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Speakers:

- Anders Blewett
- Edward P. Capozzi
- Domenic A. Cossi
- Colette B. Davies
- Hon. Donald L. Harris
- Paul M. Leisher
- Hon. Michael G. Moses
- Prof. Gregory S. Munro
- Hon. Rodney E. Souza

Faculty

Anders Blewett graduated cum laude from Harvard University in 2003 with a degree in Government. He graduated with honors from the University of Montana School of Law in 2007. He is an associate in the firm of Hoyt and Blewett in Great Falls where his practice focuses on personal injury, products liability, and insurance litigation. He previously served in the Montana Senate and Montana House of Representatives. Anders serves on the MTLA Board of Directors and in 2015 received its Outstanding New Lawyer Award.

Edward P. Capozzi is certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a civil trial attorney. He is a published author and lectures nationally on trial techniques and cross-examination of defense medical experts. In 2014, Mr. Capozzi received the New Jersey Law Journal's Personal Injury Hall of Fame Award for receiving the largest verdict in the state in a products liability case, and from 2012 to 2016 he received at least one, and as many as three, of the state's top 20 verdicts or settlements. He is a vice president of the New Jersey Association for Justice, a Leader's Forum member of AAJ, an advocate member of ABOTA, a member of the Association of Plaintiff's Interstate Trucking America, a lifetime member of the Multi Million Dollar Advocates Forum and a fellow of the Melvin Belli Society.

Domenic A. Cossi represents people and property owners against insurance companies and corporate polluters. He has tried and settled cases related to car accidents, products liability, breach of contract, insurance claim denials, insurance class actions and ground-water contamination. Domenic graduated from the University of Montana School of Law in 2010 with high honors. Domenic clerked for Hon. N. Randy Smith of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He is licensed to practice in the state and federal courts of Montana as well as the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. He also currently serves as a Board member of MTLA and the American Association for Justice. He is the President of the Gallatin Valley Bar Association and Past-President of the Montana Chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

Colette B. Davies is currently running for one of the two new judicial seats in the 13th Judicial District. Ms. Davies is a partner in the firm of Bishop, Heenan & Davies. She is a fourth-generation Montanan and has practiced law in Billings since 1997. She currently focuses on civil plaintiff's trial work with an emphasis on personal injury and insurance law. Over the course of her career, however, Ms. Davies has had a solo practice, served as a municipal judge in Billings, worked with the Crowley Law Firm, Cozzens, Warren and Harris, and Nelson and Dahle. Colette also taught as an adjunct professor at MSU-Billings in the Sociology/Criminology Department from 2007-2011. She regularly lectured on constitutional criminal rights at Rocky Mountain College, and in the course of her law practice, she has lectured frequently to employers and other attorneys on the FMLA, ADA, and harassment in the workplace.

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Hon. Donald L. Harris was appointed District Judge of the Montana 13th Judicial District by Governor Bullock in October 2017. He earned his law degree from the University of Montana School of Law, with high honors. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Harris maintained a personal injury practice in Billings with the firm of Harris, Gannett & Varela. He has served on MTLA's Board of Directors and the Education Committee. In 2013 he, along with co-recipient Steven Harman, was named MTLA's Trial Lawyer of the Year. Judge Harris has also been honored with the State Bar's Distinguished Service Award and the Montana Civil Rights Protection and Advocacy System's Courage Award.

Paul M. Leisher is a self-described "law nerd" and an associate at Paoli Law Firm with a practice focused on banking and insurance bad faith, Section 1983, False Claims Act, and products liability. After graduating from the University of Montana School of Law, Paul clerked for Justice Jim Shea of the Montana Supreme Court. He devotes his pro bono time to the Montana Innocence Project and defending debt collection cases.

Hon. Michael G. Moses was sworn in as District Judge of the Montana 13th Judicial District in May 2014. He earned his law degree from Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland in 1978 and his bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Montana in 1974. Judge Moses practiced law in Billings, where he was born and raised, until his appointment. He was a member of MTLA from 1983 until taking the bench.

Greg Munro is a Professor Emeritus at the Alexander Blewett III School of Law having recently retired. Munro is a past president of MTLA, and he researches and writes the Insurance Consumer Counsel's Column for *Trial Trends*. Professor Munro has published articles, a book and book chapters on topics of insurance, torts, medical-legal and legal education and is co-author with Ned Good of *The Lawsuit Guide*, published by Trial Guides. He co-coached the law school's national championship trial team in ATLA competition from 1989 until 1999. He practiced plaintiff's civil litigation in Billings for thirteen years. In his 30 years at the law school, Greg has continuously handled tort and insurance cases and also maintained a thriving pro bono practice.

District Judge Rod Souza has served in the Thirteenth Judicial District since January 2015. He is a Billings native and received his law degree at the University of Montana. Following graduation, Judge Souza worked for the Yellowstone County Attorney's Office. While in the County Attorney's Office, he served as the Chief Criminal Litigator and Chief Deputy. In 2008, he received Montana's Outstanding Prosecutor of the Year Award. Judge Souza currently presides over an Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Court in Yellowstone County.

Application

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Schedule

Co-chairs: Maxwell E. Kirchhoff & Hillary R. Sullivan, Bozeman

Friday — October 5, 2018

- 7:00 Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 8:20 Introduction & Welcome
Maxwell E. Kirchhoff, Bozeman
- 8:30 Ridley Turns 21: An Update and Thoughts on Advance Payment Requirements Under Montana Law
Domenic A. Cossi, Bozeman
- 9:00 The Domino Theory – Proving Proximate Cause at Trial
Edward P. Capozzi, Roseland, NJ
- 10:00 *BREAK*
- 10:15 View From The Bench
 - *Hon. Donald L. Harris, 13th Judicial District, Billings*
 - *Hon. Michael G. Moses, 13th Judicial District, Billings*
 - *Hon. Rodney E. Souza, 13th Judicial District, Billings*Moderator: Hillary R. Sullivan
- 11:15 Fighting Corporate Duplicity: A Manual of Arms — Judicial Estoppel, Judicial Admissions and Related Doctrines
Paul M. Leisher, Missoula
- 12:15 *LUNCH (on your own)*
- 1:30 Strategies for Neutralizing IME's
Anders Blewett, Great Falls
- 2:30 Managing and Coordinating Benefits
Colette B. Davies, Billings
- 3:30 *BREAK*
- 3:45 Keeping the Client Informed
Prof. Gregory S. Munro
Alexander Blewett III School of Law, Missoula
- 4:45 *SEMINAR ADJOURNS*

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