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Hamilton plans 'State of Court' address at Oct. 10 meeting

Thirteenth Circuit Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** will present his annual "State of the Court" address at the next regular BCBA meeting at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St., Columbia.

Meal service will begin at noon on Oct. 10 in the County Room on the lower level of Boone Tavern. The lunch price is \$9, payable to the restaurant.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Joy Ahern** at 445-8990 or jahern@harrismccausland.com by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9.

Judge Hamilton plans to address several topics, including:

* *Courthouse Expansion*, including an overview of the plans and the implications for court activity.

* *Alternative Sentencing Center and Reintegration Court Implementation*, including discussion of renovation of the Guaranty Land

Title Building and establishment of an Alternative Sentencing Center. A new Reintegration Court Program was implemented July 1.

* *Judicial Speaking Engagements*. The judges plan to visit clubs and civic organizations to discuss issues related to the judiciary.

* *Jury Trial Rule*. The proposed rule regarding waiver of jury trial has been under review and a committee has made some initial recommendations regarding revisions to the rule and the underlying process in misdemeanor cases.

* *Docket Schedule and Judicial Assignments*. The most recent docket schedule was issued October 1, 2007, and additional revisions are expected in January 2008.

* *Weighted Workload*. Judges across the state participated in a weighted workload study earlier this year. Judge Hamilton is expected to discuss the process and possible future changes related to judicial resources in the state.

Courthouse expansion schedule is announced

A schedule for expansion of the Boone County Courthouse has been announced by the court.

Actual work began last week with the removal of artwork from the stairwells. The murals will be stored and replaced when the work is completed.

The week of October 1-5 scaffolding will be erected on the north side of the building be-

tween the courthouse and Ash Street, and work will be done on the roof to remove the balast and parapet, and install a temporary roof and safety railing.

The addition of two stories on the annex will require reinforcement of the supports in that area of the courthouse. The extent of the work which will be required is still being reviewed. The court hopes to be able to implement an approach which will minimize disruption to judicial offices and the courtrooms.

The week of October 8-19, reinforcement of the support columns will begin on the ground floor and in limited areas of the first floor.

The week of October 22-26, column reinforcement will continue on the ground floor courtroom, and will expand to the 1 west and 2 west courtrooms and some judges' offices. The reinforcement will require removal and replacement of the

walls surrounding these columns, and the final finish on the walls may not occur for a couple of weeks.

The week of October 29-November 2, the reinforcement work in the judges' area will be completed, and reinforcement work will be done in selected areas of the stairwells.

On November 5, the structural steel should be delivered, and work will begin erecting the steel on the roof of the annex.

During the work to reinforce the supports, traffic patterns in the courthouse may be disrupted, and there will be some noise. Also, some courtrooms may be temporarily closed and may temporarily have unfinished walls. The court asks members of the bar to be patient with the disruptions that construction will cause. If members have particular concerns, they should contact Court Administrator Kathy Lloyd at 886-4060.

Don't take weapons to courthouse, marshal advises

Chief Court Marshal Les Werner has announced that the court marshals at the Boone County Courthouse will no longer hold weapons for non-law enforcement individuals while they are in the courthouse. He advised that all weapons should be stored in a vehicle or other secure place before entering the courthouse.

From President Jeff Parshall

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as Boone County Bar Association President during the next year. Hopefully we can have a great year.

We plan to continue with informative CLE programs at our monthly meetings. Suggestions for programs you would like to hear or are willing to present should be given to me or Vice President **Mal Mayse**. These programs result in at least 1.0 hour of CLE credit, and they are free.

There has been a great deal in the news about the Missouri Judicial Plan, which has come under attack in recent months. If you're not familiar with the plan, please take time to learn about it so you can discuss its merits with friends and family. I believe it is important for our bar to stand behind the plan and speak in its favor as needed or requested. If you are willing to speak on the plan, let me know so I can have a list of potential speakers.

If anyone has any questions or comments at any time, please feel free to contact me at 449-2613 or jparshall@fpb-law.com.

