



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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Construction on schedule

Despite some weather delays, the Boone County Courthouse construction project is still on schedule for completion in December.

Steel work for the two new floors on the courthouse annex is complete, and workers are now installing the roof deck and edge angle. Exterior studs, the roof and roof insulation will be installed this month, with a goal of being weather-tight by the end of the month. Roof installation will result in some restricted areas around the perimeter of the building for safety reasons.

Once the new floors are weather tight, demolition will begin on the old roof of the annex and on the third floor. This will result in substantial noise, particularly in second-floor courtrooms, which will impact on courtroom assignments.

Work will begin in March on extending the elevator shafts upward, which will result in each elevator being taken out of operation for about 50 days while the other remains in service. During

this period, use of the stairs to reach the ground and second floors of the annex will be encouraged.

As previously announced, the construction project has resulted in changing the Juvenile Office's mailing address to 705 E. Walnut St. Persons conducting business at the Juvenile Office need to enter through the main courthouse entrance and proceed to the ground floor of the annex, where signs will direct them to the office.

Judges still needed

Local lawyers are still needed as judges for an undergraduate mock trial regional competition at the MU Law School on Friday, Feb. 22 and Saturday, Feb. 23. The Missouri Bar will authorize up to six hours of self-study CLE credit for mock trial judging activity. Columbia College and the University of Missouri-Columbia are hosting the competition.

Those interested in judging or wanting more information may contact **Jared Vessell** at 443-3000 or jpv@lawam.com or Columbia College Prof. Barry Langford at 875-7484 or brlangford@ccis.edu. Further information about intercollegiate mock trial may be obtained at www.collegemocktrial.org.

Upcoming events

Elder law CLE program Feb. 13

A one-hour CLE-credit presentation on elder law will be the program at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, Feb. 13 in the County Room on the lower level of Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St., Columbia.

As usual when CLE programs are presented, meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. The lunch price will be \$9, payable to the restaurant. A brief business meeting will precede the program.

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, Feb. 12.

The speaker will be Reginald H. Turnbull, a Jefferson City attorney. The title of his talk is "Boomer Planning: Win, Lose or DRA?" [sic], and he will explain how an elder law attorney approaches estate planning for baby boomers and their parents.

Reginald received his law degree from UMKC in 1976 and worked in state government for many years. He began private practice in 1991 and concentrates on elder and disabilities law. He is a member of the Missouri Bar Elder Law and Probate and Trust committees and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Submit questions for Bench-Bar Dinner

After a lapse of several years, this year's Bench-Bar Dinner will again feature a question-and-answer session with the judges before the dinner. Questions must to be submitted in writing to **Melissa Faurot** by 5 p.m. March 3 and can be submitted to her by mail at 28 N. 8th St., Suite 517, Columbia 65201, by fax to 442-9923 or by email to melissa@stanclay.com. The Bench-Bar Dinner will be held the evening of Tuesday, March 11, in Columbia. The location is still being selected. More details will be published in the next *Newsletter*.

2008 dues of \$40 per lawyer now due

2008 dues of \$40 per lawyer are now due. Please use the coupon below to send dues payments or claim a first-time waiver.

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. Members must pay dues or request an exemption by April.

Treasurer's Report by Christina McCartney

Account balance as of 12/21/07.....	\$9,523.43
Receipts 12/21/07 - 2/1/08	
Dues	+5,400.00
Interest.....	+1.16
Holiday Party.....	+245.00
Disbursements 12/21/07 - 2/1/08	
Accent Press (newsletter)	-87.37
Midwest Mailing (newsletter)	-109.97
Annual corporate registration report.....	-15.00
Executive Committee lunch.....	-75.00
Holiday Party.....	-4,654.22
Account balance as of 12/21/07.....	\$10,228.03

2008 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form

(Make checks payable to "Boone County Bar Association, Inc.")

