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Hamilton to discuss local judiciary changes at Oct. 12 meeting

Future changes in the local judiciary—including creation of new circuit judge and associate circuit judge positions—will be among topics discussed by 13th Circuit Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** in his annual “State of the Court” report.

Judge Hamilton will speak at the next regular BCBA meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

The meeting will be held at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St. Lunch will be served at noon, and the meeting will end at 1 p.m.

The meal price will be \$9, payable to the restaurant.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Helen Wade** at 442-1660 or hwade@hesnlaw.com by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11.

The local judicial system changes to be discussed by Judge Hamilton are scheduled to take effect on Jan. 1, 2007. Judge Hamilton also plans to discuss proposed courthouse renovation plans and other changes which may soon affect local lawyers.

Eng and Beckett to lead BCBA in 2005-2006

Pat Eng was elected as 2005-06 BCBA President and **Bruce Beckett** as Vice President at the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic on Sept. 23.

Other officers elected were **Helen Wade** as Secretary, **Josh Oxenhandler** as Treasurer, and **C.J. Dykhouse** and **Ed Orr** as at-large members of the Executive Committee.

Under the bylaws, 2004-05 President **Jodie Asel** also will be an at-large member of the Executive Committee.

The picnic was again a success because of the hard work of the Picnic Committee. Some 80 to 90 members, spouses, dates and children attended, although attendance was held down by

Sign up for committees at Oct. 12 meeting
BCBA members will have an opportunity to sign up for committees at the Oct. 12 meeting.
Committees include: Practice, Procedure and Judiciary; Family Law; Juvenile Law; Mediation; Criminal Law; Bar-Schools Partnership; Public Relations; Legal Aid; Program and Entertainment; Young Lawyers; and Picnic.
Committee sign-up forms will be on the table at the Oct. 12 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.

weather which appeared threatening earlier in the day but cleared up in time for the picnic.

Thanks to Picnic Committee chairs **Mark Langworthy** and **Ron Sweet** and members **Carlyle Foley**, **George Smith**, **Mary Carnahan**, **Josh Oxenhandler**, **Dave Gibbens**,

Gretchen Rogers and **Joy Rushing** for their outstanding work.

The picnic is named in honor of the late **Jim Butcher**, who organized the event for many years before his death in 1986. His widow Joan Butcher was a guest of honor.

Municipal Court plans move Oct. 17

Effective Monday Oct. 17, the Columbia Municipal Court, Clerk and Prosecutor will relocate until next Spring to the Daniel Boone Building at 7th and Broadway while the Howard Municipal Building at 6th and Broadway is being renovated.

The move will take place Oct. 13 and 14, and court sessions on those days have been canceled.

The court, clerk and prosecutor’s offices will be on the first floor of the Daniel Boone Building. Court sessions will be held in the City Council Chambers on the fourth floor.

Seminars scheduled

Two CLE-credit seminars are being offered this month by the MU Law School’s Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution.

On Oct. 7 and 14, a two-day basic training session in Collaborative and Cooperative Law will be presented by Prof. John Lande.

On Oct. 21 at 2 p.m., Bernie Mayer of CDR Associates, Boulder, CO, will discuss his new book, “Beyond Neutrality: Confronting the Crisis in Conflict Resolution.”

Details and registration information for both programs are available at www.law.missouri.edu/cle/.

Young lawyers seek recipes, orders for cookbook

From the BCBA Young Lawyers Committee:

At the outset of the formation of the BCBA Young Lawyers committee, we thought it an important goal to get local attorneys involved with community service projects. To that end, the YLC is putting together a cookbook to benefit Rainbow House.

The cookbook will be a collection of recipes from the local bar and will be published in time for the upcoming holiday season.

The cost of the cookbook is \$15, and approximately half of that will be donated to Rainbow House, which recently built a

new facility and can use the money to help furnish the building and run its programs.

How can you help?

First, we need your favorite recipes for publication *by Oct. 15*. Feel free to include any interesting background information about the recipe. If you would like to include your firm’s letterhead or logo with your recipe, submit it in JPEG format with your recipe. Mail your recipes to Gretchen Rogers, 401 Locust St., Suite 406, Columbia 65201, or email themtoher@grogers@owwlaw.com.

