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MISSOULA--

A lawyer from Seattle, Wash., and a University of Montana alumnus who is a recognized authority on insurance legislation and regulations will be among the speakers featured during the Spring Conference on Automobile Accident Reparations April 17-18 at UM.

The conference will be held as part of the annual UM Law Weekend. The two-day conference for lawyers and insurance personnel is sponsored by the State Bar Association and the UM School of Law under the law school's Continuing Legal Education--Montana (CLEM) program.

The Seattle attorney who will participate in the conference is Leon L. Wolfstone, 1969-70 national president of the American Trial Lawyers Association. He will speak at 1:30 p.m. April 17.

Arthur C. Mertz, a Missoula native and UM alumnus who now lives in Chicago, will be featured in a legal discussion at 10 a.m. April 17. Mertz is vice-president and general counsel of the National Association of Independent Insurers.

Robert E. Sullivan, UM law school dean, said the conference probably will be of interest to members of the auto insurance industry as well as to attorneys because of the widespread legal aspects of automobile accident injuries.

"The main objective of the CLEM conference will be to discuss auto accident reparations as they pertain to Montana," said Sullivan.

Sullivan said efforts are being made on a national level to adopt an auto insurance program which would provide injury and damage compensation without the need of fixing the blame in many auto mishap cases.

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Late registration for those who don't preregister for the conference will be at 8:15 a.m. April 17. All conference sessions will be in the Five Valleys Room of the University Center.

Wolfstone, whose experience includes legal practice with the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court, is an alumnus of Washington State University and the University of Washington Law School. He received a doctorate in law (with honors) at the George Washington University Law School.

Mertz, who is a member of the Insurance Section of the American Bar Association and the International Association of Insurance Counsel, received undergraduate degrees in economics and sociology at the University of Montana. He was graduated from the UM law school in 1941.

Mertz is also a member of an advisory commission appointed to assist a special committee of the American Bar Association on automobile accident reparations.

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