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MISSOULA—

Robert J. Fleming, an Arizona attorney who specializes in elder law, will be in Missoula Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 to give two public lectures for members of the community and professionals working with senior citizens.

Fleming’s presentations, titled "Protecting Seniors’ Autonomy," are scheduled for 2 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, in Room 352 of the Social Sciences Building at The University of Montana and 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Missoula City/County Library, 301 E. Main St.

The presentations will cover topics such as competency, guardianship and advance directives, which include living wills and other instructions given in anticipation of incapacitating illness or death. The Tuesday lecture is designed for social workers, case managers, nurses, nursing home administrators and other health professionals. Monday’s presentation will be less technical and will address associated ethical issues.

Fleming writes Elder Law Issues, a weekly newsletter for attorneys who specialize in legal matters that affect senior citizens. His visit is sponsored by UM’s Gerontology Education Committee and supported in part by a UM faculty development award for visiting scholars.

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