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Judges at the Montana Judges Association convention in Helena Thursday and Friday (2 and 3) will have the opportunity to discuss their new rules of appellate civil procedure, according to Dr. David R. Mason, Dixon Professor of Law at the University of Montana.

Dr. Mason said he would lead the discussion of the rules which go into effect the first of next January. He was the chairman of the advisory committee to the Montana Supreme Court, which drafted the new appellate procedure rules.

For his work on the new procedure, Dr. Mason has been given the first Montana Bar Association award for "an outstanding contribution to the legal profession carried out or completed during the year."

The 1963 legislature gave the Supreme Court the power to promulgate its own rules of procedure and the high court created the advisory committee that year. After two years of study and upon recommendation of the committee, the new rules were adopted this year by the Supreme Court.

"Our present appellate procedure has changed very little since territorial days, and is too slow, expensive and involved," Dr. Mason explained. "The new rules are designed to modernize and streamline this procedure."

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