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Videoconferencing is Feb. 9 topic

BCBA members will have an opportunity to learn the benefits of Internet-based videoconferencing at the next regular meeting at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 9 at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St.

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, Feb. 8.

Meal service will begin at noon Feb. 9 in the large basement meeting room at Boone Tavern. The lunch price will be \$9, payable to the restaurant.

Mock trial need is 'desperate'

Volunteers are "desperately" needed to help with the high school mock trial competition Feb. 5 and 25, says Partners-in-Education Committee Chair **Brian Sleeth**.

The mock trial competition is one of the BCBA's most important annual education-related service activities.

For each day six lawyers are needed to serve as judges and 10 to serve as evaluators.

Please contact Brian as soon as possible at 449-3974 or bd@tranquility.net to volunteer for this important project.

The program will be presented by Del Miller of Kaleidoscope Video Conferencing, 201 W. Broadway, Bldg. 3, Suite H, Columbia 65203. The program will include a demonstration.

Miller said the program will allow lawyers to discover the benefits to their practices from the use of videoconferencing, which combines the effectiveness of a face-to-face meeting with the convenience of a telephone conference call and allows lawyers to meet with others more productively whenever they need to.

With videoconferencing, law firms can take depositions or collect expert testimony from witnesses anywhere in the country and can collaborate with distant legal resources on short notice.

April 30 is dues payment deadline; only 135 of 302 have paid so far

Only 135 of 302 dues-paying BCBA members had paid 2005 dues of \$40 by Jan. 28, according to Treasurer **Amy Markel**'s records.

Those who have not already paid should send their payments to Amy using the coupon below.

Members who have not paid by April 30 will be stricken

Also, client meetings, contract negotiations, mediation and arbitration can be conducted wherever the various parties are located. Computer graphics, spreadsheets and legal documents can be shared among the videoconference attendees as if they were all in the same room.

All of this can be accomplished without the lost time and expense of travel, according to Miller.

Videoconferencing also provides a means for continuing staff education and training through law school programs and professional seminars available over the Internet.

Miller said Kaleidoscope Video Conferencing has more than 10 years experience in bringing Internet-based videoconferencing to local clients.

Cooperative-Collaborative group plans Feb. 21 meeting

The fledgling Cooperative and Collaborative Practitioners Group will hold an organizational meeting at the home of **Mary Carnahan**, 2304 Topaz Dr., Columbia 65203 at 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For information, contact Mary at 442-3182 or 445-5078 or mcarnahan@bwsplaw.com.

In conjunction with the MU Center for Dispute Resolution (CDR), the new local group recently co-sponsored a successful CLE program to introduce local practitioners to cooperative and collaborative law.

Attending the program to lend their support were Family Court Commissioner **Sara Miller** and Court Administrator **Kathy Lloyd**.

While most cooperative and collaborative practice is done in family law cases, the group would like to work on extending the methodology to other types of cases, such as business and employment disputes, said **John Lande** of the CDR.

Collaborative and cooperative law were discussed at a CLE-credit BCBA meeting last July.

2005 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form

(Make checks payable to "Boone County Bar Association, Inc.")

To: **Amy Markel, Treasurer**
Boone County Bar Association
503 E. Nifong Blvd., PMB 279
Columbia, MO 65201

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Around the bar . . .

The BCBA Executive Committee voted at its January meeting to contribute \$100 to the Thomas Shackelford Davis Scholars Fund in memory of **Tom Davis**, who died Dec. 28, 2004.

A retirement dinner honoring former 18th Circuit Judge Donald Barnes will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 11 at the Best Western in Sedalia. Those wishing to attend should RSVP to his court reporter, Lori Mothersbaugh, at 660-827-3370. The dinner charge is \$20. Judge Barnes had been the Circuit Judge for Pettis and Cooper counties since 1976. He retired Dec. 31, 2004.

Harry Boul recently was certified in business bankruptcy law by the American Board of Certification. He has previously been certified in consumer bankruptcy law. Certification requirements include substantial bankruptcy practice and passage of a day-long written exam.

Faber & Brand is seeking a lawyer with a minimum of five years experience to be eligible for immediate reciprocity in Arkansas and Kentucky. For information, contact **Bart Brand** at 449-3141.

Mark Abbott and **Christopher Schappe** have announced that effective March 1 they will join as principals in **Abbott and Schappe, LLC** at 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phones 886-8912 and 886-8964, fax 886-8901. Former State Sen. **Ken Jacob** will be of counsel to the firm.

BCBA member **Kristen Dickinson** recently left Carson & Coil in Jefferson City to join **Ford, Parshall &**

Baker, LLC, 609 E. Walnut St., P.O. Box 1097, Columbia 65205, phone 449-2613, fax 875-8154. She received two degrees from MU, a master's in public administration in 1999 and a law degree in 2003.

BCBA member **Michael McCrary** has opened the McCrary Law Office at 1204 Rogers St., Suite E, Columbia 65201, phone 443-2889, fax 443-3889.

Recent new BCBA members include **Vickie Davis** and **Brian Kuhlmann**, both of Shelter Insurance Companies; **Timothy Gerding** of **Rotts & Gibbs, LLP**; **Paul Maguffee** of the University Counsel's Office; and **Angelia Milliot** and **Richard Wade** of **Ford, Parshall & Baker, LLC**. More information on these new members will be published when available.

Treasurer's Report by Amy Markel

Account balance as of 12/30/04.....	\$5,572.48
Receipts 12/30/04 - 1/28/05	
Dues.....	+2,240.00
Interest.....	+0.35
Disbursements 12/30/04 - 1/28/05	
Accent Press (<i>Newsletter</i> printing).....	-77.99
Midwest Mailing Service (<i>Newsletter</i> mailing).....	-101.28
Check printing.....	-24.60
Holiday Party floral arrangement.....	-69.77
Boone Tavern (Executive Committee).....	-85.00
Boone Tavern (guest speakers).....	-18.00
Memorial contribution - Tom Davis.....	-100.00
Account balance as of 1/28/05.....	\$7,336.19