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Seminars planned

The Thirteenth Circuit is sponsoring a "Family Mediation Brown Bag Lunch" noon-1 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Boone County Courthouse. One hour of CLE credit will be awarded. For information call 886-4060.

"An Introduction to Cooperative and Collaborative Family Law," offering 2.8 hours of CLE credit, will be presented 9 a.m.-noon Jan. 28 at the MU Law School. The Center for Dispute Resolution is the co-sponsor with a new local Cooperative and Collaborative Practitioners Group. For information and registration see www.law.missouri.edu/cle/upcoming.htm.

The CDR is also co-sponsoring three free sessions Jan. 26-27 on stress reduction featuring stress reduction expert and best-selling author Jon Zabat-Zinn. A session aimed at lawyers is scheduled at the MU Law School, Room 7, at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 27. For information contact **Len Riskin** at 882-8084 or RiskinL@missouri.edu.

File-retention rule is CLE topic Jan. 12

One hour of CLE credit (including ethics credit) will be granted for a program on Missouri's new file-retention rule at the regular BCBA meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Linda Harris** at 449-3874 or lindah@tranquility.net by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11.

As usual when CLE programs are presented, meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St., Columbia. The lunch price will be \$9, payable to Boone Tavern. The program will start by 12:10 p.m. after a brief business meeting.

The speakers will be BCBA member **Sarah J.**

Read and Missouri Ethics Counsel Sara Rittman. Their topic will be, "The New File-Retention Rule: What You Can Do to Reduce Costs, Free Up Space, and Care for Your Loved Ones After You Are Gone."

The program will focus on new Missouri Supreme Court Rule 4-1.15, effective Jan. 1, on the safekeeping of property. The new rule will be presented and analyzed. Ideas for formulating and implementing new file-retention policies and procedures will be covered. Cost-effective methods for storage and destruction of old, inactive files will be shared. Ethical dilemmas will be explored.

The text of the new rule is included with the online version of this story on the BCBA web site.

News from the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court

Case Numbering System: Boone County Circuit Clerk Cheryl Whitmarsh reminds local lawyers that the case-numbering system changed effective Jan. 1. Local case numbers will start this year with 05BA, with BA being the code for Boone County. This will be followed by a hyphen and then the case-type code followed by a number starting with 00001.

Example: 05BA-CV00001 would be the first civil case filed in Boone County in 2005.

Docket Changes: Minor changes have been made to docket schedules effective Jan. 1. The revised schedules are posted on the BCBA web site.

2005 Court Holidays: Court holidays in 2005 will be: **Jan. 17**, Martin Luther King Day; **Feb. 11**, Lincoln's Birthday

(observed); **Feb. 21**, Washington's Birthday; **May 9**, Truman's Birthday (observed); **May 30**, Memorial Day; **July 4**, Independence Day; **Sept. 5**, Labor Day; **Oct. 10**, Columbus Day; **Nov. 11**, Veterans' Day; **Nov. 24**, Thanksgiving Day; and **Dec. 26** Christmas Day (observed). In general, when a holiday falls on a Monday, Law Day is held on Tuesday after.

From the BCBA President — In Memory of Tom Davis

The new year begins without one of the members of the Boone County Bar. **Tom Davis** lost his year-long battle with cancer Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004.

I met Tom Davis in the early 1990s when he started as an Assistant Public Defender in Boone County and was assigned to Division Four. As a new attorney (1992 graduate of the MU School of Law), he was immediately responsible for a huge number of files, defending a multitude of defendants with a great variety of charges. It was apparent that he relished his work, that he was prepared for whatever the docket required of him, and that he would step in to help anyone who needed it.

Services scheduled Saturday, Jan. 8

Funeral services for **Tom Davis** will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at Linn Memorial United Methodist Church, Fayette.

A memorial service featuring a slide show and opportunities to talk about Tom will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at The Fieldhouse, 1105 E. Broadway, Columbia.

