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HARVARD LAW PROFESSOR EXAMINES LANDMARK SEGREGATION CASE

MISSOULA —

An upcoming lecture at The University of Montana School of Law will discuss the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court decision that ruled “separate but equal” educational opportunities for minorities were unconstitutional.

“All Deliberate Speed: Reflections on the First Half Century of ‘Brown vs. Board of Education’” will be held at noon Monday, Nov. 8, in the law school’s Castles Center. The speaker will be Harvard law Professor Charles Ogletree Jr., who will examine the ramifications of the decision on all Americans and him personally.

He also will discuss the progress -- or lack thereof -- in implementing the Supreme Court’s edict to equalize educational opportunities for minorities with “all deliberate speed.”

Ogletree’s presentation is UM’s annual James R. Browning Distinguished Lecture in Law, which is sponsored by the Montana Law Review.

The Harvard professor has an international reputation of taking hard looks at complex issues of law and working to secure the rights guaranteed by the Constitution for everyone equally under the law.

The recipient of numerous awards, Ogletree recently was named one of the 100 most influential lawyers in America by the National Law Journal. In addition to his law professor duties, he directs Harvard’s Charles Hamilton Institute for Race and Justice.

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