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UM LAW SCHOOL TEAM WINS COMPETITION

MISSOULA --

A University of Montana Law School team won the Western Regional American Trial Lawyers Competition, held in Missoula last weekend.

The team competed in a field of nine law schools. Other teams represented Golden Gate University, Gonzaga University, Pepperdine University, the University of Idaho, the University of Puget Sound, the University of Washington, the University of Wyoming and Willamette University.

Members of the UM team were Deb Elison, Chris Kronberg, Maureen Lennon, Kathleen O'Rourke Mullins, Philip J. O'Connell, and Dean Stensland, all of Missoula, and John Kutzman of Bozeman.

The regional competition required all teams to try three cases, which were scored by a judge and two practicing attorneys. State Supreme Court Judge John C. Sheehy presided at the regional competition.

On March 30 the UM team will compete in Chicago for national honors in a competition among the top eight teams in the nation, according to their coach, Gregory Munro, a visiting assistant professor of law.

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The competition is sponsored by the American Trial Lawyers Association to encourage strength in trial advocacy. The regional event was sponsored by the Montana Lawyers Association.

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