



Amy Poehling Eddy, Kalispell  
Convention Co-Chair

## MTLA 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Convention

**August 5-6, 2010**  
Big Sky Resort, Big Sky, MT  
**11.5 CLE Hours**



Jory C. Ruggiero, Bozeman  
Convention Co-Chair

### Program Schedule

#### Thursday, August 5, 2010

- 7:15 Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 7:45 Welcome  
*Amy Poehling Eddy, Convention Co-Chair*
- 8:00 Trends in Discovery and Court Intervention  
*Lindsay Beck, Bozeman*
- 8:15 Medicare Set Asides  
*Bina Peters, Bozeman*
- 8:30 Montana Case Law Update:  
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010  
*Hon. Justice Patricia O'Brien Cotter  
Montana Supreme Court, Helena*
- 9:30 Preparing for Your Mediation  
*Hon. Justice Jim Regnier (Retired), Lakeside*
- 10:30 **BREAK**
- 10:45 Perspective As a New Chief / Case  
Management and Other Trends  
*Hon. Chief Justice Mike McGrath  
Montana Supreme Court, Helena*
- 11:15 Consumer Protection  
*John Heenan, Billings*
- 12:15 Luncheon — Huntley Dining Room  
Guest Speaker: *Hon. Justice Mike Wheat  
Montana Supreme Court, Helena*
- 1:30 It would be terrible if we had a real job.  
This law stuff is really great. You do a great  
deal of good. The job gets better and better.  
*Thomas Girardi, Los Angeles, CA*
- 2:45 **BREAK**
- 3:00 Maximizing Client Recovery:  
Attorney Fee and Medicaid Lien Litigation  
*John Amsden, Bozeman*

#### Thursday, August 5, 2010 (continued)

- 4:15 Handling Constitutional Challenges  
*Lawrence Anderson, Great Falls*
- 5:15 Program Concludes for the Day
- 5:30 Refreshments  
*Huntley Dining Room & Lawn*
- 7:30 Awards Dinner  
*Huntley Dining Room*
- 9:30 Awards Dinner Concludes

#### Friday, August 6, 2010

- 7:15 Continental Breakfast
- 7:45 Welcome  
*Jory C. Ruggiero, Convention Co-Chair*
- 8:00 Montana Insurance Law Update:  
July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010  
*Prof. Gregory S. Munro  
University of Montana School of Law, Missoula*
- 9:00 Reaching and Connecting with  
Jurors Today: Discovering and  
Presenting the Human Side of Trials,  
*Jude Basile, San Luis Obispo, CA*
- 10:30 **BREAK**
- 10:45 You, Too, Can be Attorney General:  
The Role of Private Actions in Protecting  
Montana Consumers  
*Steve Bullock  
Montana Attorney General, Helena*
- 11:15 Defeating Defendants' Trial Strategy  
*Jacob Vigil, Albuquerque, NM*
- 12:15 Annual Membership Luncheon  
Huntley Dining Room  
*President E. Craig Daue Presiding*
- 1:30 Program Concludes