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Court technology training scheduled

Work on the new courtroom on the third floor of the Boone County Courthouse addition is nearing completion, and the court has scheduled training sessions for using the new audio/visual technology being installed there.

Among training sessions of interest to attorneys are programs on using the system for evidence presentation at 9:30 a.m. and noon on Nov. 13 and question-and-answer sessions at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Nov. 13. Call 886-4060 to register for these sessions.

The complete training schedule is posted on the BCBA web site with this story.

In other court news, the final minutes for the Court En Banc's Aug. 5 meeting and the draft minutes for its Oct. 7 meeting have been posted on a News subpage on the web site.

Golf event succeeds

The second annual "Chipping in for Charity" Golf Tournament sponsored by the BCBA Young Lawyers Committee was a resounding success, with a great turnout in terms of players and sponsors.

The proceeds from the event will go to Mid Missouri Legal Services, Inc. The final tally has not been completed, but the contribution is expected to be between \$4,000 and \$5,000 after paying event expenses.

MMLS Executive Director **Susan Lutton** thanked the Young Lawyers Committee and gave special thanks to **Sander Sowers** and his planning group.

"Tournament proceeds will assist in funding MMLS' busy family law unit, which is staffed by five attorneys who handle nearly two-thirds of our program's 1,000+ cases annually," Susan said.

Some photographs from the event will be posted on the BCBA web site with this story when caption information is completed.

CLE credit for appellate program Nov. 12

A 1.2-hour CLE-credit panel discussion on appellate practice will be presented by three judges from the Missouri Western District Court of Appeals at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 12 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.

The panel members will be Judges Victor C. Howard, Joseph M. Ellis and Alok Ahuja. They will be in Columbia to hear arguments in several appeals.

One case they will be hearing involves issues of first impression relating to a former lesbian couple fighting over custody of a child. **Melissa Faurot** will represent the respondent in her first appellate oral argument. She got the case dismissed at the trial level for failure to state a claim.

2008-09 BCBA Committees are announced

BCBA President **Mal Mayse** has announced the following 2008-09 committee assignments:

Practice, Procedure and Judiciary: Jeff Parshall (Chair), Mark Pfeiffer, Jennifer K. Bukowsky, Amy Markel (Family Law Chair), Kay Evans (Criminal Law Chair).

Family Law: Amy Markel (Chair), Malia Parnell, Gretchen Yancey, Kristen Dickinson, Dan Simon.

Criminal Law: Kay Evans (Chair), George Batek, Gerald Mueller, Tonnie Martin Cook, Kimberly Shaw, Craig Chval.

Program and Entertainment: Stan Clay, VP (Chair), Nicole Volkert, Andrew Popplewell, Melissa Faurot.

Legal Aid: Ben Nelson (Chair), Helen Wade, Chris

Schappe.

Public Relations/Bar-Schools Partnership: Todd Werts (Chair), Daniel Ray Dunham, Bryan C. Bacon, Jeff Hilbrenner.

Nominating Committee: Elton Fay (Chair), Randall Johnston, Emily Little.

Picnic: Mark Langworthy (Chair), Carlyle Foley, Josh Oxenhandler, Sander Sowers,

Gretchen Yancey, Jason Simmons, Mike Tripp.

Young Lawyers: Sander Sowers (Chair). Jason Simmons, Doug Bieller, Greta Bassett, Erick S. Creach.

ADR/Mediation: Sarah Read (Chair), Hon. Ellen Roper, Jean Goldstein.

Juvenile Law: Anna Lingo (Chair), Christina McCartney, Liz Magee.

From BCBA President Mal Mayse

I want to sincerely thank BCBA members who submitted volunteer forms to serve on our committees for 2008-2009. Such broad participation enhances the professional environment in which we serve our clients. Committee chairs are asked to keep the Executive Committee informed of your

plans and initiatives.

Thanks, also, to Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton**, assisted by Court Administrator Kathy Lloyd, for the excellent State of the Court presentation at our Oct. 8 meeting.

Please mark your calendars now for our Holiday Party on the evening of Dec. 10. We will hold this annual event at a new venue, The Club at Old Hawthorne. It should be a very nice event with good food, entertainment and absolutely no business!

While serving as an officer of the BCBA, I have really enjoyed getting better acquainted with the younger lawyers in our association. Therefore, it is my goal to expand our membership and reach out to lawyers who do not currently belong.

