# Quarterly Meeting & Montana Supreme Court Appeals Seminar

| Quarterly Meeting Noon to 1:00 | Montana Supreme Court Appeals Seminar 1:00 to 4:00 | Teleconferenced 3 Hours of CLE Credit Pending |
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## January 20, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.—Format and Form Requirements with Chris Wethern

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Briefs (the good, the bad, and the grammar), Writs?, and E-Filing in Federal System with Scott Peterson and Katie Ranta

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Changes with Rules of Appellate Procedure with Ed Smith (Clerk of Montana Supreme Court)

*Chris Wethern has been the staff attorney at the Montana Supreme Court for over 20 years.*

*Scott Peterson graduated with honors from the University of Montana School of Law in 2011. During law school, Scott performed as the Articles Editor for the 2010-2011 Montana Law Review. He also participated in National Moot Court – a competition that involves oral and written appellate advocacy skills. Scott's Moot Court team placed first overall for the Northwest region in 2010, and competition officials also awarded his team with the honor of best appellate brief in the region. From 2009 to 2011, Scott worked as a law clerk for the Williams Law Firm in Missoula, Montana. He currently serves as a law clerk to Justice Brian Morris at the Montana Supreme Court.*

*Katie Ranta is currently Law Clerk to the Hon. Michael E Wheat, Justice of the Montana Supreme Court. Prior to coming to the Court, Katie was Law Clerk to the Hon. Keith Strong, United States Magistrate Judge. Katie has given CLE presentations at the 2010 State Bar Annual Meeting and the 2011 Rules Update CLE. She currently serves on the State Bar's Judicial Relations Committee, and is a past Trustee of the New Lawyers' Section. She graduated with honors from the University of Montana School of Law in 2008.*

*Ed Smith was elected as Clerk of the Supreme Court in 1988, and re-elected in 1994, 2000 and 2006. He is the nineteenth person to hold the office since Montana was created in 1864. As a freshman at the University of Montana, Smith was chosen reading clerk for the historic 1972 Montana Constitutional Convention. As Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court since January 2, 1989, Smith has served on the Montana Intermediate Court Study Committee and the Commission on Admissions, and is a member of the Commission on Technology. He is currently the chair of the Commission's E-Filing and Remote Access Task Force. Since 1989 he has been a member of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks (NCACC), serving as President of the NCACC during the 2003-2004 term. Smith has also been a member of the Conference's executive committee and has chaired the education committee. Smith is also a member of the Montana Association of Clerks of District Court (MACDC). Smith's civic membership includes past service as a trustee of the Lewis and Clark County Library Board and as a member of the Helena/Lewis and Clark County Historic Preservation Commission. In June 2008, Smith was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Montana Historical Society.*

**Deadline for registration: Tuesday, January 17.**

**Call-in information will be emailed to you on Wednesday, January 18.**

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**Registration Fees**

- ☐ MALA Member $45.00
- ☐ Non-MALA Member $60.00
- ☐ Student $24.00

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