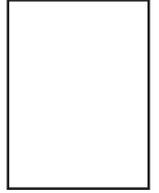


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David J. Berardinelli graduated *cum laude* from Santa Clara School of Law in 1974. For the past 25 years he has devoted his practice primarily to personal injury and insurance law litigation matters. Mr. Berardinelli has tried numerous insurance coverage cases and written numerous appeals on insurance coverage issues. He frequently lectures at continuing legal education seminars on evidence, insurance law, UM/UIM coverage and medical payments coverage issues. David serves as Insurance and Bad Faith Law Editor for the New Mexico Trial Lawyer's Journal and has also published lead articles in the New Mexico Trial Lawyer's Journal on issues of insurance law and UM/UIM coverage. He co-authored *From "Good Hands" to Boxing Gloves: How Allstate Changed Casualty Insurance in America* (Trial Guides LLC, 2006) and has recently authored *Good Hands to Boxing Gloves: The Dark Side of Insurance* (Trial Guides, 2008). He is a member of the American Association for Justice and the Trial Lawyers for Public Justice. Mr. Berardinelli serves on the Board of Directors of New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association and the Board of Governors for the Western Trial Lawyers Association.



James G. Hunt was born and raised in Montana graduating in 1982 from the University of Montana Law School. He has spent his entire legal career as an advocate for individuals against corporations, insurance companies, and government. He is lead counsel on *Standard v. Morrison*, a case involving discretionary clauses where the Honorable Donald Molloy held in favor of Montana's Commissioner of Insurance (Cause No. 06-CV-0047-DWM) and which is currently on appeal to the Ninth Circuit (Cause No. 08-35246). Jim received the 2004 Montana Trial Lawyer of the Year award. He was the Chairperson of the Governor's Council on Traumatic Brain Injury and, among other community activities, the Chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of Montana. He is a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the Montana Army National Guard and has served on community non-profit boards including Big Brothers and Big Sisters. The Hunt Law Firm is located in Helena where Jim practices with Jonathan McDonald and the Honorable Bill Hunt, Jim's father and a former Associate Justice of the Montana Supreme Court.

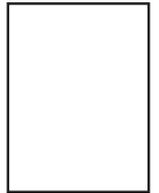


Randy Bishop practices civil trial and appellate law as a member of the firm of Jarussi & Bishop in Billings, emphasizing cases involving unfair insurance claims practices and dangerous products. He earned his law degree at the University of Montana School of Law in 1977 and has served as a member of the Supreme Court Commission on Civil Jury Instructions (MPI Commission) since its inception in 1985. In 1997 and 2001, the Montana Supreme Court appointed Randy to consecutive four year terms on Montana's Judicial Nominating Commission. He is a sustaining member of MTLA, has served the organization both as a Board member (1995-2005) and as its President (2000-2001), and has been honored to receive its Public Service (1996) and Appellate Advocacy Awards (2003). Randy currently serves MTLA as a member of the Montana Law PAC.



Timothy C. Kelly has been a practicing civil rights attorney for twenty-five years. He is a member of the bar in the states of Montana, Illinois and Ohio, and in the federal districts of Northern Illinois, Northern Ohio, Montana, and the Ninth Circuit. His practice is limited to the prosecution of civil rights and discrimination claims in state and federal courts and before state and federal agencies. Prior to 1998, he served as the hearing examiner/ALJ for the Montana Human Rights Commission and then as the HRC general counsel. Since 1998, he has been lead counsel in cases involving claims under the Montana Human Rights Act, Governmental Code of Fair Practices, Title VII, Title IX, FLSA, Equal Pay Act, FMLA, the Civil Rights Acts, federal Fair Housing Act, the ADEA, the ADA, among others. His practice has included work on various cases clarifying aspects of Montana civil rights law, including *City of Billings Police Department v. Owen*.

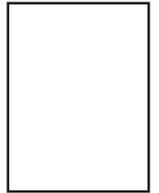
Mark M. Kovacich graduated, with honors, from Montana Tech of the University of Montana, with a degree in environmental engineering, in 1996. He graduated, with honors, from the University of Montana School of Law in 1999. He is a partner with Lewis, Slovak & Kovacich in Great Falls, Montana. Mr. Kovacich handles only civil litigation on behalf of plaintiffs. Most of his work involves environmental litigation, toxic torts, product liability, and general personal injury. Mr. Kovacich is a member of AAJ and MTLA. He received MTLA's Trial Lawyer of the Year award in 2005.



