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FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

The Montana State University Law School, alma mater of the majority of the state's lawyers, inaugurates its second half century of service with the dedication of a new building today (Sept. 6).

The dedication program in the University Theater at 2 p.m. will be attended by legal luminaries from across the land, according to Dean Robert E. Sullivan. The day's events include a dedication dinner at the Lodge at 7 p.m. and a panel discussion of "Lawyers, Law Schools and Public Responsibility" in the new building at 10 a.m.

Associate Justice Tom C. Clark of the United States Supreme Court will give the dedicatory address at the University Theater. He will be introduced by MSU alumnus Walter L. Pope, formerly chief judge of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, San Francisco.

Following the address, Dean Sullivan will present designees for the honorary doctor of laws degree, and MSU President H. K. Newburn will confer the degree upon Justice Clark, John C. Satterfield, president of the American Bar Association, and U. S. District Judges George H. Boldt, Tacoma, Wash., and W. D. Murray, Butte. Judges Boldt and Murray are graduates of the MSU Law School.

President Newburn will then formally present the new building to the School of Law and Dean Sullivan will accept on behalf of the school.

Greetings will be presented from the ABA by Satterfield, the Association of American Law Schools by President-elect Samuel D. Thurman of the Stanford Law School, the Law Schools of the Northwest by Dean Orlando J. Hollis of the University of Oregon Law School, the judiciary by Chief Justice James T. Harrison of the Montana Supreme Court, the Montana Bar Association by President Ben Berg Jr., and MSU law alumni by President William T. Boone.

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Judge Murray, chairman of the MSU Law School Board of Visitors, will preside at the dedication dinner, which will feature an address by Satterfield. The ABA president will be introduced by MSU alumnus William J. Jameson, U. S. district judge and past president of the ABA. President Newburn will speak briefly. The invocation will be given by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. E. J. Riley, member of the State Board of Regents.

Panelists for the morning discussion of the legal profession's public responsibility are Dean George N. Stevens of the University of Washington School of Law, Capt. Edmund Burke Jr., legal officer, U. S. Navy Pacific Missile Range, Prof. Thurman and Judge Jameson.

Beginning at 9 a.m., informal tours of the new building will be conducted throughout the day, Dean Sullivan said. The public is invited to attend all the dedication events, including the dinner if reservations have been made, he said.

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