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MoBar Annual Meeting is Jan. 8 meeting topic

Columbia will host its first-ever Missouri Bar Annual Meeting Oct. 1-3, 2003, and Missouri Bar President Dale Doerhoff will talk about that opportunity at the next BCBA meeting at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2003.

The luncheon meeting will be held at the Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St. The lunch price

will be \$9, and checks should be made out to the restaurant.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Scott Wilson** at 443-4500 or send email to him at scott@hineslawfirm.com by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7.

Doerhoff has appointed MU Deputy Chancellor Mike Middleton as chair and BCBA

President **Betty Wilson** as vice-chair of a local committee to prepare for the 2003 Annual Meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the 2003 Missouri Judicial Conference.

Part of Doerhoff's Jan. 8 talk will focus on opportunities for local lawyers to participate in planning and staging the Annual Meeting. Event planners

hope to take advantage of Columbia's unique assets, including the University of Missouri.

Other topics Doerhoff plans to discuss are:

* Current issues confronting lawyers and what the Missouri Bar is doing about them.

* Long-term issues concerning the role of the legal profession in society.

Results of BCBA committees' work beginning to be seen

Practice, Procedure & Judiciary Committee

Several recommendations of the BCBA's Practice, Procedure and Judiciary Committee are in the process of being implemented by the 13th Judicial Circuit Court.

At the court's Dec. 3 en banc meeting, Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** said the court already was planning to change Law Day docket schedules to separate criminal and civil dockets. Another committee recommendation, to establish civil motion dockets for all Associate Circuit Judges, also will be implemented. Both changes will take effect in February, and details will be announced in the next issue of the *Newsletter*.

A committee recommendation relating to the court's informal

policy on when executions for possession can be issued in eviction cases was referred to Judge **Christopher Kelly** for further study and likely will be discussed again at the court's next en banc meeting at 5 p.m. Jan. 6.

Family Law Committee

The 13th Judicial Circuit Court

2003 dues for BCBA are now payable

BCBA dues for 2003 are now due and should be sent to Treasurer **Bob Buckley** at P.O. Box 1097, Columbia, MO 65205-1097, using the coupon below.

The Executive Committee has endorsed a dues increase from \$25 to \$40 per year per member, which will require members' approval of a bylaws amendment to be submitted in the near future. The Executive Committee urges lawyers to begin voluntarily paying \$40, although \$25 will be accepted if paid before the bylaws are amended.

Dues are waived for sitting and retired judges and for members who have been licensed in Missouri for at least 50 years or who have reached the age of 75.

is willing to consider changes to the local rule that now mandates settlement conferences in all family law cases, Commissioner **Sara Miller** told the BCBA's Family Law Committee at its Dec. 6 meeting.

The committee continues to work on possible changes to the rule, including the possibility of

scheduling settlement conferences only when requested by a party. For information contact committee co-chair **Mary Carnahan**.

Mediation Committee

The BCBA Mediation Committee has been meeting monthly to plan CLE programs to inform lawyers of the advantages of mediation, says committee chair **Lorri Shurtleff**.

Lorri also reports that Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** has appointed a Bench/Bar Mediation Committee to work on proposed changes to Local Rule 68.12. Members are Judge **Cary Augustine**, Commissioner **Sara Miller**, Lorri, and **Kakie Love**. The committee hopes to present proposed changes to the bar for comments in the next few months.

2003 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form

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Around the bar . . .

Jeff Harris, elected in November as new District 23 State Representative to succeed term-limited State Rep. **Tim Harlan**, is a new associate litigator at **Atwill & Montgomery**, 16 N. 8th St. (65201), phone 442-3000, fax 449-1094. A Columbia native, Jeff received his B.A. from Vanderbilt University in 1987 and his J.D. from Cornell Law School in 1991. He previously worked for the Missouri Attorney General and for Bryan Cave LLP in Kansas City and clerked for a U.S. District Court judge in Mississippi.

Another new member of the BCBA is **Sarah J. Read**, 1705C N. Stadium Blvd., P.O. Box 30727 (65205-3727), phone 447-2349, fax 447-1789. Sarah was a partner at Sidley Austin Brown & Wood in Chicago before moving to Columbia with her husband, David, who joined the MU English faculty. She remains of counsel to the Sidley firm on energy law issues. Locally she focuses on negotiation, mediation, legislation and law practice management. She received her B.A. from Yale University in 1978 and her J.D. from the University of Wisconsin in 1981.

Thanks to the following lawyers for agreeing to serve as coaches for the upcoming high school mock trial competition: **Mike Tripp**, Columbia Home School Team; **Drew Hilpert**, Hickman High School Team; and **Dianna Coy Long**, West Junior High School Team.

In response to a request made at the BCBA's program on court automation last June, a printer has been installed on the Westlaw computer in the Counsel Chambers at the Boone County Courthouse, according to Kathy Lloyd, Assistant to the Court Administrator. The computer is available to bar members at no charge.

The new BCBA-sponsored Scout Explorer Post held its first meeting in December with a good turnout of high school students interested in learning more about the legal profession. The post's first activity will be to observe Municipal Court on the morning of Jan. 17 at the invitation of Judge **John Whiteside**. Bar members are encouraged to help make the new Explorer Post the best possible learning experience by submitting ideas for activities to **Dan Dunham** at 449-5316 or lawyerdd@verizon.net.

Dave Knight and **William D. Powell** have about 1,900 square feet available in an office building at Broadway and Pershing Road which can be finished for professional offices. Call Dave at 256-7205 for more information.

A near-capacity crowd of about 80 turned out for the Nov. 13 BCBA meeting to hear judges of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, discuss appellate practice. The speakers were Judges Robert Ulrich, Harold Lowenstein and Ron Holliger and Court Clerk Terry Lord. A summary of their remarks appears on the BCBA web site at www.bocomobar.org/news/cle.htm.

The MU Law School has scheduled several mediation-related CLE programs in 2003, including: "Mediation of Civil Cases" in Columbia, Jan. 8-10 and June 4-6; "Advanced Civil Mediation" in St. Louis, Feb. 27; "Advanced Domestic Mediation" in Kansas City, April 9; and "Domestic Mediation" in Columbia, June 23-27.

John Lande, Director of the LL.M. Program in Dispute Resolution at the MU Law School, reminds bar members that the school's LL.M. Degree in Dispute Resolution can be completed in one year by full-time students and two years by part-time students, who typically attend class only one day per week. Enrollment information is available from Karen Neylon at 882-2020 or neylongk@missouri.edu. Lande can be contacted at 882-3914 or landej@missouri.edu.

Treasurer's Report by Bob Buckley

Account balance as of 11/21/02.....	\$1,571.32
Receipts 11/21/02 - 12/23/02	
Dues.....	+1,845.00
Interest.....	+0.27
Holiday Party.....	+900.00
Disbursements 11/21/02 - 12/23/02	
Accent Press (Newsletter printing).....	-65.80
Midwest Mailing (Newsletter mailing).....	-72.17
SS Web Services (web site hosting).....	-360.00
Boy Scouts (Explorer Post sponsorship).....	-55.00
Account balance as of 12/23/02.....	\$3,763.62