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CLE credit for 'Legislative Update' Aug. 10

BCBA member and State Rep. **Jeff Harris**, D-23rd District, will present a CLE-credit "Legislative Update" at the next regular meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at Boone Tavern.

Most of the statutes passed by the General Assembly in 2005 and signed by the Governor will take effect Aug. 28.

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, Aug. 9.

As usual when CLE programs are presented, meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 10 in the large basement meeting room at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St. The lunch price is \$9, payable to the restaurant.

The program will start by 12:10 p.m. after a business meeting.

Jeff was first elected to the State House of Representatives in 2002. He is the minority floor leader. When not engaged in legislative activities, he practices law as an associate at **Atwill & Montgomery**.

Note these upcoming events:

- Annual picnic and election of officers on the evening of Friday, Sept. 23, at Cosmo-Bethel Park.

- Regular meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, Oct. 12, when 13th Circuit Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** is scheduled to give his annual "State of the Court" address.

State computer policy causes address confusion

A statewide policy on data maintained in the Justice Information System (JIS) is leading to problems with addresses of parties and sometimes causing confusion during attempts to serve lawsuit summonses.

JIS is the system used by court clerks' offices to maintain computerized court records and also feeds information to the Case.Net system.

JIS was designed with the goal of creating one unique "identity record" for a litigation party. Once such a record has been created, in theory, the same record can be linked to any new cases in which the same party is involved without re-entering data.

A policy of the Office of State Courts Administrator prohibits local clerks from changing the address in a party's identity record if a party in a subsequent case is clearly the same individual or entity.

This means that if a party to a new lawsuit has moved but has an existing identity record, the JIS system will continue to show the old address *even if the new address is provided to the court*. And because summonses are printed from the JIS system, *the incorrect old address will appear on the summons*, leading to confusion in process service.

The Boone County Circuit Clerk and Court Administrator are working on trying to resolve the problem with the Office of State Courts Administrator.

In the meantime, bar members should take care to ensure that the sheriff or private process server is informed of the correct address for service, which may be different from what appears on the summons.

Ideas needed for use of surplus

As announced by President **Jodie Asel** at the July meeting, present indications are that the BCBA treasury will have a surplus at the end of the fiscal year on Dec. 31, and the Executive Committee is seeking ideas from members for projects.

If you have an idea for a project to benefit the local legal system or provide a community service by using money from the treasury, please pass it on to Judge Asel or another officer.

From BCBA President Jodie Asel

New officers and Executive Committee members will take office next month. At this time, I want to thank the current members for their service this past year.

Officers **Pat Eng** (Vice-President), **Linda Harris** (Secretary), **Amy Markel** (Treasurer), and at-large members Executive Committee members **Mark Pfeiffer**, **Brian Hajicek**, **Leslie Schneider**, and **Eltan Fay** met with me on a regular basis to discuss business matters and plan events.

A special thanks goes to Linda and Amy, who staffed the sign-in table at our monthly meetings. With this new practice, we were able to maintain CLE records and eliminate discrepancies between money collected and the amount due Boone Tavern.

Steve Scott provides the continuity and "institutional memory" that is key to a smooth transition from one Executive Committee to the next. In addition

to attending Executive Committee meetings and the regular monthly meetings, Steve is the webmaster for the Boone County Bar website (www.bocomobar.org), maintains the membership roll, plans the budget, and writes, edits, and mails the *Newsletter*. What would we do without him?

Thanks to bar members **Janice Harder** and **Harry Boul** for their excellent program on bankruptcy at the July meeting and to **Jeff Harris** for his Legis-

Steelman departs, Lee appointed

Beverly Steelman, long-time clerk of the Probate Division of the Boone County Circuit Court, recently left to accept the job of Chief Deputy Clerk of the Callaway County Circuit Court. In that position, she succeeds Sandra Haymart, who retired June 30 after more than 20 years in the Callaway Circuit Clerk's office.

