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RSVPs due by noon Monday, Dec. 8 for Holiday Party

RSVPs are due by noon Monday, Dec. 8 for the annual Boone County Bar Association Holiday Party to be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 10, at the Club at Old Hawthorne, 6221 E. Highway WW. Spouses or dates are invited and welcome.

Make your reservations with BCBA Secretary **Zach Bickel**, 3210 Bluff Creek Dr., Columbia, MO 65201-3525, phone 449-2613, fax 875-8154, email zbickel@fpb-law.com. When making reservations, include the names of persons attending for nametags.

The event price is \$35 per person, payable to "Boone County Bar Association. Advance payment with RSVPs is requested, but payment also will be accepted at the door. We will have to pay for all who make a reservation, so those who RSVP but do not attend will be expected to pay if they did not pay in advance.

The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 10 with a social hour fea-

turing a host bar thanks to the generosity of several local law firms. A buffet dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

The buffet will include a house salad with honey balsamic dressing, roasted seasonal vegetables, a choice of garlic/herb-crusted red snapper or herb-crusted carved beef strip loin, and crispy fried apple cinnamon empanadas with caramel sauce for dessert.

While no formal program is planned, there will be a brief business meeting to take up a proposal to increase BCBA dues (see separate story below). There also will be an opportunity to introduce guests and new members.

At *Newsletter* deadline, law firms and lawyers known to be sponsoring the host bar were Atwill & Montgomery; Bley & Pfeiffer; Clay, Kline & Faurot; Ford, Parshall & Baker; Mal Mayse; Ed Orr; Scott Law Firm; and Smith-Lewis

Executive Committee proposes dues increase, from \$40 to \$50

After reviewing the association's budget and expenditures, the Boone County Bar Association Executive Committee has endorsed amending the bylaws to increase annual dues by \$10, from \$40 to \$50 per attorney. The proposal will be voted on at the Dec. 10 Holiday Party, and, if approved, will take effect Jan. 1, 2009. BCBA President Mal Mayse issued the following statement regarding the proposal:

"At its November meeting, the BCBA Executive Committee reviewed 2008 expenses and a proposed budget for 2009. The inescapable conclusion is that we need to adopt a revision in Article 9 of our bylaws to increase our annual dues to meet future expenses.

"Historically, annual dues were

increased to \$25 in 1995 and to \$40 in 2003. Since 2003, we have experienced increased expenses for communications and Newsletter printing/ mailing. We also have increased expenses for our annual Picnic, Holiday Party and Bench-Bar Dinner. During this past year, we incurred a substantial unbudgeted expense to support our Mock Trial team, which brought home a national title and recognition for the BCBA. We continue to offer approximately 10.8 hours of free, quality CLE credit for our members at nine monthly meetings (now that's a 'good deal').

"Whenever possible, we have subsidized some of our entertainment and special project expenses with firm sponsorships. We will probably need to con-

tinue such requests, even with an increase in dues. Thanks to all who have contributed for your generosity.

"Even with a decreased budget for 2009, there would be no cushion or budgeted contingency. Therefore, the Executive Committee is recommending a \$10 increase in annual dues, effective January 1, 2009. This increase will fund our present needs and allow for a reasonable contingency. Our bylaws allow amendments at any meeting with notice to members at least 10 days before the meeting. There-

fore, I am hereby providing notice that a motion to amend Article 9, Section 1 of our bylaws to increase our annual dues from \$40 to \$50, with related changes, will be presented at our annual Holiday Party meeting at The Old Hawthorne Country Club on Wednesday evening, December 10, 2008.

"In the meantime, please feel free to view our bylaws at www.bocomobar.org/bylaws.htm or make inquiry concerning this necessary action to me at mal-mayse@law@aol.com or by calling me at 875-1988."

New jury assembly process announced

Jury Supervisor Linda Dolliver and Court Marshal Les Werner have announced changes to the jury assembly process which will include making CDs containing prospective jurors' questionnaires available to lawyers before trial upon request.

The new process will begin in the near future upon completion of the new Jury Assembly Area.

Lawyers who request the CDs containing questionnaires can obtain them beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday before the week of the trial. The CDs will cover all jurors scheduled for service the following week.

To determine which jurors will actually be called for a particular

day, lawyers can call the jury "hotline" at 886-4083 after 4 p.m. Sunday through Thursday.

CD requests should be made to Linda at 886-4099. If she is not available, the request can be made to the Court Marshal's office at 886-4079.

CDs will contain a confidentiality statement and a notice that copying is prohibited. The CDs must be returned to Linda or the Court Marshal's office after the trial. Lawyers who do not return a CD will be prohibited from obtaining another CD until the earlier CD is returned.

