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Speakers:

John Amsden
Hon. Justice Beth Baker
Ben Bingham
Katie DeSoto
Amy Poehling Eddy
Erin Farris-Olsen
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John Heenan
Stephanie Kucera
Sunday Z. Rossberg
Hon. Justice Michael E. Wheat

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Faculty

John Amsden is a native of eastern Montana and a 1988 honors graduate of Georgetown University Law School. In 2001, John joined the law firm of Monte D. Beck in Bozeman. John's current practice is limited to representing plaintiffs in cases involving pension fraud, hospital liability, medical malpractice, automobile crashworthiness, product liability and general personal injury matters. He is listed in *Best Lawyers in America*. John serves on MTLA's Board of Directors as President.

Hon. Justice Beth Baker graduated with high honors from the UM School of Law in 1985. She clerked for the Hon. Charles C. Lovell, U.S. District Judge for the District of Montana before working as an Assistant Attorney General for the Montana Department of Justice from 1989-2000 and then spent ten years in private practice. Baker served ten years on the State Bar of Montana's Access to Justice Committee, currently serves as ex officio director of the Montana Justice Foundation, and also chairs the Supreme Court's Access to Justice Commission. Justice Baker was elected to the Court in 2010.

Ben Bingham earned his law degree from the University of Houston School of Law. Mr. Bingham's expertise includes statutory consumer actions (FDCPA, FCRA, TCPA), extra-ordinary remedies including "turn-over orders," sequestrations and involuntary bankruptcies. He received the Justice for the People (2013) and Champion of Justice (2010) awards from the Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, for assistance in making legal services available to the indigent folks of South Texas. He practices with the firm of Bingham & Lea in San Antonio, Texas.

Katie DeSoto is a partner at Garlington, Lohn & Robinson in Missoula, MT. Before entering private practice in 2001, she clerked for Chief United States District Court Judge Jack D. Shanstrom in Billings, Montana. Her practice focuses on civil litigation, with an emphasis in insurance coverage and liability defense, defense of unfair claims practices act cases, school liability defense, and legal malpractice defense.

Amy Poehling Eddy has a solo practice in Kalispell. As an undergraduate, Amy attended Cal Poly University, graduating cum laude in 1997 with a social science degree. She spent the next year working on issues before the Idaho State Land Board before attending the UM School of Law, graduating in 2001. Since that time she has devoted her practice solely to representing those who have been harmed through the fault of others. Ms. Eddy has served as MTLA President and on AAJ's Board of Governors. She is the current chair of MTLA's Amicus Committee.

Erin Farris-Olsen is a graduate of Carroll College and the University of Oregon School of Law. Upon returning to Montana, Erin clerked for the Montana Supreme Court and subsequently served as Program Administrator for the Montana Supreme Court's Court Help Program, coordinating self help legal services statewide. She joined the State Bar staff in 2014 as Equal Justice Coordinator to pursue opportunities to bridge bench and bar efforts to address access to justice challenges in Montana.

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Faculty

Graden Hahn serves as a Montana Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Consumer Protection and is responsible for general consumer law claims and False Claim Act cases. Ms. Hahn has represented injured Montanans at the Lamb & Carey law firm in Helena. She earned her law degree from the UM School of Law and clerked at the Montana Supreme Court. Prior to law school, Graden staffed the Montana Environmental Information Center's Missoula office.

Donald L. Harris earned his law degree from the UM School of Law. Mr. Harris practices in Billings and his field of practice includes commercial litigation, professional negligence, insurance coverage/bad faith, plaintiff personal injury, nursing home negligence/abuse, and wrongful death. In 2013 Harris, along with co-recipient Steven Harman, was named MTLA's Trial Lawyer of the Year. Harris is a member of AAJ and ABOTA, and he serves on MTLA's Board of Directors as Secretary-Treasurer.

John Heenan practices in Billings, Montana, focusing his practice on consumer law, including consumer class actions, bank misconduct, debt collection harassment, identity theft, and unfair trade practices. He has served as co-lead counsel on several successful consumer class action cases. He received a verdict of \$311,000 on behalf of a disabled Montanan subjected to debt collection harassment. John serves on MTLA's Board of Directors and as Chair of the Education Committee.

Stephanie Kucera joined the Buxbaum Daue law firm in Missoula after graduating from the UM School of Law. Her practice is dedicated to representing plaintiffs in cases involving hospital liability, medical malpractice, traumatic brain injuries, and general personal injury matters. Prior to attending law school, Stephanie earned her Ph.D. in Behavioral Neuroscience. Prior to law school, she worked as the Development Director of the Brain Injury Association of Montana.

Sunday Z. Rossberg earned her undergraduate degree from Carroll College and her law degree from the Idaho University College of Law in 1996. In 2000, she opened Rossberg Law Office in Great Falls, where she continues to practice in the areas of family law, personal injury litigation, and civil rights. Ms. Rossberg has attended multiple graduate course programs through the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College to hone her trial skills. Ms. Rossberg received the State Bar's Neil Haight Pro Bono award for her work as a Guardian Ad Litem where she protected a sexually abused child.

Hon. Justice Michael E. Wheat graduated from the UM 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 & Kinzler). Justice Wheat's law practice focused primarily on personal injury, products liability, and insurance litigation. He was a member of MTLA for 28 years and President in 1995-96. Justice Wheat was appointed to the Montana Supreme Court by Governor Schweitzer in 2010 and re-elected in 2014.

Application

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Schedule

Co-chairs: Robert Farris-Olsen and Andrée Larose, Helena

Friday – February 6, 2015

7:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:25 Introduction & Welcome
Robert Farris-Olsen, Helena

8:30 Evaluating a Case From a Defense Perspective
Katie DeSoto, Missoula

9:15 Recovering for Emotional Distress
Donald L. Harris, Billings

10:00 *BREAK*

10:15 Effective Representation of Employees in Employment Cases
Amy Poehling Eddy, Kalispell

10:45 Access to Justice and
Communicating with the Lawyer-less Client (1 ethics)
Hon. Justice Beth Baker, Montana Supreme Court
Erin Farris-Olsen, Helena

11:45 Legislative Issues
John Amsden, Bozeman

12:00 *LUNCH (on your own)*

1:15 Supreme Court Update
Hon. Justice Michael E. Wheat, Montana Supreme Court

1:45 Show Me, Don't Tell Me: Trial Techniques With Live Action
Sunday Z. Rossberg, Great Falls

2:45 *BREAK*

3:00 Payments Made Along the Way:
An Update on Collateral Source Law.
Stephanie Kucera, Missoula

3:45 Consumer Law Remedies
Ben Bingham, San Antonio, TX
Graden Hahn, Helena
John Heenan, Billings

4:45 *SEMINAR ADJOURNS*

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January 19!**