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## Hamilton plans 'State of Court' report for Oct. 11 BCBA meeting

Courthouse renovation and expansion and changes to dockets will be among topics discussed by 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** in his annual "State of the Court" report at the next regular BCBA meeting at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 11.

As usual, the meeting will be held in the large basement meeting room at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St. Lunch will be served at noon, and the meeting will end by 1 p.m. The lunch price is \$9, payable to the restaurant.

**RSVP:** To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Amy Salladay** at 256-7205 or [knightandsalladay@yahoo.com](mailto:knightandsalladay@yahoo.com) by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

The courthouse project began with renovations to the law library and attorney lounge which started Sept. 25. The Public

Administrator's office is scheduled to move to the Guaranty Land Title building Oct. 19-22 and will remain there until renovation of that office's space in the courthouse is completed about Dec. 1.

Judge Hamilton is expected to report that contracts for the architect and construction man-

ager for courthouse expansion will be awarded soon.

Docket changes will be necessary next January because of changes in the local judiciary. Division 4 will become a Circuit Judge position, and there will be a new Division 11 Associate Circuit Judge slot. In addition, there will be several new

judges resulting from retirements and the new judge position.

In connection with docket changes, Judge Hamilton is expected to discuss a "weighted workload" plan.

He will also address other issues the court will face in coming years.

## Beckett and Parshall to lead BCBA in 2006-2007

**Bruce Beckett** was elected as 2006-2007 BCBA President and **Jeff Parshall** as Vice President at the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic and Annual Meeting on Sept. 15.

Other officers elected were **Amy Salladay** as Secretary, **Melissa Faurot** as Treasurer, and **Marsha Fischer** and **Marjorie Lewis** as at-large members of the Executive Committee.

Under the bylaws, 2005-06

President **Pat Eng** 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. In excess of 100 members, spouses, dates and children enjoyed perfect weather at Stephens Lake Park.

Leading the Picnic Committee, as he has for several years, was **Mark Langworthy**. He was assisted by **Ron Sweet**, **Carlyle Foley**, **George Smith**, **Josh**

**Oxenhandler**, **Dave Gibbons**, **Gretchen Rogers**, **Mary Carnahan** and **Mike Tripp**.

The picnic is named for the late **Jim Butcher**, who organized the event for many years before his death in 1986.

## Give committee choices, program ideas Oct. 11

BCBA members will have an opportunity to sign up for committees and propose program ideas at the Oct. 11 meeting.

Forms will be on the tables at the meeting to indicate committee preferences and give program ideas. If you cannot attend and want to serve on a committee or propose programs, contact **Steve Scott** at 442-7268, fax 443-1676 or email [sscott@scottlawfirm.com](mailto:sscott@scottlawfirm.com).

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.
- \* Picnic.

BCBA President **Bruce Beckett** will make committee appointments shortly after the Oct. 11 meeting.

## RSVP by Nov. 1 for Roper retirement reception

As announced last month, all bar members from Boone and Callaway counties are invited to a retirement reception for Circuit Judge **Ellen Roper** and are asked to **RSVP using the coupon below by Nov. 1.**

The event is scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday,

Nov. 16, 2006, at the MU Reynolds Alumni Center.

The price is \$35 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, wine and beer. Mixed drinks also will be available on a cash-bar basis.

No formal program is planned, 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 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.

Judge Roper was honored by the Missouri Bar on Sept. 29 when she received the Judicial Excellence Award at the Annual Meeting and Judicial Conference. The award is given to judges who set an example by leadership in the advancement of justice and by outstanding public and community service.

### Roper Retirement Reception RSVP

Please return this coupon by  
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## Around the bar . . .

**Hamp Ford**, senior partner of **Ford, Parshall & Baker**, received the Missouri Bar's Purcell Professionalism Award Sept. 29 at the Annual Meeting and Judicial Conference in St. Louis. The award recognizes outstanding professionalism in a Missouri lawyer who has consistently demonstrated an exceptional degree of competency, integrity and civility.

**Ann Covington** recently retired from Bryan Cave LLP, but plans to continue working as a independent contractor after taking a break. A former Columbia lawyer, she was the first woman appointed to the Missouri Court of Appeals and later to the Missouri Supreme Court, where she served as Chief Justice 1993-95. She joined Bryan Cave after retiring from the Supreme Court. She continues to reside in Columbia.

**Dianna Coy Long** moved her **Mid-Missouri Bankruptcy Center** to 29 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 211, Columbia 65201, effective Oct. 1. Her new phone and fax numbers are 442-8123 and 442-8127, respectively.

Effective Oct. 9, the **Rogers, Ehrhardt & Weber** law firm will move to 302 Campusview Dr., Suite 204, Columbia 65201. The phone and fax numbers will remain 442-0131 and 442-9423, respectively. The principals in the firm are **Glen Ehrhardt** and **Elizabeth Weber**.

**Benjamin B. Nelson**, formerly an associate at **Jones, Schneider & Bartlett**, has become an associate at **Truman Allen, P.C.**, 29 E. Ash St., Columbia 65203, phone 441-2667, fax 441-2597.

Recently joining the BCBA was **Kevin O'Brien**, District Public Defender, 801 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 882-9701, fax 882-9147. Kevin is a 1998 UMKC Law School graduate and has worked for the public defender system since 1998. He and his wife Ann and their three children have lived in Boone County since 2001.

Also recently joining the BCBA was **Trisha C. Stefanski**, a new associate at **Brandecker & Smull**, 1200 Rogers St., Suite

100, Columbia 65201, phone 442-3136, fax 875-0304. She worked full time as a paralegal while attending the St. Louis University Law School evening program and graduated in May 2005. She worked as a personal injury lawyer in St. Louis before coming to Columbia last month.

The law office space being vacated by **Rogers, Ehrhardt & Weber** at 813 E. Walnut St., Suite B, is available for rent. It contains about 1,500 square feet and has built-in shelving and other features suitable for a law office. For information call Melissa Hill at 443-2081.

**Stan Clay** still 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.

Chief Court Marshal Jack Wonneman plans to retire in December, and Les Werner has been selected as his successor.

The next Court En Banc meeting is scheduled at 5 p.m. Oct. 10 in the Boone County Courthouse Law Library.

Recent updates to the BCBA web site at [www.bocomobar.org](http://www.bocomobar.org) include updated courthouse telephone numbers and new Local Rule 100.4.1 on "Destruction of Evidence."

<b>Treasurer's Report by Melissa Faurot</b>	
<b>Account balance as of 9/1/06</b> .....	\$7,500.22
<b>Receipts 9/1/06 - 9/29/06</b>	
Dues .....	+40.00
Interest .....	+2.57
<b>Disbursements 9/1/06 - 9/29/06</b>	
Accent Press ( <i>Newsletter</i> printing) .....	-80.64
Midwest Mailing Service ( <i>Newsletter</i> mailing) .....	-105.87
Picnic expenses .....	-1,516.02
Editor/webmaster (July-September 2006) .....	-375.00
<b>Account balance as of 9/29/06</b> .....	\$5,465.26