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## **LAW SCHOOL HOSTS URUGUAYAN JUDGE**

### **MISSOULA –**

Beatriz Venturini, presiding judge of Uruguay's 14th civil judicial district and a prominent law professor in Montevideo, will present a lunchtime talk and participate in an evening discussion on Monday, Oct. 19, at The University of Montana.

Venturini and Montana District Court Judge John Larson will discuss "The Role of the Judge in the Civil Law and Common Law: A Comparative Law Discussion" at 7 p.m. in the Law Building's Castles Center. The discussion will be moderated by Anna Conley, adjunct lecturer at the UM School of Law, which is hosting the event. Light refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Earlier that day, Venturini will give a brown bag presentation on "Judicial Independence in Latin American Democracies: Challenges and Successes" at noon in University Center Room 329. The talk is presented by UM's Latin American Studies faculty. The public is welcome to bring a lunch.

As Uruguay's most prominent female judge, Venturini has more than a dozen years on the bench and hears civil cases exclusively. She also is a professor of civil law, contracts law and torts at the country's three principal law schools and has written treatises on professional malpractice that are used extensively throughout South America.

Larson has been a state district judge in Missoula since 1993 and is nationally renowned as an expert on child and family law issues. He also helped create Montana's drug treatment and mental health courts.

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