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TONNSEN TO REPLACE SULLIVAN ON PROGRAM OF OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LAW CONFERENCE

MISSOULA--

Robert E. Sullivan, Butte, has had to cancel his participation as a panelist at the Oil, Gas and Mineral Law Conference at the 11th annual "CLE & Ski" program scheduled for general practice lawyers 12-15, 1982, at Big Sky. Sullivan will be replaced by John J. Tonnsen, Billings. Tonnsen's topic is "Inter-area Comparison of Oil and Gas Contracts Used in Exploration and Development Operations in Montana and Adjacent Areas."

Tonnsen's presentation will emphasize the terms, provisions, and points of negotiation of special interest to the general practitioner. The agreements will be analyzed from the standpoint of the landowner as the prime royalty interest owner. There will be some reference to mineral interests in the context of the division orders. Therefore, the mineral titles and royalty interests originally scheduled for discussion by Sullivan will still be covered to some extent.

Tonnsen is a 1964 graduate of the University of Montana law school and also holds a B.S. degree from St. Louis University in geology. He is a senior exploration geologist employed by Montana Power Company, with extensive experience in oil and gas matters.

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