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MSU College of Law establishes Frank J. Kelley Institute of Ethics (<http://news.msu.edu/story/6899/>)

EAST LANSING, Mich. ---Law students who receive a sound education in ethics are instrumental to restoring ethics to society, according to former Michigan Attorney General Frank Kelley, who's partnering with the MSU College of Law to launch the Frank J. Kelley Institute of Ethics on Oct. 1.

An endowment was raised for the Kelley Institute, which will allow the college to bring leading figures in legal ethics to the Law College every year, to provide public lectures, teach students, meet with faculty and publish lectures in the "Michigan State Law Review."

"If students have an education in ethics, it will become part of their thinking," said Kelley, who served as Michigan's attorney general for 37 years. "They will have a good ethical influence on the legal community and enhance their reputations with the courts. All law schools in the country need a new respect for and focus on ethics in public and private activities in this country. I envision MSU Law will lead the way with its new Institute of Ethics."

Giving the inaugural Frank J. Kelley Lecture on Ethics will be David Wilkins, Lester Kissel Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and director of the school's Program on the Legal Profession. He will speak at 5 p.m. Oct. 1 in the Law College's Castle Board Room. Kelley will give remarks following Wilkins' lecture, which is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the event.

"We are honored to introduce the Frank J. Kelley Institute of Ethics at MSU Law. Its incorporation into the Law College demonstrates our understanding that ethics are central to our profession and to the education we offer," said Joan Howarth, dean of MSU College of Law. "In addition, this wonderful Kelley Institute of Ethics is a constant reminder to our students that ethics are at the heart of law and that professional ethics are not simply another subject to be mastered. Ethics are always relevant, always crucial, always key to success."

She added that while law students are immersed in concepts of ethics and professionalism from the beginning, the Kelley Institute will grant them access to the brainpower of renowned ethics experts from around the country, who bring different perspectives to the classroom.

In 1990, the College of Law presented Kelley, the country's longest-serving state attorney general, with an honorary degree.

To learn more about MSU College of Law, visit www.law.msu.edu.

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Michigan State University College of Law is a leading institution of legal education with a long history of creating practice-ready attorneys. As one of a few private law schools affiliated with a major research university, MSU Law offers comprehensive interdisciplinary opportunities combined with a personalized legal education. After 100 years as a private and independent Law College, the affiliation with MSU has put the Law College on an upward trajectory of national and international reputation and reach. MSU Law professors are gifted teachers and distinguished scholars. Law College curriculum is rigorous and challenging and the facility is equipped with the latest resources—all affirming MSU Law's commitment to educating 21st-century lawyers.

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Michigan State University has been advancing knowledge and transforming lives through innovative teaching, research and outreach for more than 150 years. MSU is known internationally as a major public university with global reach and extraordinary impact. Its 17 degree-granting colleges attract scholars worldwide who are interested in combining education with practical problem solving.

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