

# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## Picnic set Sept. 17

Bar members and their spouses, dates and children are invited to the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic and election of officers on Friday, Sept. 17 at Cosmo-Bethel Park, 4500 Bethel St. There will be no charge to those attending.

A social hour will begin about 5 p.m. Dinner will be served about 6 p.m., with the election following.

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 area (see map).

**RSVP:** Let us know if you plan to attend so sufficient food and drinks can be ordered. Contact BCBA Secretary **Steve Pratte** at 442-0116 or [scpratte@yahoo.com](mailto:scpratte@yahoo.com) by 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15.

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

The Picnic Committee will begin cooking and other preparations in mid-afternoon and welcomes anyone willing to help. Call **Mark Langworthy** at 874-1122 or **Ron Sweet** at 443-3134 to volunteer. Other committee members are **Carlyle Foley** and **George Smith**.

The picnic is named after the late **Jim Butcher**, who organized the event for many years before his death in 1986. In keeping with tradition, a special invitation to the picnic has been extended to his widow, Joan Butcher.

## Asel heads slate of nominees

Associate Circuit Judge **Jodie Capshaw Asel**, currently BCBA Vice President, is the nominee for 2004-05 President.

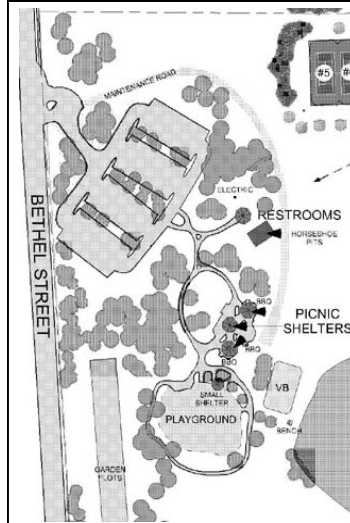
The Nominating Committee also nominated **Pat Eng** for Vice President, **Linda Harris** for Secretary and **Amy Markel** for Treasurer.

Nominated as the three at-large members of the Executive Committee are **Brian Hajicek**, **Mark Pfeiffer** and **Leslie Schneider**. Outgoing President

**Elton Fay** also will become an at-large Executive Committee member under the bylaws.

The nominations will be voted on at the annual picnic on Friday evening, Sept. 17. Nominations also may be made from the floor with the consent of the nominees.

**Rusty Antel** chaired the Nominating Committee this year. Other members were **Mary Carnahan** and **Janice Harder**.



City of Columbia map

## Picnic details at-a-glance

**Date:** Friday, Sept. 17.

**Time:** 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner.

**Place:** Cosmo-Bethel Park, 4500 Bethel St.

**Directions:** Entrance to parking area is just south of Gentry Middle School on east side of Bethel St. Picnic shelters are visible from parking area.

**Cost:** Free to bar members, spouses, dates and children.

## News from MU Law School

By any objective measure, we have the finest first-year law class that MU has seen. These new students had median undergraduate grade point averages of 3.5, and their median score on the LSAT placed them among the top 21% in the nation.

Women comprise 40% of this class, minorities constitute 13% (with the number of African American first-year students rising from 5 in last year's entering class to 13 this fall), and 80% are Missouri residents.

The largest number of undergraduate degrees (30% of the class) are from MU, but the class includes graduates of virtually all colleges and universities in Missouri. In addition, our

new class includes students with degrees from Georgetown, Princeton, Stanford, West Point, and Yale. Included among the Mizzou graduates is a Rhodes Scholar, and other students come to the Law School from the business world, the military, and many other walks of life.

On Oct. 1 we'll hold our big alumni luncheon at the Annual Meeting of the Missouri Bar in St. Louis. If you'd like to attend, contact Casey Baker ([bakercd@missouri.edu](mailto:bakercd@missouri.edu)).

We also anticipate a large turnout for Law Day, which this fall will be Nov. 19-20. Alumni should have received a brochure about this year's events, but let us know if you did not. Included in this year's activities will be an opportunity for one hour of CLE credit on Friday, Nov. 19.

We now have reached 70% of the \$12 million goal for our Law School Development Campaign, and I encourage you to join with so many other alumni in "giving back" to the Law School and the students who have followed you here at MU.

- R. Lawrence Dessem, Dean

## From the BCBA President

As I finish my year as President of the Boone County Bar Association, I want to say thanks for the great support from our members.

