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Mudd selected as State Bar's new executive director



HELENA – The State Bar of Montana is pleased to announce that John Mudd has been selected as the new executive director for the organization. Mudd will begin his duties January 2, 2018, upon the retirement of current executive director Chris Manos.

“We are very pleased that John will be joining us and bringing his diverse practice background and years of experience working with members of the Montana bar to this position,” said State Bar of Montana President Bruce Spencer. Mudd was selected following a national search. He has served as the Director of Development and Alumni Relations for the Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana since 2010 and is a long-standing member of the Bar’s Professionalism Committee.

“I am truly humbled by the opportunity to work with the Board of Trustees and lead the outstanding staff of the State Bar of Montana as we work to fulfill the Bar’s mission to serve its members and the public, and to promote the legal system in Montana including access to justice for all,” said Mudd.

“John has been an integral member of our team at the law school, from record fundraising to alumni engagement to modernizing the school’s communications, including the Montana Barrister Magazine,” said Dean Paul Kirgis. “While we are sad to see him leave, the relationship between the law school and the bar is vital and we are excited to continue to work with John in this new role.”

Outgoing executive director Chris Manos will retire January 1, 2018 after more than sixteen years of service to the State Bar of Montana. “Chris has dedicated himself to constantly improving the operations of the State Bar of Montana and working to benefit its members,” said Spencer. “He will be truly missed as he begins his next chapter.” Manos will be recognized for his many contributions during the State Bar’s Annual Meeting September 20-22 at Fairmont Hot Springs.

Mudd previously served as Executive Counsel for the State Auditor and, prior to that, was in private practice in Missoula. He also served as the Secretary of the Montana Senate during the 2007 legislative session. Mudd holds a Juris Doctorate from the

University of Montana School of Law, where he was an editor of the Montana Law Review and a member of the School's national championship moot court team. He received his undergraduate degree with honors from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

The State Bar of Montana (www.montanabar.org), with offices in Helena, has over 5,000 members. The Bar provides professional services to Montana lawyers and education and services to the public, consumer brochures, and distribution of legal information

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