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Picnic set Sept. 15 at Stephens Lake Park

Bar members and their spouses, children and dates are invited to the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic and Annual Meeting on Friday, Sept. 15 at Stephens Lake Park. There will be no charge to those attending. RSVPs are not required.

A social hour will begin about 5 p.m. Dinner will be served about 6 p.m., with election of 2006-07 officers following.

Bruce Beckett, currently BCBA Vice President, has been nominated as 2006-07 President. Other nominees are Vice President, **Jeff Parrshall**; Secretary, **Amy Salladay**; Treasurer, **Melissa Faurot**; and Executive Committee at-large members, **Marsha Fischer** and **Marjorie Lewis**. Outgoing President **Pat Eng** also will be an at-large Executive Committee member. Nominations may be made from the floor with the nominees' consent.

Ed Orr chaired the Nominating Committee this year. Other members were **Finley Gibbs** and **Gretchen Rogers**.

The entrance to the Stephens Lake Park shelter

area is on E. Broadway a short distance east of Old 63. Follow the driveway to the first shelter parking area. The picnic will be at two of the three shelters there, Collins and Happy Hollow, which are the two to the east. The arrow on the map points to the shelter area.

The traditional menu will be served – barbecued ribeye, brats, hot dogs, catered side dishes, and soft drinks and beer.

Many thanks to the Picnic Committee, which will begin cooking and other preparations in mid-afternoon and will welcome anyone willing to help. Contact **Mark Langworthy** at 884-3083 or langworthym@missouri.edu to volunteer, or just show up.

Other picnic volunteers to date are **Ron Sweet**, **Carlyle Foley**, **George Smith**, **Josh Oxenhandler**, **Dave Gibbons**, **Gretchen Rogers** and **Mary Carnahan**. Additional help will be needed to clean up.

The picnic is named after the late **Jim Butcher**, who organized the event for many years before his death in 1986. His widow Joan has been invited.

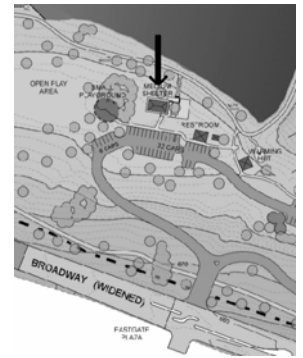
Picnic at-a-glance

Date: Friday, Sept. 15.
Time: 5 p.m. social hour, 6 p.m. dinner, followed by officer election.

Place: Stephens Lake Park, Collins and Happy Hollow Shelters.

Directions: Enter park at E. Broadway entrance and follow driveway to the first parking area adjacent to the shelters.

Cost: None – free to bar members, spouses, children and dates.



Arrow points to shelter area

Preparatory work for courthouse expansion to begin soon

Interim construction to prepare for expansion of the Boone County Courthouse will begin soon and should be completed by December.

The Boone County Commission recently awarded a contract to Wisch and Vaughn Construction Co., Inc. for the interim work, which is designed to meet immediate space needs such as office space for an additional judge and court reporter being added to the court in January

2007. Included in the work are:

- * Renovation of the law library and installation of temporary walls to create offices for four court reporters.

- * Relocation of the Callaway County associate judges currently in partitioned offices in the law library to the 2-East Jury Deliberation Room.

- * Renovation of the office currently occupied by two court reporters as an office for the additional judge.

- * Provision of additional space for the Public Administrator on the ground floor to comply with HIPAA requirements and meet space needs resulting from staff increases. (During construction the Public Administrator will be temporarily relocated to the Guaranty Land Title Building on Ash Street.)

- * Temporary relocation of the probate division of the clerk's

office to the Counsel Chambers in the northwest corner on the ground floor. (Photographs and other Boone County Bar memorabilia will be stored during renovations.)

A construction management contract for the overall expansion project is now being negotiated.

Roper retirement reception on Nov. 16

A retirement reception for Circuit Judge **Ellen Roper** is being planned from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at the MU Reynolds Alumni Center.

All bar members from Boone and Callaway counties are invited, and invitations will be sent later to others.

There will be no formal program, but several speakers have been invited to give brief remarks.

Co-chairing the committee organizing the event are Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton**, retired Supreme Court Judge **Ann Covington**, and BCBA Vice President **Bruce Beckett**.

