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Courthouse expansion, caseload are topics for March 8 meeting

Details about the increased caseload in Boone County Circuit Court and courthouse expansion plans will be presented at the next BCBA meeting at noon on Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St., Columbia.

Court Administrator Kathy Lloyd will show a Powerpoint presentation. Also expected to speak are Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** and retired Presiding Judge **Frank Conley**.

RSVP: To reserve your spot

for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Helen Wade** at 442-1600 or hwade@hesnlaw.com by 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 7.

The Boone County Commission has placed a 1/5-cent capital improvements sales tax proposal on the April 4 ballot to fund courthouse expansion and other county capital projects.

A similar tax initiative was undertaken in 1986 for the renovation of the courthouse and relocation of the jail. At that time the courthouse annex was

designed to accommodate additional floors.

The current plan calls for adding two floors to the courthouse annex. The new third floor would house a large jury court-

room and jury assembly area. The prosecutor's office would move to the new fourth floor, and other offices including the Circuit Clerk would use the vacated second floor space.

From BCBA President Pat Eng

The Executive Committee and I urge all BCBA members to support the April sales tax proposal to expand the Boone County Courthouse. The proposal will be the subject of our next meeting on March 8. The courthouse should be very important to us as attorneys, just as excellence of our local hospitals is to the medical community. Please consider bringing members of your staff to attend this meeting, as they will be welcome.

I've seen the Powerpoint presentation that will be shown, and it is very informative. While I am in the courthouse almost daily, I frankly was unaware of the space problems because much of the inadequacy is out of sight. I am sure this is the impression many people in our community have.

I am hoping we as a bar will agree to do all that we can to get the word out to our clients, friends, and neighbors to vote for the proposal on April 4.

Rule fuss leads to procedure change

The recent fuss over the 13th Circuit's new cell phone and pager rule apparently will not lead to any change in the rule, but did result in changing the court's procedure for adopting new rules.

Responding to complaints that details of the proposed cell phone rule were not made available for comment before the rule was adopted, Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** proposed Local Rule 100.2, which provides that all local rule changes will go into effect 60 days after passage unless a change is adopted with an emergency clause. The proposal was passed by the Court En Banc on Feb. 6.

Judge Hamilton explained that after future rule changes are

passed with a delayed effective date, they will be circulated to the local bar for comment, which is specifically provided for in the rule.

Associate Circuit Judge **Jodie Asel**, immediate Past President of the BCBA, was instrumental in bringing to Judge Hamilton's attention the bar's desire to be able to comment on proposed rules before they take effect.

In keeping with proposed Rule 100.2, it will not go into effect until April 7. Therefore, it does not yet appear on the BCBA web site.

However, the cell phone/pager rule is now posted on the web site, along with the updated master Word document containing all local rules.

Callaway Courthouse security statement

Bob Sterner, Callaway County Prosecutor and chair of the Callaway County Courthouse Security Committee, has issued a statement about courthouse security for lawyers who do not routinely practice there. He said:

"Much of what goes on in court is stressful for the parties, and sometimes that stress may lead to inappropriate and even dangerous behavior. Parties' lawyers are in a better position to anticipate problems than the courthouse mar-

shals. "Anyone with a concern about security at the Callaway County Courthouse is invited to communicate that to either Marshall Will Shackelford at 573-642-0785 or will.shackelford@courts.mo.gov or Marshall Emma Wassman at 573-642-0781 or emma.wassman@courts.mo.gov. Both can also be reached through the receptionist in the Callaway County Circuit Clerk's office where they are based."

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Around the bar

Darwin Hindman, long-time Columbia attorney and BCBA member, received the 2006 MU Arts and Science Distinguished Alumni Award on Feb. 17 in recognition of accomplishments during his four terms as Columbia Mayor. He is a 1961 MU Law School graduate and served as BCBA President in 1985-86.

The Young Lawyers Committee will hold its next gathering at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 at the Sake Japanese Bistro, 16 S. 10th St. For information contact **Gretchen Rogers** at 443-3134 or grogers@owwlaw.com.

BCBA member **Alex George** is opening the George Law Firm at 23 S. 8th St., Suite 903, Columbia 65201 effective March 1, phone 442-6050, fax 442-6053. He was formerly with Angle & George LLC, in Jefferson City.

The Dykhouse for Judge Committee will host a fundraising gathering at 5 p.m. March 15 at Boone Tavern. **C.J. Dykhouse** is running for the Democratic nomination for the new Division 11 Associate Circuit Judge position.

Law office staff members have a chance to sharpen their skills by attending adult education classes at the Career Center. Classes being offered are "Law Office Confidentiality & Technology Issues" on March 8, "Successful Time Management Strategies for Legal Support Staff" on March 22, and "Legal Records Management" on April 5. The classes will be taught by Amy Henderson, legal admin-

istrator for **Sarah Read**. More information is available at www.career-center.org. Call 214-3803 for registration.

In alphabetical order, the following are recent new BCBA members:

* **Kathryn Benson**, Batek & Benson, LLC, 222 N. 8th St., Columbia 65201, phone 443-2300, fax 443-2302.

* **Jo Ann Brown**, Rt. 3, Box 19, Columbia 65203. She is a 1980 graduate of St. Louis University Law School. She has clerked for the 22nd Circuit, practiced solo, and been an associate at the Dubail Judge law firm in St. Louis County. She has moved to Boone County and is not currently practicing law, but plans to participate in bar activities.

* **Craig J. Chval**, Assistant Attorney General, 207 W. High St., P.O. Box 899, Jefferson City 65102, phone 573-751-5277, fax 573-751-0924. Craig lives in Columbia.

* **Carter Ross**, Litigation Attorney, Shelter Insurance Companies, 1817 W. Broadway, Columbia 65218, phone 214-4361, fax 446-7315. He is a 1988 MU Law School graduate and practiced tort and insurance law in Kansas City for 10 years. He has been with Shelter for 7½ years and manages defense cases throughout the Midwest and South.

Elton Fay has office-sharing space available for up to three lawyers at 11 N. 5th St., Columbia. Call 449-2969 for details.

The 2006 BCBA budget was adopted by the Executive Committee at its Feb. 3 meeting and can be viewed in PDF format on the home page of the BCBA web site, www.bocomobar.org. The link is under the "Overview of the BCBA" heading on the page.

Sixty attended the Feb. 8 BCBA program on domestic violence.

2006 BCBA dues of \$40 per lawyer now due

2005 BCBA dues of \$40 per member are now due. Use the coupon on the front page to send dues payments or claim a first-time exemption. Dues are waived for sitting and retired judges and for members who have been licensed at least 50 years or who are at least 75 years old.

Treasurer's Report by Josh Oxenhandler

Account balance as of 1/27/06	\$8,035.87
Receipts 1/27/06 - 2/24/06	
Dues	+3,000.00
Interest	+0.88
Disbursements 1/27/06 - 2/24/06	
Accent Press (<i>Newsletter</i> printing)	-80.44
Midwest Mailing Service (<i>Newsletter</i> mailing)	-106.22
Executive Committee meeting	-53.66
Boone Tavern (1/11/06 meeting)	-449.79
Account balance as of 2/24/06	\$10,346.64