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ITEM 167-1011-R0515

Re-Naming of the School of Law – University of Montana-Missoula

THAT

The University of Montana School of Law will be re-named the Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana.

EXPLANATION

In recognition of the important contributions of Mr. Alexander Blewett III to the School of Law and the legal community of the state of Montana, the School of Law will be re-named the “Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana” in his honor. Mr. Blewett and his wife, Andrea A. Blewett, have given the School a gift of \$10 million dollars, which will create an endowed chair in consumer law and protection with endowed programmatic support in that area; provide \$1.5 million for the Access to Legal Education Scholarship Fund; and create an endowed discretionary fund for general law school support. The scholarship donation is structured as a giving challenge; for every gift of at least \$500 others give toward law scholarships, the Blewetts will agree to match those donations with an equal contribution to the Access to Legal Education Scholarship Fund. If the challenge is met, new scholarship donations will total \$3 million. The University of Montana Foundation will manage the endowed funds which will provide ongoing value to the School of Law and its students. The Blewett’s transformational gift will nearly double the size of the law school’s endowment, raising it to over \$21 million. The decision to re-name the School has been approved by the Faculty of the School of Law, the Faculty Senate of the University, the Dean of the School of Law, the Provost of the University, and the President of the University.

ATTACHMENTS

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