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## Free Fastcase legal research service is topic at June 13 meeting

Fastcase, the free online legal research service made available to Missouri Bar members on June 1, will be the CLE-credit topic at the next BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, June 13 at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St., Columbia.

The service will be explained by **Steve Scott**, who was a member of the Missouri Bar task force that reviewed available options for more than a year before recommending Fastcase to the Board of Governors. One hour of CLE credit has been approved for the program.

**RSVP:** To reserve your place for this program, contact BCBA Secretary **Amy Salladay** at 256-7205 or [amy@knightslaw.net](mailto:amy@knightslaw.net) by 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 12.

As usual when CLE-credit programs are presented, lunch service will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the large basement meeting room at Boone Tavern. The price for lunch will be \$9, payable to the restaurant.

A number of other state bar associations around the country are providing online legal research services as a member benefit, and Fastcase has been selected in nine states, including the neighboring states of Illinois, Iowa, and Oklahoma.

Fastcase provides online access to case law from all 50 states going back to at least 1950, as well as federal cases and state and federal statutes and regulations.

The Fastcase interface is similar but not identical to those of Westlaw and Lexis. Fastcase supports both boolean and "natural language" searches, as well as case citation searches.

The Missouri Bar task force bargained with Fastcase to obtain enhancements for Missouri lawyers. A major achievement was that Fastcase agreed to provide Missouri case law back to 1 S.W. (1886).

Another enhancement is that Fastcase agreed to host the Missouri statutes and Code of State Regulations on its own servers so that Missouri lawyers can conduct powerful combined searches of Missouri cases, statutes and regulations. For most other states, Fastcase merely provides easy access to the states' own official web sites for statutes and regulations, and those sites usually have much less powerful search engines.

Also available through Fastcase, for nominal additional charges, will be the Missouri Bar deskbooks and additional federal case law, including bankruptcy cases.

## From BCBA President Bruce Beckett

We continue to be fortunate in BCBA Vice President **Jeff Parshall's** ability to schedule helpful and interesting CLE lunch meeting programs. Kudos to Jeff for his programming efforts.

Meeting programs are scheduled through the summer months and we urge you to attend them all. Three of our new judges will speak at the July meeting, and we will get an

update on new legislation at the August meeting.

Mark your calendars for Friday evening, September 7, for the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic and Annual Meeting at Stephens Lake Park. This is a family event, and Head Chef **Mark Langworthy** is gearing up now and can use volunteers to help. If you can lend Mark a hand, please contact him at

[langworthym@missouri.edu](mailto:langworthym@missouri.edu).

Our very active Criminal Law Committee asked the Executive Committee to oppose Proposed Local Court Rule 51.4. The Executive Committee agreed, and my letter to the Presiding Judge commenting on this proposed rule is posted on our website with this column.

If you have comments on this proposed rule please send a let-

ter to BCBA Secretary **Amy Salladay**, 1203 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203, in time for her to deliver your comments to the court before the June 12 En Banc meeting.

Finally, a big "thank you" to **Brad Lear** and **Mike Tripp** for their service in coaching Boone County's two mock Trial Competition Teams from Hickman and Columbia Home School.

## Knight heads nominating panel

BCBA President **Bruce Beckett** has appointed **Dave Knight** (chair), **Jon McQuilkin** and **Garrett Taylor** as the Nominating Committee for 2007-2008 officers.

Nominations will be announced later this summer for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two at-large members of the Executive Committee. The election of officers will take place at the Annual Meeting on September 7.

## BCBA high school scholarships awarded for 19th year

For the 19<sup>th</sup> year in a row, the BCBA recently presented scholarships to outstanding high school graduates.

The Hickman High School recipient of a \$1,000 award was William Shim, who plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis and major in history, political science and economics. His scholarship was presented by **Brian Sleeth**.

The Rock Bridge High School recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship was Anna Osterlind, who plans to attend MU and major in political science and interna-

tional business and possibly attend law school later. Her award was presented by **Todd Werts**.

The Southern Boone County High School recipient of a \$500 award was **Alex Johnson**, who also plans to attend MU. He plans to major in political science and possibly attend law school. His scholarship also was presented by **Todd Werts**.

