



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## CLE credit for legislative program on Aug. 8

Legislative developments in 2007 will be the subject of a one-hour CLE-credit presentation at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St., Columbia.

The speakers will be Catherine Barrie, the Missouri Bar's lobbyist, and BCBA member **Skip Walther**, a member of the Missouri Bar's Board of Governors.

**RSVP:** To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Amy Salladay** at 256-7205 or [amy@knightslaw.net](mailto:amy@knightslaw.net) by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7.

As usual when CLE programs are presented, lunch service will begin at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 8 in the large basement meeting room at Boone Tavern. The price for

lunch will be \$9, payable to the restaurant.

Ms. Barrie's presentation will include discussion of the Missouri Bar's legislative process, bar-drafted legislative proposals, and several unsuccessful Joint Resolutions that bar leaders called attacks on the judiciary.

Skip plans to discuss the Non-Partisan Court Plan, anticipated proposals to modify the plan, and how the BCBA might consider responding.

Skip is the chair of the Missouri Bar's Legislative Committee, sits on the bar's Executive Committee, and is a candidate for Missouri Bar Vice President at the Annual Meeting in September. If elected as Vice President this year, he would become President in 2009.

## Court tables jury waiver rule, hears construction schedule

Final approval of proposed Local Rule 51.4 relating to jury trial waivers in misdemeanor criminal cases was tabled at the June 12 Court En Banc meeting after concerns were expressed by the BCBA Criminal Law Committee and the Public Defender's Office.

As proposed, the rule would have required that a jury trial demand pursuant to §543.200 RSMo. be filed in writing more than seven days before a scheduled bench trial date and that failure to timely file such a demand would constitute a jury waiver under the statute.

A committee consisting of **Rusty Antel**, Prosecutor **Dan Knight** and Associate Circuit Judge **Christine Carpenter** is

### Costs to be assessed on no-license offenses

Circuit Clerk Christy Blake-more has announced that the court will begin charging court costs on "no operator's license" offenses. In the past court costs were not charged for these offenses.

to study the proposed rule further before the Court En Banc makes a final decision.

In other business at the June 12 meeting, the court heard that construction of the courthouse addition is scheduled to begin Sept. 3.

A new courtroom, the new prosecutor's office and the new marshals' office included in the two-story addition will be finished, but the planned new jury assembly area temporarily will be used to house various offices while remodeling of existing courthouse spaces is under way.

The original estimate for the addition and remodeling approved by voters was \$9.48 million, but with various adjustments the current estimate is \$9.19 million. The original estimate included only \$150,000 for technology enhancements, which the court learned is sufficient for only one courtroom. Court staff will explore whether the difference between the two estimates can be used for technology enhancements for additional courtrooms.

### Betty Parrigin 1932-2007

**Elizabeth Ellington Parrigin**, former MU associate law professor and law librarian and long-time local lawyer, died July 16. A memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church on July 20, and burial was at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville.

Betty is remembered by many older local lawyers for teaching the first-year Legal Research and Writing course at the MU Law School.

Her background allowed her to transition easily into private practice where she initially concentrated on writing appellate briefs for other lawyers. In later years she focused on probate practice.

She is survived by her husband, Perry Parrigin, and a brother, Jesse Ellington. The family suggests memorials to the First Presbyterian Church or the Friends of the MU Libraries.

## Parshall, Mayse nominated as 2007-2008 President and Vice President

Current BCBA Vice President **Jeff Parshall** has been nominated as 2007-08 President.

Others nominated by the Nominating Committee are: Vice President, **Mallory Mayse**; Secretary, **Joy Ahern**; Treasurer, **Christina McCartney**; and at-large Executive Committee members, **Randall Johnston** and **Tom Schneider**.

The Nominating Committee was chaired this year by **Dave Knight**. Other members were

**Jon McQuilkin** and **Garrett Taylor**.

Under BCBA bylaws, the 2007-08 Executive Committee will consist of the elected officers and current President **Bruce Beckett**.

The election of officers will take place at the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic at Stephens Lake Park on the evening of Sept. 7.

The bylaws also allow nominations from the floor with the consent of those so nominated.

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## Around the bar . . . .

Atwill & Montgomery has moved its offices to 28 N. Eighth St., Suite 200, Columbia 65201. The telephone and fax numbers remain 442-3000 and 449-1094, respectively.

The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Classy's Restaurant, 1013 E. Broadway. For information, contact **Gretchen Rogers** at 443-3134 or [grogers@owwlaw.com](mailto:grogers@owwlaw.com).

**Matt Wilson**, who earlier this year left Walther, Antel, Stamper & Fischer to open a solo practice, has changed his business phone number to 234-6226. His fax/voicemail number remains 888-716-1999. His mailing address is P.O. Box 419, Columbia 65205.

**Travis Jacobs**, formerly an associate at Davis, Susan & Holder, has opened The Jacobs Law Firm, LLC at 3610 But-tonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 875-5529, fax 886-8901.

Recent new BCBA members are:

\* **Harold E. Stearley**, 2070 E. Northwood Dr., Columbia 65202, phone 474-5040, fax 474-4871. He is Regulatory Law Judge at the Missouri Public Service Commission. He received a B.S. in nursing from MU in 1986 and worked in critical care nursing before returning to MU and receiving a law degree in 2000. Before joining the PSC in June 2006, he clerked for Missouri Supreme Court Judge Ronnie White and worked in private practice. His other activities include freelance writing and legal research, consultation on medical malpractice cases, mediation, and teaching seminars on legal issues for nurses.

\* **Donald R. Weaver**, P.O. Box 7622, Columbia 65205, phone 256-1163, fax 256-7427. He is a full-time Columbia police officer and graduated from the MU Law School in

December 2006 after attending part-time for 4½ years. His part-time law practice includes plaintiff personal injury and worker's compensation, estate planning, and miscellaneous civil matters.

**Bill Rotts** has a 517-square-foot suite including a reception area and three offices available for rent at \$600 per month, utilities included, on the terrace level of the Tenth & Walnut Building. Call 443-3463 for information.

**Dave Evans** has 2,171 square feet of office space available, including six offices, two reception areas and kitchenette, at 717 Cherry St. Call Dave at 356-3576 for information.

About 70 members attended the regular BCBA meeting on July 11 to hear new Associate Circuit Judges **Leslie Schneider's** and **Deborah Daniels'** impressions and plans after a half year on the bench. New Circuit Judge **Kevin Crane** also had been scheduled to speak, but could not because he was presiding over a trial in Callaway County.

### Treasurer's Report by Melissa Faurot

Account balance as of 6/29/07 .....	\$8,398.01
<b>Receipts 6/29/06 - 7/27/07</b>	
Dues .....	+140.00
Lunch reimbursement .....	+9.00
Interest .....	+1.37
<b>Disbursements 6/29/07 - 7/27/07</b>	
Accent Press ( <i>Newsletter</i> printing) .....	-83.91
Midwest Mailing Service ( <i>Newsletter</i> mailing) .....	-102.08
Boone Tavern (lunches) .....	-27.00
<b>Account balance as of 7/27/07 .....</b>	<b>\$8,335.39</b>