To: **Christina McCartney, Treasurer**
Boone County Bar Association
2101 Corona Rd., Suite 201
Columbia, MO 65203-2582

___ Enclosed is payment of \$ _____ for 2008 BCBA dues for the following attorneys

(at \$40 per attorney)

___ Person named below claims dues waiver for: ___ Judge ___ Seniority

Name(s) and address (note contact information changes, if any) _____

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Around the bar

The Executive Committee approved the 2008 budget at its January meeting. The budget is available for review in PDF format on the BCBA web site home page. The link is in the first paragraph under "Overview of the BCBA."

Circuit Judge **Gary Oxenhandler** teamed up with St. Louisan John Caby to win the Missouri State Handball Doubles Championship in St. Louis the last weekend in January. Competing in the Super Golden Masters Division, they beat a team from Kansas City by scores of 21-20 and 21-18.

The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19 at Houlihans, 2541 Broadway Bluffs Dr. For more information, contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or sander@dansimonlaw.com.

Long-time BCBA member **Marion F. "Thursty" Thurston, Jr.** died Jan. 2 at age 94. After graduating from Hickman High School and the MU Law School, he served in the Army in World War II and then began a long career in the Army Judge Advocate General Corps. After retiring from the Army in 1968, he returned to Missouri and was the State Commissioner of Securities until 1978.

Correction: The editor apologizes for erring in last month's *Newsletter* by listing a new member as Harold R. Setser. His correct name is **Henry R. Setser**.

After her recent marriage, Tonnie Martin is now **Tonnie Martin Cook**. She also now maintains a satellite office at 8825 W. Sarr St. in Huntsdale, where the phone and fax numbers are the same as her Columbia office, 886-8981 and 886-8901 respectively.

Rachael Kennedy has reopened her mediation practice at 3610 Buttenwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 886-8989, fax 886-8901.

Recent new BCBA members, in alphabetical order, are:

* **Jennifer Koboldt Bukowsky**, an assistant public defender, 601 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 882-9701 x 229, fax 882-9147. She was a CPA for two years before starting law school, graduating from the MU Law School in May 2006. She clerked for Judge Mary Russell at the Missouri Supreme Court for a year before joining the Public Defender's Office.

* **Gregory (Greg) W. Jones**, Jones & Watkins, LLC, 2101 Corona Rd., Suite 201, Columbia 65203, phone 234-1130, fax 234-1153. Greg graduated from the MU College of Business in 1992 and from Washington University Law School in 2000. He was in private practice in St. Louis for two years and worked for five years in higher education fundraising. He is a member of the Mid-Missouri Estate Planning Council.

* **Thomas C. (Chris) Watkins**, Jones & Watkins, LLC (address above). He also graduated from the MU College of Business in 1992 and received his law degree from MU in 1995. He was previously a shareholder in Shughart, Thomson & Kilroy, P.C. in Kansas City. Like Greg Jones, he is also a member of the Mid-Missouri Estate Planning Council. Chris and Greg concentrate on estate planning, corporate and business law, business succession planning, commercial loan transactions, and real estate.

Dan Simon has office-sharing space available at 2101 Corona Rd., Suite 201, Columbia 65203. Shared facilities can include phone system, fax, reception, copier and conference room. Call Dan at 256-8989 for information.

Dan Simon also announced that Karla Klingner Diaz recently joined his office as an associate. She is a 2001 MU Law School graduate and recently returned from Washington, D.C. where she worked in both the public and private sectors. Her practice areas will be agricultural law, estate planning, personal injury, criminal defense and family law.

Elton Fay has two offices available at 11 N. Fifth St., Columbia 65201. Shared services include reception, copier, fax, internet, conference room and parking. Call Elton at 449-2969 for information.

Local lawyers are invited to the MU Law School Women's Law Association's annual charity fundraising auction at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29 at the Columbia VFW Hall. Admission to the event costs \$5, and donations of money or items to be auctioned are being sought. Last year the event raised \$10,000 for charities selected by the group. For more information, contact Melissa Buckman Young at 473-0443 or mubr39@mizzou.edu.

About 70 members attended the regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Jan. 9 to hear MU Law Prof. Emeritus **Bill Fisch**'s CLE-credit presentation, "An Early Look at the Roberts Court."