Area students accepted to UM law school

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MISSOULA --

Seven students from central Montana entered The University of Montana School of Law in Missoula this fall.

Chosen from an applicant pool of more than 600 were Jeffrey Turner, Dustin Gahagan and Patrick Quinn of Great Falls. Robert Spoja of Lewistown, Ali Sheppard of Chinook, Kimberly Anderwood of Havre and Rick Lamb of Conrad were also among the 75 entering students in the class of 1998.

Founded in 1911, UM’s law school has drawn national recognition for its effective integration of legal theory and practice into its curriculum. Students are required to apply their book knowledge to hands-on experiences, Law Dean E. Edwin Eck said. "University of Montana students not only study the theory of contract law, corporate law, and estate planning law, they also apply their knowledge by drafting contracts, creating corporations, and preparing and probating wills."

Students in their third year of study represent clients in one of the school’s 12 legal clinics. In addition to their regular studies, some students research and write law review articles and assist in the preparation of legislation for the Montana Legislature.

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