PDF files summarizing the new jury assembly process and procedures to obtain CDs accompany this article on the BCBA web site.

Courthouse on target for January finish

The Boone County Courthouse renovation/addition project is still on target for substantial completion by the end of January 2009, according to Court Administrator Kathy Lloyd.

A flurry of moves will take place the week of Dec. 1. Criminal clerks will temporarily move to the Ground Floor, Adult Court Services and traffic clerks will move from the third floor back to their permanent locations off the main lobby,

and other clerks will temporarily move to the third floor so renovation of the Circuit Clerk's office can begin.

Full elevator service to all floors has been restored.

The new 3 West courtroom will be used starting this week, but jury trials there must await installation of jury box seating expected in January. Training sessions for the technology installed in the courtroom were held in November.

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Around the bar . . .

Thirteenth Circuit courts will be closed on Dec. 26, the day after Christmas, Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** recently ordered pursuant to authorization from the Missouri Supreme Court.

The Young Lawyers Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16 at Shiloh, 402 E. Broadway, Columbia, for their annual holiday gathering. Those attending are asked to bring a white elephant/gag gift for a gift exchange. For information, contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com.

Scott Wilson and **Dan Knight** are calling on lawyers to join the "100 Men in 100 Days Campaign" to help Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Missouri, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary of providing mentoring to young people from single-parent homes and foster homes or who have an incarcerated parent. Scott says that with mentors, children are 52% more likely to attend school, 27% less likely to begin using alcohol and 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs. For information, contact Scott at 443-4500 or scott@hineslawfirm.com, or Dan at 886-4100 or dknight@boonecountymmo.org, or visit www.bigsofcentralmo.org.

College mock trial judges sought

BCBA member **Jared Vessell** is seeking volunteers to judge the annual College Mock Trial Regional Tournament Feb. 27-28, 2009.

Columbia College and MU are hosting the tournament at the Law School. The event serves as a competitive forum for teams to earn bids to the National Championship Tournament.

Judges will score a printed ballot with established criteria and rule on evidentiary objections governed by an evidence code similar to the Federal Rules of Evidence. The Missouri Bar will authorize up to six hours of self-study CLE credit

for mock trial judging activity.

This year's case is a civil defamation case. Judges are needed for any and all of the rounds, which begin at 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, and 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. Food and beverages will be provided.

Those interested in judging or wanting more information may contact Prof. Barry Langford at Columbia College at 875-7484 or brlangford@ccis.edu, or **Jared Vessell** at 442-3000 or jpv@lawam.com. Information about intercollegiate mock trial may be obtained at www.collegemock-trial.org.

Jeff Kays has moved to another suite in the same building. His address is now 105 Oak St., Suite E, Ashland 65010. His phone and fax numbers remain 657-0098 and 657-0159, respectively.

Suzanne M. Flanegin recently moved to the MU Office of Gift Planning and Endowments, 302 Reynolds Alumni Center, Columbia 65211, phone 884-7702 or 864-1742.

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 at the Pasta Factory. For questions, contact Kay at 442-1660 or kevans@hewnlaw.com.

Recently joining the BCBA was **Daniel G. Beckett**, an associate at Smith Lewis LLP, 111 S. 9th St., P.O. Box 918, Columbia 65205, phone 443-3151, fax 442-6686.

Steve Wilson recently became an associate at Jones, Schneider & Bartlett, LLC, 11 N. 7th St., Columbia 65201, phone 449-2451, fax 443-8620. He is a 2004 graduate of the MU Law School and previously practiced in Cape Girardeau.

Docket schedules will change effective Jan. 1, 2009, the 13th Circuit Court En Banc decided at its November meeting. The changes affect only Divisions I, II, III and IV. The new schedules (in PDF format) and an explanation of the changes appear at www.bocomobar.org/schedule.htm.

About 60 BCBA members attended the Nov. 12 meeting to hear a panel discussion on appellate practice.

Treasurer's Report by Kristen Dickinson	
Account balance as of 10/29/08	\$12,301.16
Receipts 10/29/08 - 11/28/08	
Interest	+0.86
Dues	+40.00
Bar lunch reimbursement	+9.00
Disbursements 10/29/08 - 11/28/08	
Accent Press (newsletter)	-92.11
Midwest Mailing (newsletter)	-114.59
Executive Committee lunch meeting	-71.06
Boone Tavern (unpaid lunch)	-9.00
Columbia Country Club (golf tournament)	-4,455.47
Account balance as of 11/28/08	\$7,608.79