Treasurer's Report by Kristen Dickinson

Account balance as of 9/25/08 \$3,301.27
Receipts 9/25/08 - 10/29/08

Interest +0.79
Contributions for MLW ad +100.00
Dues +30.00
Young Lawyers Golf Tournament +9,145.00

Disbursements 9/25/08 - 10/29/08

Accent Press (newsletter)..... -90.94
Midwest Mailing (newsletter)..... -113.59
Executive Committee lunch meeting -46.27
Check printing -25.10

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Around the bar . . .

The registration deadline is Tuesday, Nov. 4 for the Nov. 11 "Advanced Guardian ad Litem Training" program sponsored by the 13th Circuit Family Court. The program flyer and registration form are available at the top of the News page on the BCBA web site.

13th Circuit courts will be closed on the Friday following Thanksgiving pursuant to a Missouri Supreme Court order declaring the day an additional judicial holiday.

Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** sent a note thanking the BCBA for the advertisement about his receipt of the Missouri Bar's Spurgeon Smithson award. He said: "Thank you for the congratulatory advertisement in the *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*. It is easy to succeed as a judge when we have the kind of bar we have in Boone County."

About 75 BCBA members attended the Oct. 8 meeting to hear Judge Hamilton's annual "State of the Court" address. The presentation is available in PDF format on the CLE page of the BCBA web site.

The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for a happy hour at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Heidelberg, 410 S. 9th St. For information contact Sander Sowers at 256-8989 or sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com.

Criminal Law Committee Chair **Kay Evans** reminds bar members that they are welcome to attend the committee's regular meetings at 11:45 a.m. the third Thursday of each month.

BCBA Treasurer **Kristen Dickinson** left Knight, Salladay & Dickinson Oct. 31 and has opened a solo practice at 2800 Forum Blvd., Suite 3, Columbia 65203, phone 449-1616, fax 449-3004.

Anna Lingo and **Amy Markel** have formed a partnership, Markel & Lingo, at 29 S. 8th St., Suite 901, Columbia 65201. Their phone and fax numbers and email addresses are unchanged.

BCBA members **Scott Wilson** and **Dan Knight**, Boone County Prosecutor, are serving on the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri "100 Men in 100 Days Campaign" task force to recruit 100 mentors to become friends with and offer guidance to Columbia's young people.

Community Housing Options (CHO), a 501(c)(3) incorporated to develop affordable housing options, is seeking a lawyer to provide *pro bono* legal services for the next year. For information contact the corporation's board chairman, Homer Page, at 446-0441 or silcnetwork@earthlink.net.

earthlink.net.

Recent new BCBA members, in alphabetical order, are:

* **Kyle Trevor Hilger**, an associate at Oliver Walker Wilson LLC, 401 Locust St., Suite 406, P.O. Box 977, Columbia 65205, phone 443-3134, fax 442-6323. He clerked for the same firm for two years before graduating from the MU Law School earlier this year. His emphasis will be family law.

* **Roger Johnson**, an assistant Boone County prosecutor, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 886-4100, fax 886-4148.

* **Alexander R. Knoll**, an associate at Smith Lewis LLP, 111 S. 9th St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 918, Columbia 65205, phone 443-3141, fax 442-6686.

* **Alexa I. Pearson**, legislative counsel at The Missouri Bar, P.O. Box 119, Jefferson City, MO 65102, phone 573-638-2240, fax 573-635-2281.

* **Jenny Rebecca Young**, 2245 Bluff Blvd., Columbia 65201, phone 219-9766. She is a 2003 graduate of the University of Colorado-Boulder Law School and was a deputy public defender in Colorado before moving to Columbia last year with her husband and son. She recently was licensed in Missouri and is seeking employment.

A new option for lawyers whose cases require lab work is Any Lab Test Now at the Forum Shopping Center. Tests offered include paternity, drug tests, STD tests and others. Call Dr. Geoffrey Newcomb at 445-1993 for more information.

Recent changes to the BCBA web site include updates of the courthouse phone list and the list of filing fees and costs.

Women Lawyers' Holiday Party Dec. 4

The Women Lawyers' Association of Mid-Missouri will hold its annual holiday party on Thursday, Dec. 4 at the home of **Randa Rawlins**, 5408 W. Tayside Circle, Columbia.

Members are asked to bring a \$25 contribution to be divided among

the Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Service, the Columbia Voluntary Action Center, and the Boone County Drug Court.

For more information contact **Phebe LaMar** at lamar@smithlewis.com or Ann Curchin at acurchin@mail.mhanet.com.