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NEWS RELEASE

BETTY MONTGOMERY, OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL, TO SPEAK AT UD'S SCHOOL OF LAW COMMENCEMENT

DAYTON, Ohio — Betty Montgomery, Ohio attorney general, will give the keynote address during the University of Dayton School of Law's spring commencement at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12, at UD Arena.

After Montgomery's address, 151 students will receive their diplomas.

Montgomery will discuss "Change, Above Anything Else, is a Constant Theme of Every Life." In much of her address she will encourage students to consider public service at some time in their careers.

"My commitment to public service came about from my upbringing," she said. "Often, in unspoken ways, my parents taught me that I had to take my good fortune and tithe back some of the good I had been given. They taught me the nobility and value of public service."

She added, "We live in an era when public cynicism and ridicule dissuade those who would choose a life in public service. While our institutions and the people who run them are not perfect, it has been my experience that the vast majority of people who have responded to the call of public service are good, decent, hardworking people."

A former criminal prosecutor and state senator, Montgomery was sworn in as Ohio's first female attorney general in January 1995. She is Ohio's 45th attorney general and was re-elected to a second four-year term in 1998.

Montgomery was elected to the Ohio Senate in 1988, where she served as chair of the criminal justice subcommittee, and vice chair of the Senate judiciary committee and the Ohio criminal sentencing commission. In the Senate, her work included drafting Ohio's first living will law and its victim's rights law.

During her time as attorney general, Montgomery has increased state support for local law enforcement and upgraded the state's crime labs, joining only four percent of the nation's law enforcement agencies in earning accreditation for both the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy and the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

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