristen Juras recently announced that she will not be returning to full time teaching at UM, so that she can care for her elderly father. "This is a very difficult decision; I very much have enjoyed my career as a professor, and it has been a privilege to teach at UM Law School the past 13 years," Juras said. Juras began as an adjunct professor in 2000-2001. Over the years she has taught in the areas of commercial, business, tax, property, agricultural, and contracts law. In addition to her passion for teaching, Juras has contributed in service and scholarship. She served as faculty advisor to the Christian Legal Society, has worked closely with the Rural Advocacy League, and has been a coach of the Jessup International Moot Court Team. She has remained active in the Montana State Bar, including a position as the chairperson for the legislative committee of the Business, Estates, Trusts, Tax, and Real Property (BETTR) Section of the Montana State Bar, and the representation of numerous pro bono clients. Professor Juras is currently completing casebooks on the law of the sea and on UCC Article 2. When asked about her greatest accomplishments, Professor Juras responded, "my family, including my husband John and my sons, Mark, Luke, and Evan." This fall, Juras will stay on part-time to coach the Jessup Moot Court competition team and supervise several independent studies.

This Fall UM Law welcomed two new tenure-track professors. Pippa Browde relocated from Sacramento where she worked for the Internal Revenue Service. She has a J.D. from the University of New Mexico and an L.L.M. from New York University. Alumna Martha Williams joins the faculty from Washington, D.C., where she worked for the Department of the Interior. Williams will be teaching in the areas of natural resource and environmental law.

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