



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## Picnic set Sept. 12

Bar members and their spouses, dates and children are invited to the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic and election of officers on Friday, Sept. 12 at Cosmo-Bethel Park, 4500 Bethel St.

The event was moved to September to avoid late-August heat. A social hour will begin about 5 p.m. Dinner will be served about 6 p.m., with the election following.

**A contribution of \$5 per adult is requested this year, payable upon arrival.**

The picnic was moved from Cosmopolitan Park this year because of shelter reconstruction there. The entrance to the Cosmo-Bethel Park parking area is just south of Gentry Middle School, and the picnic will be based at one of the large shelters just

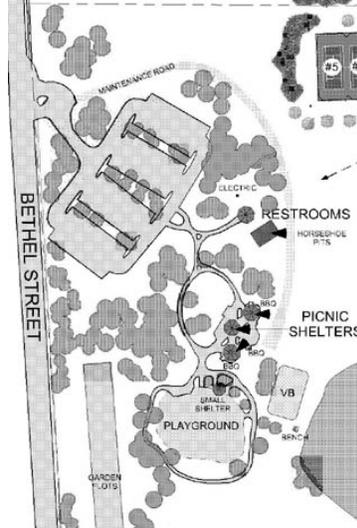
southeast of the parking lot (see map).

**RSVP:** Let us know if you plan to attend so sufficient food and drinks can be ordered. Contact BCBA Secretary **Scott Wilson** at 443-4500 or [scott@hineslawfirm.com](mailto:scott@hineslawfirm.com) no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 10.

As in past years, the picnic will feature barbecued ribeyes and brats, catered side dishes, soft drinks and beer.

The Picnic Committee will begin cooking and other preparations in mid-afternoon and will welcome anyone willing to help. Call **Ron Sweet** at 443-3134 or **Mark Langworthy** at 874-1122 to volunteer. Other committee members are **Bill (Wm. D.) Powell** and **Roland Walker**.

The picnic is named in honor of



From the City of Columbia web site

the late **Jim Butcher**, who organized the event for many years before his death in 1986. As in past years, a special invitation is being extended to his widow, Joan Butcher.

## Fay heads slate

**Elton Fay** has been nominated as 2003-2004 BCBA President.

Other nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee are: **Jodie Asel**, Vice President; **Steve Pratte**, Secretary; **Rachael Kennedy**, Treasurer; and **Leslie Clay** and **Tom Davis**, at-large members of the Executive Committee.

The election of officers will take place after dinner at the annual picnic on Sept. 12. Nominations also may be made from the floor. Under the BCBA Bylaws, the Executive Committee will consist of the officers, the two at-large members, and 2002-2003 President **Betty Wilson**.

**Lorri Shurtleff** chaired the Nominating Committee this year. Other members were **Ron Smull**, **Marsha Fischer** and **C.J. Dykehouse**.

## Scholarship fundraiser set Sept. 17

Bar members are invited to attend a fund-raiser for the Boone County Sheriff's Scholarship Foundation on the evening of Sept. 17 at the Boone County Fairgrounds Arena.

Tickets for the event cost \$15 and can be obtained by calling Tom O'Sullivan at 875-1111, ext. 6266.

The foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization which financially supports the children of employees of the Sheriff's Department attending college or a trade school. In its first two years, the foundation awarded more than \$34,000 to 12 individuals.

The event starts with a social hour at 5 p.m. and continues with a hog-roast dinner at 6:30 and program at 7:30. Among those roasting and toasting Sheriff Ted Boehm and each other will be Kevin Crane, Bob Pugh, Don Stamper, Peggy Kirkpatrick, Lynda Baumgartner, Brian Neuner and Mark Slavitt. The master of ceremonies will be Fred Parry. Also featured will be an auction and musical entertainment.

## MoBar Annual Meeting here Oct. 1-3

Oct. 1-3 will mark the first time for Columbia to host the Missouri Bar's Annual Meeting and the Missouri Judicial Conference.

BCBA President **Betty Wilson** has served as vice chair of the planning committee for the meeting, which will be based at the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center. Other facilities around town also will be used for various events.

The BCBA is hosting a hospital-

ity reception at the hotel and is still seeking a suggested \$25 contribution per lawyer for that activity. Contributions should be payable to the BCBA and sent to Treasurer **Bob Buckley** at P.O. Box 1097, Columbia, MO 65205.

All registrants at the meeting will receive a ticket for one free drink at the hospitality reception, and snacks will be provided as well. Our goal is to have our colleagues

around the state recognize that Columbia is a good place to visit.

The annual meeting will offer local lawyers an opportunity to socialize with lawyers from other areas while earning a number of CLE credits.

Registration materials have been sent to all bar members. The basic registration fee is \$190. If you have misplaced your information, call the Missouri Bar at 573-635-4128.

## Fay urges BCBA members to participate in Annual Meeting

By **Elton Fay**  
BCBA President-Nominee

Let me encourage each Boone County Bar member to register for and participate in the Missouri Bar Annual meeting being held in Columbia for the first time Oct. 1-3.

As your nominee for 2003-2004 BCBA President, I know that current President **Betty Wilson** and I can count on you to be there to help by showing our bar's strong support for this "first time ever" event in Columbia.

Certainly we would be honored if the Missouri Bar finds Columbia to be a great place to hold annual meetings in the future. Your participation is important toward this goal.

I have been asked which role is easier—serving as president of the Columbia Board of Education where we take care of 16,000+ young folks, or serving a one-year "sentence" as president of the outstanding Boone County Bar.

It's a hard call, but I'm looking

forward to your cooperation as we ask for volunteers for various bar committees this coming year.