Debbie Lee became the new

lative Update to be presented at the Aug. 10 meeting. It is great to have such expertise within our own ranks, and I greatly appreciate our members' willingness to share their time and knowledge.

And thanks to **Mark Langworthy** and those who signed on to help him with the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic on Sept. 23 at Cosmo Bethel Park. If you want to lend a hand, contact Mark at 874-1122 or mark@langworthylaw.com.

Boone County Probate Division Clerk on July 18. She had worked in the Probate Division office since 2001, where her most recent job was managing guardianship and conservatorship cases.

Boone County Circuit Clerk Cheryl Whitmarsh, who appointed Debbie, is now seeking to hire a new assistant clerk for the Probate Division.

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Around the bar . . .

BCBA member **Frederick S. Myers**, 81, died July 18. A World War II veteran, he attended Case Western Reserve Law School in Cleveland and after working in private practice in Akron, OH became an attorney at Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., where he was vice president and general counsel for 14 years before retiring. He then worked as an assistant U.S. Attorney in Ohio for two years before finally retiring and moving to Columbia.

Gary Stamper and his wife Christine completed the Muncie Endurathon on July 16. The event consisted of a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride, and 13.1-mile run.

About 60 BCBA members attended the July 13 meeting to hear a CLE-credit program by **Janice Harder** and **Harry Boul** on "What Every Lawyer Should Know about Bankruptcy Law Changes." Their program outline has been posted on the BCBA web site at www.bocomobar.org/CLE.htm.

Recently joining the BCBA were:

- **Philip D. Sachs**, 29 S. Ninth St., Suite 208, P.O. Box 7384, Columbia 65205, phone 442-1405, fax 442-9947.

- **Jeanne Velders**, UMC Health Sciences Institutional Review Board, 125 Folk Hall, Columbia 65212, phone 884-1377, fax 884-4401. Before going to law school, she worked eight years as

a nuclear medicine technologist and registered nurse. She graduated from St. Louis University Law School in 2002 and worked two years in the labor division at the Missouri Attorney General's Office. In her new job she helps monitor research on humans and protect the rights of research subjects.

Elton Fay has two offices available for rent at 11 N. Fifth St., Columbia. Call Elton or his assistant Amanda at 449-2969 for information.

Gregg Hyder has a fully equipped office for rent in Suite 301 of the Guitar Building, 28 N. Eighth St. Call Gregg at 449-6900 for information.

Recent personnel changes in the Boone County Circuit Clerk's office and Boone County Probate Division Clerk's office are reflected in updated phone lists at www.bocomobar.org/phones.htm.

The MU Law School recently received a \$100,000 gift from Geoffrey Oelsner, Jr. that will be used to strengthen the international reach of its Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution. An endowment established from the gift will fund one or more annual awards to students or faculty members at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town South Africa, who want to participate in MU's master of laws in dispute resolution program.

Frank O. Bowman III has been appointed as the Floyd R. Gibson Endowed Professor of Law. He comes to MU from the faculty of the Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis. He has many years of criminal prosecution experience and co-authored the treatise *Federal Sentencing Guidelines Handbook*. MU Law Dean **Larry Dessem** describes Bowman as "a leading national voice with respect to criminal law and criminal sentencing." The Gibson professorship was established in 1993 with a gift from Floyd R. Gibson, Senior Circuit Judge of the U.S. Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals until his death in 2001.

Treasurer's Report by Amy Markel	
Account balance as of 6/30/05	\$8,055.09
Receipts 6/30/05 - 7/29/05	
Dues	+130.00
Interest	+0.84
Disbursements 6/30/05 - 7/29/05	
Accent Press (<i>Newsletter</i> printing)	-78.27
Midwest Mailing Service (<i>Newsletter</i> mailing)	-101.23
Secretary of State (Annual Registration Report)	-15.00
Boone Tavern (Executive Committee)	-74.17
Boone Tavern (speakers' lunches)	-18.00
Account balance as of 7/29/05	\$7,899.26