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Two local rules amended March 7

Two local rules were amended at the March 7 meeting of the Court en Banc, effective immediately.

Rule 33.1 was amended to require that pre-trial motions be filed no later than five days before the law day immediately preceding trial and be heard no later than that law day.

Rule 35 was changed to set a pre-trial hearing in criminal cases on the law day immediately before the trial. The rule still contemplates that pre-trial conferences may be held in civil and criminal cases on the court's motion or upon a party's request to clarify issues and expedite trial.

The court also addressed several concerns raised by the BCBA Criminal Law Committee. Trial notices in criminal cases will be going out more promptly, and felony cases in which a written entry and waiver of appearance has been filed will be immediately placed on the trial-setting docket. Also, Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** said attorneys who have concerns about a judge's courtroom demeanor are allowed to speak privately with the judge about that issue.

The next Court en Banc meeting is scheduled at 5 p.m. April 17 in the Boone County Courthouse Law Library.

Clerk seeks help with early criminal entries

Boone County Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore says her office is receiving a large number of entries of appearance in criminal cases before charges are filed, and she is requesting that lawyers provide as much information as possible when filing such entries so they can be matched with the correct cases and defendants.

If a case number is not available, please provide as much information as possible, e.g., charge(s), bond date, etc. If ticket numbers are provided, please also include the charges. If an entry has a ticket number but no charge information, it can be incorrectly sent to the traffic division instead of the criminal division.

RSVP by April 19 for April 24 Bench-Bar Dinner

The annual Thirteenth Circuit Bench-Bar Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 24 at Sir Winston's Restaurant & Pub, 1205 S. Business 54, Fulton.

RSVP: If you plan to attend, you must RSVP to BCBA Secretary Amy Salladay at 256-7205 or amy@knightslaw.net by noon on Thursday, April 19.

The price is \$20, payable at the door. Checks should be made out to "Callaway County Bar Association."

Those attending are asked to park in the large parking lot across Business 54 from the restaurant. A shuttle will be available to get to the restaurant from the parking lot.

The event, which is designed to allow lawyers and judges to mingle in an informal setting, will begin with a cocktail hour at 6 p.m, followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by "Sublime Harmony" from Westminster College.

The Bench-Bar Dinner is co-sponsored by the



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Boone and Callaway bar associations and alternates two years in Boone County and one year in Callaway. It will be held in Boone County the next two years.

Mark your calendar: At the next regular BCBA meeting at noon May 9 in Columbia, Missouri Ethics Counsel Sara Rittman will present a CLE-credit program on recent changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct.

BCBA Probate Law Committee holds first meeting

The BCBA Probate Law Committee held its first meeting April 5. Among topics discussed and recommendations made by the committee were:

- * Decedent's estates be closed at the end of six months.

- * The court, upon request, exercise discretion to waive bond in small estates.

- * The statutes on waiver of final publication and audits be followed.

- * The local rules be changed so attorneys would arrange and pay publication costs in decedent's estates.

- * Explore the possibility of using affidavits for medical testimony in restoration cases.

A discussion of *pro se* litigants in guardianship and conservatorship cases was postponed until more information can be gathered.

A subcommittee was formed to review current instructions

sent to personal representatives and form changes that may be necessitated by the committee's recommendations.

Suggestions or recommendations may be given to committee members: Judge **Deborah Daniels, Jean Goldstein, Mick Wilson, William J. Powell, Helen Cripps, and Jim Ausmus.**

Local teams do well in mock trial contest

Two Columbia teams advanced to the Missouri High School Mock Trial State Tournament held March 31-April 1 in St. Louis. Only 16 of 73 teams competing in regional competitions went to the state tournament.

The Hickman High School team, coached by **Brad Lear**, advanced to the quarterfinals, but lost a close round against Lindbergh High School. Hickman received seventh place in the tournament.

Columbia Home School, coached by **Mike Tripp**, advanced to the quarterfinals and beat top-seed Mary Institute and Country Day School. However, Columbia Home School lost 2-1 to Priory and received third place overall.

The BCBA Bar-Schools Partnership Committee congratulates the Columbia teams on their fine performances, and both teams thank the BCBA for its financial and coaching support.

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Around the bar

Matt Wilson recently left Walther, Antel, Stamper & Fischer to open a solo practice focusing on consumer fraud. His address is P.O. Box 419, Columbia 65205, phone 443-1026, fax 888-716-1999.

The 13th Judicial Circuit and the BCBA Mediation Committee will again sponsor mediation training from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 8 at Boone Electric Co-op, 1413 Rangeline. The cost has been reduced to \$35. More information is posted with this item on the BCBA web site.

The Young Lawyers Committee will hold a lunch meeting at noon Tuesday, April 17, at Grill One 5, 15 S. 6th St., Columbia. For information, contact **Gretchen Rogers** at 443-3134 or grogers@owwlaw.com. Thirteen YLC members participated in the Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake on March 10: **Garrett Taylor, Brad Lear, Brian McCartney, Erick Creach, Sander Sowers, Gretchen Rogers, Chris Schappe, Sara Schappe, Trish Stefanski, Travis Jacobs, Scott Wilson, and Josh Oxenhandler**. Combined, the three teams raised just over \$1,000 for the local chapter of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

As announced in the March *Newsletter*, a local Inn of Court has

been organized. More information is available on the news page of the BCBA web site.

Recent new BCBA members include three lawyers from Shelter Insurance, **Vickie Davis, Jeffery M. Guillory, and Brian Waller**, 1817 W. Broadway, Columbia 65218, as well as:

* **Nathan J. Forck**, an associate at the Yungwirth Law Firm, 311 N. 10th St., Columbia 65201, phone 449-4400, fax 449-6237.

* **Christopher W. Hinckley**, General Counsel for the Missouri Gaming Commission, P.O. Box 1847, Jefferson City 65102, phone 573-526-4082, fax 573-526-1999.

* **Lara Underwood**, an associate at Walker Crow Halcomb, LLC, 1713 E. Elm St., Jefferson City 65101, phone 573-635-9200, fax 573-635-6584.

Bill Rotts has a 517-square-foot suite including a reception area and three offices available for rent on the terrace level of the 10th and Walnut Building. Call 443-3463 for information.

Stan Clay has office-sharing space available for one or two lawyers at 28 N. 8th St., Suite 517. Included are reception, secretary, DSL, Westlaw, fax, utilities, office supplies, postage and conference room. Call 442-1646 for information.

About 90 members attended the March 14 BCBA meeting to hear a panel discussion of jury selection presented by Circuit Judge **Gary Oxenhandler, Wally Bley** and **John Roark**.

April 30 is deadline to pay 2007 dues

April 30 is the deadline for payment of 2007 BCBA dues of \$40 per member. Members who have not paid by April 30 will be removed from the rolls and will no longer receive the *Newsletter* or email alerts.

Dues payments payable to "Boone County Bar Associa-

tion" should be sent to Treasurer **Melissa Faurot**, 28 N. 8th St., Suite 517, Columbia, MO 65201-7708.

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 Melissa Faurot

Account balance as of 3/2/07	\$11,369.40
Receipts 3/2/06 - 4/5/07	
Dues	+820.00
Correction to 3/2/07 dues deposit	+40.00
Interest	+2.62
Disbursements 3/2/07 - 4/5/07	
Accent Press (<i>Newsletter</i> printing)	-85.99
Midwest Mailing Service (<i>Newsletter</i> mailing)	-110.63
Boone Tavern (Executive Committee)	-44.51
Editor/Webmaster (January-March)	-375.00
Mock trial team sponsorships	-900.00
Account balance as of 4/5/07	\$10,715.89