Walther selected as MoBar Vice President

Skip Walther, our local representative on the Missouri Bar's Board of Governors, was elected Vice President of the state bar at the annual meeting last week in Springfield.

His selection puts him in line to become Missouri Bar President in 2009-2010.

Charles J. Harris, Jr. of Kansas City was confirmed as 2007-08 Missouri Bar President. He is the first African-American to serve in the position.

Thomas M. Burke of St. Louis is the designated President-Elect for 2008-2009.

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Around the bar . . .

Jeff Hilbrenner has become a partner at Harper, Evans, Wade & Netemeyer, 401 Locust St., Suite 401, Columbia 65201

Effective Oct. 1, **Gretchen Yancey (Rogers)**, formerly an associate at Oliver Walker Wilson, LLC, became associated with Ed Orr at 28 N. 8th St., Suite 417, Columbia, 65201, phone 443-2828, fax 443-6876.

Don't forget the Young Lawyers Committee's first annual golf tournament, Chipping in for Charity, next Monday, Oct. 8, at A.L. Gustin Golf Course. A flyer describing the event is posted on the BCBA web site with this article.

Recent new BCBA members, in alphabetical order, are:

* **Matthew James Darrough**, 28 N. 8th St., Suite 517, Columbia 65201, phone 445-1234, fax 442-9932.

* **Thomas R.B. Ellis**, 504 Laurel Dr., Columbia 65203, phone 289-6041. He is a May 2007 graduate of the MU Law School and is seeking employment. He lives in Columbia with his wife and three children.

* **Jessica Metoui**, who is clerking for Missouri Supreme Court Judge Michael A. Wolff, 207 W. High St., Jefferson City, MO 65101. She is a May 2007 graduate of the MU Law School.

* **Daniel O'Hearn**, Deputy Commission Counsel at the Missouri Supreme Court, 207 W. High St., Jefferson City 65101, phone 573-751-0178, fax 573-751-7514. His job entails acting as a liaison between the Judicial Conference and the General Assembly. He is a May 2007 graduate of the MU Law School.

Carlyle Foley is seeking a reasonably current set of Missouri Practice. Call him at 449-5316 if you have a set to sell.

Eng & Woods has 2,000 square feet of store front space available for rent. Call Amanda Maddex at 874-4190 for information.

Several local attorneys and law professors are presenting at a Missouri Bar CLE seminar on Oct. 11, "Collaborative Law: What It Is and How It Can Benefit Your Clients," at the Hilton Garden Inn, 3300 Vandiver Dr., Columbia. They are **David Gibbons**, **Paul Ladehoff**, **John Lande**, **Sarah Read** and **Betty Wilson**. For information, call the Missouri Bar at 573-635-4128.

Updated dockets, rules on web site

Updated docket schedules effective Oct. 1 have been posted on the BCBA web site in both browser-readable and PDF formats at www.bocomobar.org/schedule.htm.

Also, all local rules updated through Oct. 1 have been posted at www.bocomobar.org/rules.htm in browser-readable, Word and PDF formats.

Included in the rule changes are recent revisions of local rules 21.3, 68.3 and 100.2.

Rule 21.3 was changed by deleting subparagraph E., which

dealt with allowing out-of-state attorneys to appear in local cases in association with a Missouri attorney. This issue is covered by the Missouri Rules of Civil Procedure.

Rule 68.3, subparagraph C., was revised to require cost deposits for guardian ad litem upon filing of pleadings which require appointment of a GAL.

Rule 100.2 was changed to specify that proposed new rules will be published to the bar for comment by posting on the BCBA and court web sites.

Treasurer's Report by Christina McCartney	
Account balance as of 8/24/07	\$7,929.59
Receipts 8/23/06 - 9/28/07	
Dues	+120.00
Interest	+1.21
Disbursements 8/24/07 - 9/28/07	
Accent Press (Newsletter printing)	-85.06
Midwest Mailing Service (Newsletter mailing)	-108.24
Picnic expenses	-726.74
Recognition awards	-258.44
Editor/webmaster (July-September)	-375.00
Account balance as of 9/28/07	\$6,497.32