The BCBA has been a participant in the Columbia Public Schools Partners-in-Education program since 1988 and began awarding scholarships in 1989

as part of that program. In the beginning, the scholarships were awarded only to Hickman and Rock Bridge students; in recent years a \$500 scholarship which rotates among other high schools in Boone County was added.

Each school selects the recipient of the BCBA scholarship, which is to be awarded to a graduating senior who has taken an active interest in governmental, political and/or civic affairs, with an interest in pursuing a career in law being preferable but not required.

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## Around the bar . . . .

The 13<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit recently made further changes to the Boone County associate circuit judges' docket schedules. Effective July 1, Judge **Deborah Daniels** (Division 11) will no longer conduct civil return dockets and instead will hear criminal trials and guilty pleas on the record on the first, third and fourth Friday mornings. Also starting in July, Judge **Larry Bryson** (Division 5) will conduct civil return dockets on the first, second, third and fourth Friday mornings. The revised schedules already are posted on the BCBA web site.

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will hold its next meeting at lunchtime on Tuesday, June 19, on the upstairs patio at the Heidelberg Restaurant, 410 S. Ninth St. For information, contact **Gretchen Rogers** at 443-3134 or [grogers@owwlaw.com](mailto:grogers@owwlaw.com).

**Daniel H. Miller** has moved his office to 720 W. Sexton Rd., Columbia 65203. His phone and fax numbers remain 443-1645 and 874-3159, respectively.

**Trisha C. Stefanski**, an associate at Brandecker & Smull, LLC, is leaving June 8 to return

to St. Louis.

Recently joining the BCBA was **Cecily Daller**, a new Boone County assistant prosecuting attorney. She is a May 2005 MU Law School graduate and previously worked in the criminal appeals division of the Missouri Attorney General's Office.

About 80 members attended the May 9 BCBA meeting to hear a presentation by Missouri Legal Ethics Counsel Sara Rittman on recent changes to the Missouri Rules of Professional Conduct (Supreme Court Rule 4).

**Stan Clay** still has office-

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

Eng & Woods will have 2,000 square feet of office space available for lease, with parking, this summer, possibly as early as July. For information, call Amanda Maddex at 874-4190.

Thirty-six former members of the BCBA who did not pay 2007 dues have been purged from the *Newsletter* mailing list and removed from the BCBA web site and group email list.

## BCBA committees offer free movie at Ragtag at 5:30 on Tuesday, June 12

All local attorneys are invited to attend the showing of a free movie, the documentary "We Are Together," which will be presented by two BCBA committees at the Ragtag Cinema, 23 N. Tenth St., Columbia, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 12.

Sponsored by the Family Law and Juvenile/Guardian ad Litem committees, the film chronicles a group of orphans in South Africa who use music to deal with the hardship of losing their parents to AIDS. It should be of particular interest to practitioners working in the juvenile court system.

The doors will open at 5 p.m. June 12. The concession stand will be open for those wishing to purchase food and beverages.

Questions about the showing may be directed to **Mary Carnahan**, chair of the Family Law Committee, at 442-3181 or [mcarnahan@bwsplaw.com](mailto:mcarnahan@bwsplaw.com), or **Amy Salladay**, chair of the Juvenile/Guardian ad Litem Committee, at 256-7205 or [amy@knightslaw.net](http://amy@knightslaw.net).

<b>Treasurer's Report by Melissa Faurot</b>	
<b>Account balance as of 4/27/07</b>	\$10,837.03
<b>Receipts 4/27/06 - 5/31/07</b>	
Dues	+1,230.00
Interest	+1.33
<b>Disbursements 4/27/07 - 5/31/07</b>	
Accent Press ( <i>Newsletter</i> printing)	-87.09
Midwest Mailing Service ( <i>Newsletter</i> mailing)	-111.77
Postage for dues reminder letter	-23.40
Refund overpaid dues	-40.00
Picnic shelter reservation	-56.00
SS Web Services (web site hosting - one year)	-360.00
Michael Tatum (essay contest winner)	-100.00
High school scholarships	-2,500.00
<b>Account balance as of 5/31/07</b>	<b>\$8,790.10</b>