Frank Costilla graduated from Texas Tech University with honors in 1969. He obtained his law degree from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1977. Mr. Costilla is a member of the State Bar of Texas and Life Member of the Texas Bar Foundation. He is a Director Emeritus of Texas Trial Lawyers Association and Member of the American Association for Justice. He is a Fellow of the International Society of Barristers. Mr. Costilla is a founding member and a Past President of the Rio Grande Chapter of The American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA), and currently serves on the Commission for Lawyer Discipline. He is a Texas Monthly "Super Lawyer."



Molly Küçük is a trial attorney at the Seattle Field Office of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law. During law school, Ms. Küçük spent a year living in Turkey with her husband, Umit. While there, she worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, interviewing and assessing asylum seekers from Iran and Iraq. At the EEOC in Seattle, Ms. Küçük tries employment discrimination cases in the Federal District Courts of Washington, Idaho, Alaska, Oregon, and Montana. The EEOC in Seattle receives over 2,000 complaints of discrimination a year. Of those, the legal unit generally chooses between 20 and 25 to file in federal court on behalf of the charging party and the public interest. The Seattle Field office recently obtained jurisdiction over Montana. Ms. Küçük brought the office's first case in Montana in 2006, which she prosecuted jointly with Elizabeth Best and Santana Kortum, who represented the individual charging party.



Hon. Justice Patricia O'Brien Cotter earned her law degree from Notre Dame Law School in 1977 and practiced in South Bend for six years before moving to Great Falls. After practicing law with John Hoyt, she and her husband, Michael, established the firm of Cotter & Cotter in 1985. Justice Cotter is a two-time recipient of MTLA's Public Service Award and served as a lawyer representative and executive committee member to the Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference. She served as chair of MTLA's *amicus* committee for six years. Justice Cotter won election to the Montana Supreme Court in November 2000 and is seeking re-election in 2008.



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Hon. Mike McGrath was elected Montana's 19th attorney general in November 2000 and was unopposed for his second term in 2004. Prior to his election, McGrath served five terms as Lewis and Clark County Attorney. In his 18 years as a prosecutor, McGrath focused on family violence issues, including domestic abuse and sexual assault of children. A Butte native, McGrath earned a degree in business administration from the University of Montana in 1970 and graduated from Gonzaga University Law School in 1975. He was a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer fellow in Reno, Nevada, providing legal services to low-income clients. McGrath is a former chair of the Conference of Western Attorneys General (CWAG) and served as president of the Montana County Attorneys' Association. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force.



Ann L. Moderie was raised in Polson, Montana. As an undergraduate, Ann attended the University of Montana, graduating with honors in 1996 with a degree in Sociology and Criminology and a minor in History. She graduated from the University of Montana School of Law in 1999. Since then, she has worked with her father, and friend, Jim Manley of Manley Law Firm. She concentrates her practice in the areas of personal injury, insurance bad faith, and consumer law/identity theft. She was co-counsel in the insurance bad faith case, *Chilcote v. Fireman's Fund Insurance Company*, which set the record for the highest bad faith verdict in Montana history. She has been admitted to practice in the United States District Court of Montana and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Court. Ann is a member of the Montana Trial Lawyers Association and American Association for Justice.



Prof. Greg Munro teaches trial practice, insurance law and pretrial advocacy at the University of Montana School of Law where he is a Professor and Director of Professional Skills. He has also taught Torts and Remedies and co-coached the law school's national championship Trial Team for 10 years. He regularly teaches CLE for organizations of lawyers, judges and law professors. Munro is a past president and board member of MTLA. He regularly researches and writes the quarterly *Insurance Consumer Counsel's Column* for Trial Trends. Prof. Munro has published articles, a book and book chapters on topics of insurance, torts, medical-legal and legal education. He serves on the Montana Federal Local Rules Committee and the Montana State Uniform District Court Rules Committee. He practiced plaintiff's civil litigation in Billings for 13 years before joining the UM School of Law in 1988.



