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RSVPs due by noon Dec. 1 for Dec. 6 Holiday Party

RSVPs are *due by noon on Friday, Dec. 1* for the Boone County Bar Association Holiday Party to be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 6 at the MU Reynolds Alumni Center. Spouses or significant others are welcome.

Make your reservations with **Melissa Faurot**, 28 N. 8th St., Suite 517, Columbia 65201, phone 442-1646, email melissa@stanclay.com. When submitting your RSVP, be sure to include the names of persons attending so nametags can be prepared.

The price is \$35 per person, payable to "Boone County Bar Association." Advance payment with RSVPs is requested, but payment also will be accepted at the door. We will have to pay for all who RSVP, so those who RSVP and do not attend will be asked to pay anyway if they have not paid in advance.

The event on Dec. 6 will start with a social hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with a host bar including beer/wine/soda and hors d'oeuvres.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment before and after dinner will be provided by the Joel Anderson Jazz Ensemble.

No formal program is planned, but there will be a chance to introduce new members and special guests.

Dinner will consist of a buffet with the following selections: University Club tossed salad, spinach salad, carved prime rib, grilled chicken, candied yams with marshmallows, snow peas with Shiitake mushrooms and red bell peppers, baked stuffed tomatoes with creamed peas, fresh baked rolls and butter, coffee, decaffeinated coffee, ice tea, pecan pie with chocolate and raspberry sauce, and chocolate cherry bread pudding.

A committee chaired by **Melissa Faurot** and including **Betty Wilson** and **Linda Harris** has worked hard making arrangements for this annual event which allows the bench and bar to mingle in a social setting.

Court discusses ending settlement conferences

A proposal to eliminate mandatory settlement conferences in family law cases was discussed at the Nov. 14 Court en Banc meeting.

After discussion of whether to delete or modify Local Rule 68.8, the court decided to refer the issue to the BCBA Family Law Committee for comments before making a final decision.

New dockets posted

Thirteenth Circuit docket schedules for January and beyond are now available and are posted on the BCBA web site in browser-readable format at www.bocomobar.org/schedule.htm.

Howard, Gentry buildings to be dedicated

Bar members are invited to attend a dedication and open house at the renovated Howard Municipal Building and Gentry Building at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 1.

As part of the event, 13th Circuit Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** will formally dedicate the remodeled Municipal Courtroom in the Howard

Building and rename it in honor of George F. Nickolaus, who served as city attorney, city counselor, acting city manager, mayor and associate municipal judge. George died in 2003.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 1 in the area between the two buildings.

There are no settlement conference dockets on the new docket schedule effective Jan. 1. In other business at its Nov. 14 meeting, the court:

- * Revised new Local Rule 67.5.3, first approved in October, which allows written entries and not-guilty pleas in felony cases, and adopted Rule 6.1.3 on administrative transfer of cases. Both rules and their effective dates are at www.bocomobar.org/news.htm.

- * Appointed a committee of Judge **Jodie Asel**, chair, and Judges **Larry Bryson** and **Cary Augustine** to review and update the court's rules and administrative orders.

Upcoming retirement observances

- * Associate Circuit Judge **Chris Kelly**, 4:30 p.m. Dec. 5 in the Ceremonial Courtroom.
- * Circuit Clerk Cheryl Whitmarsh and Unit Manager Linda Dolliver, 5:30 p.m. Dec. 7 at Boone Tavern.
- * Court Marshal Jack Wonneman, 3 p.m. Dec. 8 reception at the courthouse.
- * Associate Circuit Judge **Joe Holt**, Dec. 13 at the Callaway County Courthouse.
- * Kirk Kippley, 3 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Juvenile Justice Center.

From BCBA President Bruce Beckett

Thanks to the members for such a large attendance at our CLE lunch program presented by Prof. Steve Easton on Nov. 8. We had about 80 members present. Don't forget the program qualified for one hour of ethics CLE credit.

We look forward to the Holiday Party on Dec. 6 at the Reynolds Alumni Center and hope you can join us. No formal business will be conducted, though there will be an opportunity to introduce new members. This event is for lawyers and spouses/dates, and it has always been a fun evening. Thanks to **Melissa Faurot** and her Entertainment Committee for organizing the event.

