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CLE credit for 'State of Court' address at Oct. 8 meeting

13th Circuit Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton's** annual State of the Court address will be the program at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunch-time on Wednesday, Oct. 8. The program has been approved for 1.2 hours of CLE credit.

Meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. Oct. 8 in the

County Room on the lower level of Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St. 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 **Zach Bickel** at 449-2613 or zbickel@fpb-law.com by 5

p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7.

Judge Hamilton plans to discuss several topics, including:

- * Courthouse expansion, including a schedule update, the implications of pending construction, and a review of improvements including courtroom technology.

- * Jury issues, including changes in jury procedures and information on the increase in jury trials.

- * Reintegration Court, including a summary of the court to date, its status, funding, and the need for the bar's help in obtaining legislative support.

- * The domestic violence docket recently implemented in Division 11.

- * Plans to hear some mental health cases by video.

- * Jail overcrowding and the court's efforts to alleviate the problem.

Courthouse lobby work begins

Boone County Courthouse visitors will be greeted by a changed appearance in the main lobby this week as temporary partitions are being built to separate renovation areas from public access areas.

The front entrance and Public Administrator's Office will be accessible, and there will be an open area in the center of the lobby to pass through to the annex.

Some offices off the main lobby were moved last week so

renovation could begin.

The elevators have been extended to the new floors of the annex and are scheduled for final inspection Oct. 1, which will facilitate the planned Oct. 2-3 move of the Prosecutor's Office to the new top floor of the annex.

Also planned in the near future is the move of some of the Circuit Clerk's personnel.

The current target date for completion of the entire project is Jan. 31, 2009.

Several upcoming events planned

Among upcoming events is the Women Lawyer's Association of Mid-Missouri Annual Fall Event on Tuesday, Sept. 30 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Boone Tavern. Contact **Phebe LaMar** at 443-3141 or lamar@smithlewis.com for information.

The Young Lawyers Committee's second annual charity golf tournament is scheduled on Monday, Oct. 13, at the Columbia Country Club. Check-in and lunch will begin at 10:45 a.m., with tee-off at noon. Registrants who have not already paid may pay at the door. There is still space for a few more teams.

Contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com.

Also, the Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21 at Room 38 (formerly Otto's), 38 N. Eighth St.

The Association of Missouri Mediators annual conference will be held Oct. 17-18 at the Columbia Hilton Garden Inn. BCBA member **Sarah Read** will be one of the presenters for pre-conference training on "The Psychology of Conflict" on Oct. 17. Contact Sarah at 447-2349 or sjr@readadr.com for information.

Committee sign-up, program suggestions

BCBA members will have an opportunity to sign up for 2008-09 committees and suggest program ideas at the Oct. 8 meeting.

Sign-up sheets, which also have space for program ideas, will be circulated at the meeting.

Members who cannot attend the Oct. 8 meeting can download the form in PDF format from a link in this article on the News page of the BCBA web site. The form should be mailed to President **Mal Mayse**, 28 N. 8th St., Suite 411, Columbia 65201, or faxed to him at 449-3272.

Mayse to lead BCBA in 2008-09

Mal Mayse was elected 2008-09 BCBA President at the annual meeting during the Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic Sept. 5 at Twin Lakes Park.

The rest of the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee also was elected. Other new officers are **Stan Clay**, Vice President; **Zach Bickel**, Secretary; **Kristen Dickinson**, Treasurer; and **Emily Little** and **Tom Schneider**, at-large Executive Committee members.

Under BCBA bylaws, immediate past President **Jeff Parshall** also will be a member of the Executive Committee.

B. Daniel Simon chaired the Nominating Committee this year. Other members were **Linda Harris** and **Rod Stevens**.

More than 100 BCBA members, spouses, dates and children turned out for the picnic. Many thanks to the Picnic Committee headed by **Mark Langworthy** for a great event.

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Around the bar . . .

13th Circuit Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** and MU Law Prof. **Jim Devine** received the Spurgeon Smithson Award for significant contributions to the administration of justice at the Missouri Bar's Annual Meeting. The award was recognized in an advertisement placed by the BCBA in *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*. Some bar members contributed toward the cost of the ad, with the remainder being paid from the treasury.

Also honored at the Annual Meeting was **Loramel Shurtleff**, who received the Purcell Professionalism Award for competency, integrity and civility in professional and civic activities.

In other news from the Annual Meeting, **Skip Walther** was confirmed as Missouri Bar President-Elect for 2009-2010. He has served as Vice President the past year.

An updated list of caseloads for the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, dated Sept. 2, 2008, has been posted on the News page of the BCBA web site.

BCBA members **Gary Stamper** and **Rod Stevens** both completed the grueling Ford Ironman Triathlon in Louisville, KY on

Aug. 31 in less than the 17 hours allowed. The event consisted of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2 mile run. This was Gary's second completed Ironman triathlon and Rod's first. Both have signed up to participate again next year.

The BCBA Criminal Law Committee meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m. every third Thursday at the Pasta Factory. The next meeting is scheduled Oct. 16. All BCBA members are welcome to attend.

The BCBA joined with the lead sponsor, the League of Women Voters, to present a Constitution Day observance the evening of Sept. 17 at the Columbia Public Library. **Craig Van Matre** participated in a panel discussion on "My Favorite Constitutional Right."

On Sept. 15, **Christina McCartney** left Simon, Diaz & Ellis and opened the McCartney Law Office, LLC at 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 886-8913, fax 886-8901. Her primary areas are family law including guardian ad litem work, criminal law and traffic.

The general practice firm of Abbott, Schappe & Francis, LLC is opening a second office at 100 Highway 124 in Hallsville. The firm will maintain its Columbia office at 19 E. Walnut St., Suite B, Columbia 65203, phone 886-8912, fax 886-8901.

Thomas R.B. Ellis, formerly legal counsel at the Missouri Department of Social Services, has opened the Law Office of Thomas Ellis, LLC at 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 886-8931, fax 886-8901. He plans a general practice with an emphasis on family and juvenile law, probate and worker's compensation.

BCBA member **Keith W. Brunstrom** of Ashland recently was elected by the Missouri Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys to serve as 2008-09 President-Elect.

Treasurer's Report by Kristen Dickinson	
Account balance as of 8/22/08	\$6,220.72
Receipts 8/23/08 - 9/25/08	
Interest	+1.38
Contributions for MLW ad.....	+685.00
Disbursements 8/23/08 - 9/25/08	
Accent Press (newsletter).....	-90.94
Midwest Mailing (newsletter).....	-118.80
Editor/Webmaster (July-September).....	-450.00
Golf tournament deposit.....	-250.00
Picnic expenses	-1,771.09
MLW ad (Hamilton/Devine award)	-925.00
Account balance as of 9/25/08	\$3,301.27