Second, you can help by or-

dering cookbooks *by Oct. 15* to give to your family, friends and clients as holiday gifts. Please use the coupon below to place orders. Make checks payable to “BCBA Young Lawyers Committee.”

Cookbooks will be delivered by the first week of December.

YLC Cookbook Order

Please send me _____ YLC Cookbooks @ \$15 apiece.
Total enclosed \$ _____

Ordered by _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____

Send order to Amy Salladay, 1203 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203.
Make checks payable to “BCBA Young Lawyers Committee.”

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Around the bar . . .

Susan Ford Robertson of **Ford, Parshall & Baker, LLC** received the President's Award at the recent Missouri Bar Annual Meeting in Kansas City. This past year she served on the Missouri Bar Commission on the Impartiality of the Judiciary.

Genie Rogers, widow of **David Rogers**, who died August 5, sent a thank-you note for the BCBA's memorial contribution in Dave's memory. She said, "The entire Rogers family joins me in thanking you for your generosity and recognition in memory of David."

BCBA member **Elizabeth "Libby" Weber** recently joined **Rogers, Ehrhardt & McGuire, LLC**, 813 E. Walnut St., Suite. B, Columbia 65201, phone 442-0131, fax 442-9423. She is a 1995 graduate of the MU Law School, where she was a member of the Law Review, Order of the Coif and Board of Advocates. She will concentrate in insurance, litigation and personal injury defense.

Andrew Kopp is a new associate at **Grimes & Fay, LLC**, 11 N.

Tip to help prevent identity theft

To help guard against identity theft, family law practitioner **Dave Knight** recommends that when cases are heard in open court, it is preferable not to ask parties to recite their social security numbers but rather to simply ask the parties if their numbers, addresses, etc. are correct as stated in the pleadings.

Family Court Presiding Judge **Cary Augustine** and Family Court Commissioner **Sara Miller** have indicated that Dave's recommended procedure is acceptable to them.

However, a larger issue remains—the requirements in statutes and court rules to include social security numbers, birth dates, and other information useful to identity thieves in pleadings readily accessible in open court files which can be reviewed in the clerk's office. It was suggested that the BCBA Family Law Committee take up this issue.

In the meantime, Commissioner Miller indicates that she will seal documents containing sensitive information, such as PIE statements, upon request.

Fifth St., Columbia 65201, phone 449-2969, fax 443-2808. He is a May graduate of the MU Law School and previously clerked with the firm for 2½ years.

Someone left a children's book, "Letters to Levi," at the Sept. 23 picnic. It is in the safekeeping of **Jodie Asel**, 882-4050.

Dave Evans has two offices for rent at 717 Cherry St.; call Dave at 449-8430 for information. **Elton Fay** has two offices for rent at 11 N. Fifth St.; call Elton at 449-2969 for information.

Advertising rules program planned

A CLE-credit program on new lawyer advertising rules which take effect Jan. 1, 2006 is being planned by the Executive Committee. Details will be announced in a future *Newsletter*.

The new rules were adopted by the Missouri Supreme Court on Sept. 19 and are available on the court's web site at www.courts.mo.gov/sup/index.nsf. On the home page, click on "Orders/Rules" to find the rule.

Maridee F. Edwards, Missouri Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and Sara Rittman, Missouri Ethics Counsel, have issued a joint statement that lawyers will not be subject to discipline for placing advertisements before Jan. 1 which do not comply with the new rules, so long as changes to comply with the rules are made

"as soon as reasonably possible."

The portion of the new rule that has generated the most controversy deals with a requirement that an advertisement contain a conspicuous disclosure reading, "The choice of a lawyer is an important decision and should not be based solely upon advertisements," unless the advertisement is limited to specified information.

Advertisements not requiring the disclosure must be limited to: Name of the law firm and lawyers in the firm; one or more fields of law in which the firm or lawyers practice; dates and places of admission to the bars of state and federal courts; and the address (including email and web site addresses), telephone number and office hours.