Vice President **Jeff Parshall** is working hard on scheduling

more CLE programs for the upcoming monthly meetings.

I wish everyone happy holidays and a prosperous new year!

Start paying dues

Lawyers and firms wanting to shift a 2007 expense into 2006 may begin sending dues payments to BCBA Treasurer **Melissa Faurot** at 28 N. 8th St., Suite 517, Columbia, MO 65201.

Dues are \$40 per lawyer. Checks should be payable to "Boone County Bar Association."

When paying, please note if contact information, including name, firm name, address, phone number, fax number and/or email, have changed.

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Around the bar . . .

The Young Lawyers Committee will hold its third annual White Elephant Gift Exchange at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19 at the Pasta Factory, 1020 E. Broadway, Columbia. RSVP to standy@owwlaw.com by Dec. 12. Those attending are asked to bring a “white elephant” gift—something received and being “re-gifted” or an item so truly awful no tasteful person would give it.

Janet Bezler has changed her phone number to 489-5481. Her address, fax number and email address are unchanged.

David Kurtz, formerly an associate at Smith Lewis, LLP, recently left the firm to become a political blogger at www.talkingpoints-memo.com. He had been a journalist before becoming a lawyer.

Recent new BCBA members are:

* **Breck Burgess**, who joined the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney’s office this year as an assistant prosecutor. He received his law degree from Washington University in 1987 and then worked in the Attorney General’s Criminal Division until 2004 when he became a Cole County assistant prosecutor.

* **Marissa Todd**, Director of Planned Giving and Scholarships at Stephens College, 1200 E. Broadway, phone 876-7109, fax 876-7231. She joined the college staff in September 2005 after graduating from the MU Law School in May 2005.

Stan Clay has office-sharing space available for one or two attorneys at 28 N. 8th St., Suite 517, including secretary, receptionist,

supplies, copier, fax, phone system, utilities and parking. Call 442-1646 for information.

The 14th Judicial Circuit has invited BCBA members to attend a retirement reception for Judge Ralph Jaynes from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 in the Circuit Courtroom at the Howard County Courthouse, Fayette. There will be a presentation at 3 p.m.

Committee appointments announced

President **Bruce Beckett** has announced the following 2006-07 committee appointments:

Practice, Procedure and Judiciary: Jeff Parshall, chair, and Brian Sleeth and Milt Harper.

Family Law: Mary Carnahan, chair, and Daniel S. Simon, Tonni Martin and Betty Wilson.

Juvenile Law: Amy Salladay, chair, and Linda Harris and Melissa Faurot.

Criminal Law: Randall Johnston, chair, and Kevin O’Brien, Mark Abbott and Kimberly Shaw.

Partners-in-Education: Todd Werts, chair, and Harriet Francis.

Public Relations: Brad Lear.
Legal Aid: Ed Berg, chair, and Chris Schappe.

Program and Entertainment: Melissa Faurot, chair, and Linda Harris and Betty Wilson.

Other bar members wishing to be appointed to a committee should contact **Bruce Beckett** at 443-3141 or bbeckett@smithlewis.com.

Volunteers needed for mock trials

Volunteers are needed as coaches and judges for the annual high school mock trial competition.

West Junior High School is seeking one or two coaches. Interested lawyers should contact West teacher Art Schneiderheinze at aschneid@columbia.k12.mo.us.

We also need 12 lawyers to act as judges for the first round of mock trials on Saturday morning, Jan. 20 at the courthouse. Contact **Todd Werts** at 875-1991 or werts@learnandwerts.com for details and sign-up.

Treasurer’s Report by Melissa Faurot	
Account balance as of 10/27/06	\$5,214.56
Receipts 10/27/06 - 11/17/06	
Dues	+20.00
Interest	+0.68
Disbursements 10/27/06 - 11/17/06	
Accent Press (<i>Newsletter</i> printing)	-81.88
Midwest Mailing Service (<i>Newsletter</i> mailing)	-107.24
McAdams, Ltd. (Judge Roper retirement gift)	-378.51
Account balance as of 11/17/06	\$4,667.61