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Asel, Eng to lead BCBA in 2004-05

Associate Circuit Judge **Jodie Capshaw Asel** was elected as 2004-05 President and **Pat Eng** as Vice President at the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic on Sept. 17.

Other officers elected were **Linda Harris** as Secretary, **Amy Markel** as Treasurer, and **Brian Hajicek**, **Mark Pfeiffer** and **Leslie Schneider** as at-large members of the Executive Committee.

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

The picnic was a resounding success this year because of the

hard work of the Picnic Committee and great weather. Some 120 BCBA members, spouses, dates and children attended the event at two large adjoining shelters at Bethel Park—the largest turnout in several years.

Thanks to Picnic Committee members **Mark Langworthy**, **Ron Sweet**, **Carlyle Foley** and **George Smith** for their outstanding work.

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, his widow **Joan Butcher** was a special guest at the picnic.

Sign up for committees Oct. 13

BCBA members will have an opportunity to sign up for committees at the Oct. 13 meeting. Committees include:

- * Practice, Procedure and Judiciary
- * Family Law
- * Juvenile Law
- * Mediation
- * Criminal Law
- * Bar-Schools Partnership
- * Public Relations
- * Legal Aid
- * Program and Entertainment

- * Mentoring
- * Young Lawyers
- * Picnic

Committee sign-up forms will be on the tables at the Oct. 13 meeting. If you cannot attend and want to serve on a committee, contact **Steve Scott** at 442-7268, fax 443-1676, or email sscott@scottlawfirm.com.

President **Jodie Asel** will make committee appointments shortly after the Oct. 13 meeting.

Hamilton to speak Oct. 13

Thirteenth Circuit Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** will present the annual “State of the Court” report at the Oct. 13 BCBA luncheon meeting at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St.

Lunch will be served beginning at noon. Checks for the \$9 meal price should be made payable to Boone Tavern.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Linda Harris** at 449-3874 or lindah@tranquility.net by 5 p.m. on Oct. 12.

The “State of the Court” report traditionally was presented in September for many years, but was moved to October in 2003 when the picnic and annual meeting was moved from August to September.

Upcoming events

Mark your calendar now for the next regular BCBA luncheon meeting on Nov. 17 at Boone Tavern when judges from the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, will present a CLE-credit program on appellate practice.

The November meeting is being moved to the third Wednesday of the month because the judges will be in town that day to hear oral arguments in several cases.

Also, the Executive Committee is starting to plan for the annual holiday party in December. The date and other details will be published in future issues of the *Newsletter*.

Probate rule on checks revised

Local Rule 72.K.4.a. was revised at the Sept. 7 Thirteenth Circuit Court En Banc meeting to allow submission of “substitute checks,” front and bank, in filing final probate settlements.

The revision was necessary because of the new federal “Check 21” law which will take

effect Oct. 28. Under the law, banks will be able to substitute digital images of checks for paper copies without the agreement of account holders.

Because of the cost savings involved, it is anticipated that most banks will begin using substitute digital images of checks exclusively.

Young lawyers group growing

Participation in the BCBA Young Lawyers Committee is snowballing, with about 25 attending the Sept. 21 meeting/happy hour at Otto’s Corner.

The group discussed plans for its Oct. 2 tailgate party at the MU-Colorado football game in conjunction with the Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Section.

The group also planned to hold meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, likely alternating

between luncheons and happy hour events.

The next meeting will be at noon Oct. 19 at the Pasta Factory. The group will discuss a philanthropic event tentatively planned for February 2005.

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

Treasurer’s Report by Amy Markel

Account balance as of 8/31/04	\$5,516.57
Receipts 8/31/04 - 9/30/04	
Dues	+90.00
Interest	+0.54
Disbursements 8/31/04 - 9/30/04	
Accent Press (<i>Newsletter</i> printing)	-68.67
Midwest Mailing Service (<i>Newsletter</i> mailing)	-88.80
Editor/Webmaster (July-September)	-375.00
Boone Tavern (Executive Committee)	-38.69
Secretary of State (annual corporate registration).....	-15.00
Account balance as of 9/30/04	\$5,020.95

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Around the bar . . .

The Columbia Municipal Court has announced that it now has a fax number, 874-7531, separate from the City Prosecutor's fax number, which remains 874-7533.

Bev Riordan has moved her office to 200 Old 63 S., Suite 201, Columbia 65201. Her phone and fax remain 875-5596 and 875-5977, respectively.

Susan Ford Robertson recently was elected as President of the Missouri Board of Law Examiners.

Jennifer Chierek, who recently passed the bar, is a new associate at **Ford, Parshall & Baker**.

Scott Kimsey has left **Jones, Schneider & Bartlett** and is now an associate at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, 4520 Main St., Suite 1100, Kansas City 64111, phone 816-460-2578, fax 816-531-7545. He continues to maintain a residence in Columbia and remains a BCBA member.

Tom Luckenbill, who recently partnered with **Tom Baker** at 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 874-6736, fax 886-8901, has rejoined the BCBA. An MU

Law School graduate, Tom previously worked for Shelter Insurance Companies and the Missouri Public Service Commission and spent the past six years in financial services. He concentrates on worker's compensation and Social Security disability cases.

Another new BCBA member is **Alan B. Wright**, 503 E. Nifong Blvd., Suite I, Columbia 65201, phone and fax 442-2608. He is a 1994 graduate of the

University of California-Davis School of Law and practiced in California 1995-99. He focuses on bankruptcy and family law cases.

Also recently joining the BCBA was **Louis Horwitz** of the Public Defender's Office, 601 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 882-9701, fax 882-9147.

Elton Fay has office-sharing space available at 11 N. Fifth St., Columbia 65201. Call Elton

at 449-2969 for details.

Dave Evans 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. Call Dave at 449-8430.

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

New faculty at MU Law School; survey planned

Three new faculty members have joined the MU Law School faculty this fall.

Amy Monahan, who will teach tax courses, served last year as a visiting scholar at Notre Dame University, is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and Duke Law School, and practiced employee benefits and tax law with Sidley Austin Brown & Wood in Chicago.

Huyen Pham joined the tenure-track faculty after serving as a legal research and writing professor since 2000. He is an honors graduate of Harvard College, clerked for a federal judge

after graduation from Harvard Law School, and practiced law in both Boston and with the Missouri Attorney General's Office.

John Mollenkamp also came to the faculty from the Missouri Attorney General's Office. He is a magna cum laude graduate of MU, an honors graduate of the University of Texas Law School, and clerked for the late Judge Elwood Thomas of the Missouri Supreme Court. He will teach legal research and writing.

Lawyers are invited to participate in a new study, conducted

by Associate Dean Jennifer Robbennolt, designed to explore how attorneys advise clients in settlement negotiations. Attorneys from all areas of practice are asked to participate, and survey responses will be anonymous. Participants will be given the opportunity to sign up to receive a brief report of the results of the study.

The study is conducted over the Internet and takes about 15 minutes. Go to <http://www.law.missouri.edu/robbennolt/lawstudy/index.cgi> to complete the survey.

—R. Lawrence Dessem, Dean