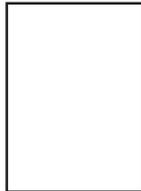
Thomas M. Ryan has been practicing since 1983 and is a partner with the firm Treon, Aguirre, Newman & Norris in Phoenix, Arizona. Tom is a State Bar Certified Specialist in Injury and Wrongful Death claims and is listed in Best Lawyers in America. In 1993 Tom was awarded the Arizona Bar Foundation's Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award for taking on a complex Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy case. Tom has traveled and tried Munchausen cases in Los Angeles, Chicago, Phoenix, Ft. Lauderdale, Nashville, Columbia, SC, Lawrence, KS, and Davenport, IA. As a result of his work he has appeared on Dateline NBC, Court TV, ABC 20/20, MSNBC Crime files and appeared in a documentary entitled "Mama/M.A.M.A." about false allegations of Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy. Tom has served as a Chairman of the East Valley Regional Health System, has served as a judge pro tem, and has been a frequent lecturer for the Arizona Trial Lawyers, and AAJ. He has successfully litigated and tried plane crashes, tractor defects, road design defects, medical malpractice and elder abuse cases in Arizona for more than 24 years.



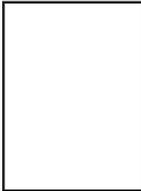
Hon. Brian Schweitzer became the 23rd Governor of the great state of Montana on January 3, 2005. A native of Havre, Brian earned his master of science degree in soil science from Montana State University and his undergraduate degree in international agronomy from Colorado State University. He has owned and operated Montana farms in Flathead, Sanders, Rosebud, and Judith Basin Counties and has participated in successful agricultural business projects on five continents. Governor Schweitzer has served on the Montana State USDA Farm Service Agency committee, the Montana Rural Development Partnership Board and the National Drought Task Force. In 1995, he received an award from the Secretary of Agriculture for outreach efforts to Native Americans.



J. David Slovak graduated from UM School of Law in 1980. He is a partner with Lewis, Slovak & Kovacich of Great Falls, Montana. The firm has a Statewide trial practice exclusively limited to plaintiff's civil litigation. The firm's work emphasizes toxic tort, product liability, safe place to work, and environmental litigation. Mr. Slovak is a sustaining member of MTLA and currently serves on its Board of Directors. He is annually listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Mountain States Super Lawyers* for plaintiff's personal injury litigation and is AV Peer Review Rated. Slovak received MTLA's Trial Lawyer of the Year award in 2005.



Michael E. Wheat lives in Bozeman. Mike graduated from the University of Montana School of Law in 1978. He practiced as deputy county attorney in Butte from 1978 until 1981, then moved to Bozeman and entered private practice with Mike Cok (now Cok Wheat & Kinzler). Mike's practice has focused primarily on personal injury, products liability, and insurance litigation. In addition to state and local bar associations, he is a sustaining member of MTLA and AAJ and a member of TLPI. Mike has been a member of MTLA since 1981, and has served on a number of committees, the board, and is a past president. Mike served in the Montana State Senate in 2003 and 2005 and served as chair of the Judiciary Committee during the 2005 Session. During the interim he served on the Law & Justice Committee, which worked extensively on developing legislation for the 2005 Session which created a state-wide Public Defender system.



Mary Christina Wood is Philip H. Knight Professor of Law at the University of Oregon School of Law. She teaches property law, natural resources law, public trust law, federal Indian law, public lands law, wildlife law, and hazardous waste law. She is the Founding Director of the school's Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program. After graduating from Stanford Law School in 1987, she served as a judicial clerk on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. She then practiced in the environmental/natural resources department of Perkins Coie, a Pacific Northwest law firm. Professor Wood is a co-author of a leading textbook on natural resources law (West, 2006) and has published extensively on climate crisis, natural resources, and native law issues. She is a frequent speaker on global warming issues and has received national and international attention for her sovereign trust approach to global climate policy. Professor Wood is currently working on a book entitled, *Nature's Trust: A Legal Paradigm for Protecting Land and Natural Resources for Future Generations*.