Judge Roper plans to retire at the end of this year. She was appointed to the bench in 1976, elected Probate Judge the same year, and became a Circuit Judge with the new Judicial Article in 1979. She was re-elected for four six-year terms.

Treasurer's Report by Josh Oxenhandler

Account balance as of 6/30/06	\$7,575.68
Receipts 6/30/06 - 9/1/06	
Dues	+260.00
Interest	+2.51
Disbursements 6/30/06 - 9/1/06	
Accent Press (Newsletter printing)	-79.55
Midwest Mailing Service (Newsletter mailing)	-104.83
Boone Tavern (unpaid lunches 7/12/06)	-32.99
Executive Committee meeting	-33.23
Secretary of State (annual corporate registration)	-15.00
Campus Jewelers (plaque)	-72.37
Account balance as of 9/1/06	\$7,500.22

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Around the bar . . .

Effective Sept. 1 **Amy Markel** moved Markel Law Offices, LLC to 23 S. 8th St., Suite 901, Columbia, MO 65201. Amy's phone and fax numbers will remain 443-2568 and 443-2569, respectively. **Anna Lingo** moved her office to the same address on Aug. 1. Anna's phone number remains 449-2740, but her fax number changed to 817-3380.

Rejoining the BCBA recently was **Tonnie M. Martin**, who has moved her office to 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 886-8981, fax 886-8901.

Recent new BCBA members are:

* **Andrea Mazza Follett**, Coordinator of Career Development at the MU Law School, 103A Hulston Hall, Columbia

65211, phone 882-6444, fax 882-9625. She is a 1999 MU Law School graduate and worked until 2004 in the Criminal Division of the Missouri Attorney General's Office. She then became legal counsel for the Missouri Department of Social Services' Human Resource Center and became director of the Department of Social Services' Office for Civil Rights in 2005.

* **Erick S. Creach**, a new associate at Van Matre, Harrison & Volkert, P.C., 1103 E. Broadway, Suite 101, P.O. Box 1017, Columbia 65205, phone 874-7777, fax 875-0017.

Stan Clay has office-sharing space available for one or two attorneys at 28 N. 8th St., Suite 517, including secretary, receptionist, supplies, photocopier, fax, telephone system, utilities and parking. Call 442-1646 for information.

Elton Fay has two offices available for office-sharing at 11 N. 5th St., with parking for staff and clients included. Call 449-2969 for information.

About 50 members attended the regular meeting on July 12 to hear a program on lawyers as jurors. There was no regular meeting or *Newsletter* in August.

From BCBA President Pat Eng

Since this is my last message as BCBA President, I want to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your President this past year and as VP the year before.

I must confess that while I was pretty active in the BCBA as a younger lawyer, until my election as VP I had been mostly absent, which I now regret as I have seen these past years what I missed.

Of course some were better than others, but our monthly presentations have really been excellent and informative. I was blessed to follow Judge **Jodie Asel**, who passed on the jobs of VP and President in perfect order. On a similar note, **Bruce Beckett** has been VP this past year, and so my experience in office has been pretty easy thanks to those two. Also I promise you none of what our bar does would happen like it does without **Steve Scott**, our *Newsletter* editor and webmaster.

I urge all of you to mark your calendars for the picnic on Sept. 15. It's free to members, spouses, children and dates. And it's fun. If nothing else, you get something tangible for your dues.

Let's all encourage our colleagues who are not BCBA members to join and inactive members to become more active. I had forgotten how truly worthwhile our bar association is.

Evidence destruction rule approved

New Local Rule 100.4.1 on "Destruction of Evidence" was approved by the Court en Banc at its Aug. 1 meeting and will become effective Oct. 1 unless reconsidered after comments are received from the bar. The rule states:

"Pursuant to sections 610.100-610.126, RSMo, motions for destruction of evidence when a case has been finally terminated shall be closed records when the person from whom the evidence

was taken:

- "A. is not charged;
- "B. is charged but the case is subsequently nolle prossed or dismissed; or
- "C. is found not guilty or imposition of sentence is suspended."

Amended Local Rule 6.5 on disqualification of judges, previously published, took effect Aug. 28 and is now posted on the BCBA web site along with a new complete set of local rules.