To the Executive Committee for their direction and guidance, thank you.

A big thank you to Judge **Jodie Asel** for her outstanding programs. I appreciate her good

work and hope that next year's Vice President, **Pat Eng**, will be able to assist her in the same able way.

I would like to express a special "thank you" to **Steve Scott**, who provides a tremendous amount of historical knowledge and hands-on work to keep the *Newsletter* printed and the website up to date and who assists

in making the BCBA function effectively.

Finally, I appreciate the individual members who have attended meetings and served on committees.

It has been a privilege to serve you all. See you at the Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic Sept. 17 at Bethel Park.

-Elton Fay

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## Around the bar . . .

**Bob Buckley** recently was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers.

**Tom Baker** has announced the formation of a partnership with **Tom Luckenbill**, with offices at 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 874-6736, fax 886-8901. They will focus on worker's compensation and Social Security disability cases.

**Kim Force** has moved her law office to 2306 Berryview Ct., Suite B, Columbia 65203, phone 234-1354, fax 234-1482.

**Dave Evans**, 449-8430, still has office space available at 717 Cherry St., Columbia for a single attorney to share a secretary. Included are supplies, postage, fax, copier, and Internet connection.

Suite 300 in the Guitar Building still has office-share space available, including secretaries, office supplies, library, postage, fax, wireless DSL, and utilities. For details call **Stan Clay**, 442-1646.

Recently joining the BCBA was **Brian Baehr**, with offices at 1205 W. Broadway, Suite B, Columbia 65203, phone 499-1310, fax 499-1315. He graduated from the MU Law School in 1998 and previously worked for a firm in Cape Girardeau. He focuses on bankruptcy and criminal defense. Brian also announces availability of office-sharing space, including receptionist and conference room.

Another new BCBA member is **David N. Clayton** of the Boone County Public Defender's Office.

**Sarah Reed** will have a phone hookup at her office, 1705 N. Sta-

dium Blvd., for an American Arbitration Assn. 1.2-hour CLE program, "Best Practices in Complex Construction Arbitration," from 9 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9. Register for \$50 by calling the AAA at 314-621-7175, and call Sarah at 447-2349 for space reservation.

**Mark Langworthy** says bar members are invited to attend the "Day of Professional Dedication" sponsored by the Mid-Missouri Estate Planning Council and the Missouri Society of CPAs on Thursday, Sept. 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cornell Hall on the MU campus. The cost for non-members, including lunch, is \$75. For registration or more information, call Alice Timbrook at 447-3355.

The Women Lawyers' Association of Mid-Missouri plans its first event, a talk by Missouri Supreme Court Judge Larua Denvir Stith at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at the MU Law School. Women lawyers interested in joining the group can contact Kimberly Shields at 573-636-8394 or [kshields@armstrongteasdale.com](mailto:kshields@armstrongteasdale.com).

About 50 BCBA members attended the regular meeting on Aug. 11 to hear local immigration lawyer **Steve Blower's** CLE-credit talk on "What All Lawyers Should Know about Immigration Law."

### Young lawyers plan mixer, tailgate

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will hold its next meeting at 5 p.m. Sept. 21 at Otto's Corner, 38 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Columbia. The format will be a happy hour mixer.

At its first meeting Aug. 17, the group discussed co-hosting a tailgate party at the Oct. 2 MU-Colorado football game with the Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Section.

The tailgate party will be set up two hours before the game in

Lot A north of the stadium behind the large scoreboard. The tailgate is free to young lawyers. Game tickets can be purchased by calling 882-6501.

For more information on the BCBA young lawyers group, contact **Gretchen Rogers** at 443-3134 or **Brad Lear** at 875-1991.

For more information on the YLS tailgate party, contact **Bob Buckley**, District 5 YLS Representative, at 443-3134.

Treasurer's Report by Rachael Kennedy	
Account balance as of 7/28/04 .....	\$5,690.07
<b>Receipts 7/28/04 - 8/31/04</b>	
Dues .....	+60.00
Interest .....	+0.61
<b>Disbursements 7/28/04 - 8/31/04</b>	
Accent Press (Newsletter printing) .....	-68.67
Midwest Mailing Service (Newsletter mailing) .....	-88.44
Boone Tavern (guest speaker) .....	-9.00
Boone Tavern (Executive Committee) .....	-68.00
Account balance as of 8/31/04 .....	\$5,516.57