This past year has been a time of change in the local court system. The next year will include a study of courthouse expansion as well as continuing the many projects our association has undertaken. It is an honor to serve, and I covet your participation.

Please attend the picnic Sept. 12 and enjoy one of the truly fun events of the year.

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## Free drug seminar offered on Sept. 17

BCBA members are invited to attend a free Drug Court-sponsored seminar on drug testing and psychopharmacology from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 17 in the County Commission Chambers at the Boone County Government Center.

The drug testing portion of the seminar will cover testing procedures and include information about why

tests are positive, why a test is dilute, and how a positive sample can test negative. The psychopharmacology training will explain the medical and psychological effects of substance abuse.

To reserve a spot for the seminar, call Kim Hanson at 886-4082. The Office of State Court Administrator is assisting with the program.

## Crane announces new prosecutor caseloads

As a result of Asst. Prosecutor **Mark Morasch's** departure to practice law in Texas, Boone County Prosecutor **Kevin Crane** has hired **Nicole Volkert**, who formerly worked in the Callaway County Prosecutor's office, and announced the following case assignments:

**Crane:** Homicide.  
**Bail:** Felony drug offenses; vehicular assault; forfeiture; zoning, sewage and salvage violations; conservation violations; peace disturbance.  
**Crockett:** Offenses against females (A-L); misdemeanor assault; harassment; violation of order of protection; stalking; property damage; tampering; assigned felonies.  
**Daniels:** Bad checks; post conviction relief; liquor violations (other than MIP/I.D.); fugitive; unconditional release; DOR license actions; delinquent taxes; instruction assistance; Drug Court; unassigned felonies and misdemeanors.  
**Dillon-Amelung:** Forgery; fraudulent use of credit

device; felony stealing; receiving stolen property; DWI; traffic; Mental Health Court.

**Gunn:** Misdemeanor stealing; leaving the scene; DUS/DUR; tampering; property damage; minor in possession of alcohol and unauthorized I.D.; failure to return leased property.

**Hicks:** Offenses against children; interference with custody; kidnaping/felonious restraint; sexual offenses against adults; misdemeanor drug offenses (M-Z).

**Knight:** Felony assaults; weapons; robbery; resisting arrest.

**Moore:** Child support enforcement.

**Sullivan:** Burglary; misdemeanor assault (male victims); misdemeanor drug offenses (A-L); trespass; arson; animal neglect.

**Volkert:** Offenses against females (M-Z); misdemeanor assault; harassment; violation of order of protection; stalking; property damage; tampering; assigned felonies.

## Around the Bar . . .

Thirteenth Circuit Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** has appointed eight members of the BCBA to a special committee to review and offer recommendations on plans for future expansion of the Boone County Courthouse. They are: **Elton Fay, Susan Ford Robertson, Wally Bley, Lorri Shurtleff, C.J. Dykehouse, Marsha Fischer, Dave Knight and Bruce Beckett**.

Former Columbia Municipal Judge **John Whiteside**, who retired Aug. 1, was recognized for his service by the presentation of a plaque from the BCBA at the regular meeting on Aug. 13. About 60 members attended the meeting to hear a talk by Kenny Hulshof, Ninth District Congressman. Special guests at the meeting were Natasha Skouby and Laura Duncan, student members of Law and Government Explorer Post 43 sponsored by the BCBA, and Leah Beal, Learning for Life Executive with the Great Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts.

**Janet Bezler** has located her office at 2700 Forum Blvd, Suite D, Columbia 65203, phone 445-3974, fax 447-3435. Her practice focuses on juvenile and family law and mediation.

**Mark Langworthy** has opened his office at 1201 W. Broadway, Columbia 65203, phone 874-1122, fax 875-5108. He recently left the MU Development Office. He previously was in private practice and worked as a bank trust officer. He plans to focus on estate planning, probate, real estate and commercial law.

**Steve Scott** recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Central Missouri Humane Society in recognition of his 25 years of *pro bono* legal service to the organization.

Recently joining the BCBA was **David Brown**, a new associate at **Rotts & Gibbs, LLP**, P.O. Box 7385, Columbia 65205, phone 443-3463, fax 443-7099. A Columbia native, David graduated from the MU Law School in 1994 and worked as an assistant Attorney General until 1999 when was appointed general counsel to the Missouri Department of Public Safety. He later became the Deputy Director of the Department and served at times as special counsel to the governor.

Other recent new members of the BCBA are: **Jason Allen Shackelford**, P.O. Box 142, Centralia 65240, phone 682-2501, fax 682-1906; **Susan Jane Decker**, Central Missouri Family Law, LLC, P.O. Box 10155, Columbia 65205; and **David A. Shorr**, Lathrop & Gage L.C., 314 E. High St., Jefferson City 65101, phone 893-4336, fax 893-5398.

### Treasurer's Report by Bob Buckley

Account balance as of 7/30/03.....	\$2,248.69
<b>Receipts 7/30/03 - 8/28/03</b>	
Dues .....	+140.00
Interest.....	+0.33
MoBar Annual Meeting hospitality contributions .....	+1,825.00
<b>Disbursements 7/30/03 - 8/28/03</b>	
Accent Press ( <i>Newsletter</i> printing) .....	-64.05
Midwest Mailing ( <i>Newsletter</i> mailing).....	-70.52
Bench-Bar Dinner.....	-42.61
Boone Tavern (unpaid and guest lunches).....	-52.00
Campus Jewelers (plaque).....	-82.52
<b>Account balance as of 8/28/03.....</b>	<b>\$3,902.32</b>