There were occasions when a non-English speaking defendant would appear for arraignment and it would have to be postponed to make arrangements for an interpreter. Tom would volunteer to translate in Spanish to make sure that the defendant knew what was happening and when he needed to return to court. I would sometimes see him in the back of the courtroom explaining to defendants who did not qualify for a Public

Defender how the criminal process worked. Or if someone had come from a great distance and it appeared the case could be disposed that day, Tom would take the initiative to make that happen. There were so many occasions and ways that Tom went above and beyond the call of duty to serve the public, the courts, and the bar. All the while he maintained an amazing sense of humor and an obvious love for life, his pro-

fession, and his many friends.

Tom was extremely proud to be a founding partner of the law firm **Davis, Susan, and Holder** in 2000. It proved to be a great career move and a tremendous personal decision. In the past few months, **Bogdan Susan** and **Mike Holder** not only covered Tom's cases in court, they also accompanied him to his doctors near and far, and they were by his side constantly throughout his final days. They give new definition to the term "law partner."

Tom will be missed by those of us who had the good fortune to know him, to work with him, and to be his friend.

— Jodie Capshaw Asel

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Around the bar . . .

Although state Inauguration Day, Jan. 10, is an official state holiday, Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** has announced that 13th Circuit courts will be open that day.

The BCBA Partners in Education Committee is seeking volunteers to help with the high school mock trial competition Feb. 5 and Feb. 25. For each day, six lawyers are needed to serve as judges and 10 to serve as evaluators. Contact **Brian Sleeth** at 449-3974 or bds@tranquility.net.

Rachael Kennedy has left Knight and Kennedy and opened a solo practice at 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 886-8989, fax 886-8901. She reports that she and son Isaac Adnrew Schneider are doing well after his birth on Sept. 25.

Dave Knight announced that Amy Salladay, formerly of Carson & Coil in Jefferson City, has associated with him in the firm of **Knight & Salladay**, 1203 W. Broadway, Columbia 65203, phone 256-7205, fax 875-5873. Amy will concentrate in family law.

Janet Bezler has a new contact information: 2101 W. Broadway #137, Columbia, MO 65203, phone 449-8553, fax 443-8741.

Steve Wyse announced that his firm has a new fax number, 449-7557, and also has an office available for rent.

Recently joining the BCBA was **Christopher Schappe**, 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65501, phone 886-8964, fax

886-8901. A 2000 graduate of the MU Law School, he formerly worked for a Jefferson City firm and as a State Senate staff member. He continues to serve part-time as Chief Legal Counsel to the Senate Minority Leader. His private practice concentrations are in workers' compensation, criminal, family, land use and zoning, commercial litigation and personal injury.

Another recent new member is **Gaule L. Troutwine**, 2620 Forum Blvd., Suite C, Columbia 65203, phone 256-4991.

Mild weather contributed to good attendance at the Dec. 9 Holiday Party at Missouri Manor. Ninety members and spouses/dates enjoyed the event. Thanks to **Ron Bartlett** and his wife Lyria for hosting.

Eighteen members attended the Young Lawyers Committee's Holiday Luncheon at Otto's on Dec. 21. The next meeting will be a happy hour at Grill One 5 at 5 p.m. Jan. 11.

Dave Evans still has furnished or unfurnished 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.

2005 dues are now payable

Seventy-nine of 300 dues-paying members had paid 2005 BCBA dues by Dec. 31. Those who have not yet paid should send their \$40 annual dues to BCBA Treasurer **Amy Markel**, 503 E. Nifong Blvd., PMB 279, Columbia, MO 65201.

Members who have not paid dues by April 30 will be stricken from the rolls. Dues are waived for sitting and retired judges and for members who have been licensed at least 50 years or who are 75 years old or older.

Treasurer's Report by Amy Markel

Account balance as of 11/24/04	\$3,036.98
Receipts 11/24/04 - 12/31/04	
Dues	+3,180.00
Holiday Party	+2,300.00
Deposit refund on beer kegs for picnic	+220.00
Interest	+0.26
Disbursements 11/24/04 - 12/31/04	
Accent Press (<i>Newsletter</i> printing)	-72.65
Midwest Mailing Service (<i>Newsletter</i> mailing)	-100.54
Picnic expenses	-345.58
Holiday Party expenses	-2,270.99
Editor/Webmaster (October-December)	-375.00
Account balance as of 12/31/04	\$5,572.48