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### **PANEL DELVES INTO IMPLICATIONS OF CASE ALLOWING RIGHT TO DIE**

#### **MISSOULA—**

A panel will be held Monday, Nov. 9, at The University of Montana to discuss the ethical implications of *Baxter v. Montana*, the case in which a lower court recognized the right of terminally ill, mentally competent adult Montanans to choose aid in dying.

The Montana Supreme Court will consider whether to uphold the landmark decision made last December by First Judicial Court Judge Dorothy McCarter.

“Aid in Dying: A panel discussion on the ethical implications of *Baxter v. Montana*” will take place at 7 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. The event is free and open to the public.

Panelists will be Scott Crichton, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Montana; Mark Hanson, UM liberal studies lecturer and College of Technology health professions associate professor; and Con Kelly, a Montana native who served as an ethicist for two multistate health care systems for more than 20 years.

For more information, call UM’s Center for Ethics at 406-243-6605.

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