



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## MoBar President to speak Feb. 11

Missouri Bar President Thomas Burkes will be the speaker at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Meal service will begin at noon Feb. 11 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](mailto:zbickel@fpb-law.com) by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10.

Burkes will speak about resources available to lawyers through the Missouri Bar and the Bar's plans for the future. He will also answer questions.

## Mock trial judges still being sought

BCBA member **Jared Vessell** is still 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](mailto:brlangford@ccis.edu), or **Jared Vessell** at 442-3000 or [jpv@lawam.com](mailto:jpv@lawam.com). Information about intercollegiate mock trial may be obtained at [www.college-mocktrial.org](http://www.college-mocktrial.org).

## From BCBA President Mal Mayse

The Boone County Bar Association will once again be hosting the annual Bench-Bar Dinner on the evening of March 11. I will be meeting soon with Presiding Judge Gene Hamilton and Callaway County Bar Association President Bob Sterner to plan the event. Please mark your calendars. More

information will be forthcoming.

In response to comments I have received from BCBA members, I will be meeting with the management of Boone Tavern to request soup and other healthier choices on the buffet table for our regular meetings. We hope to have this done starting Feb. 11.

## Courthouse project nears end

While the substantial completion date for Boone County Courthouse renovations has been pushed back to the end of February, the end is in sight.

The civil and family court clerks are tentatively scheduled to move back to 1 North the week of Feb. 9. With clerks' offices on two floors, there will be three places for lawyers to

pick up mail: Family/Civil-1North, Criminal-2South, and Probate-2South.

Also, clerks' fax numbers have changed as follows:

- Family/Civil: 886-4044.
- Traffic/Accounting: 886-4274.
- Criminal: 886-4018
- Probate: 886-4095

New Hearing Room 3 in 2South is now being used.

## MMAJ Project invites bar comments

The Mid-Missouri Access to Justice (MMAJ) Project, initiated by Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** in April 2008, is designing a 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit program to provide central screening and referral of low-income persons to *pro bono* lawyers.

The project will coordinate with Mid Missouri Legal Services to avoid duplication or overlap. It will only serve applicants not eligible for MMLS ser-

vices.

Active participation of *pro bono* lawyers will be necessary for the program's success. A meeting will be held in the Spring to describe the program and invite lawyers to participate.

In the meantime, the MMAJ invites bar members' comments. A memo from the MMAJ appears with the online version of this story and provides an email address for submitting comments.

## Law School plans 'Small Firm, Public Interest' Expo

The MU Law School's Career Development Office will host a "Small Firm and Public Interest Expo" on Friday, March 13, at the Law School.

BCBA members are invited to attend to help introduce law students to various aspects of law practice, including small firm, not-for-profit, public interest, and government, as well as job opportunities

in the judiciary.

There will be a networking reception with law students from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on March 13, including appetizers and beverages, followed by a complimentary two-hour CLE program from 2:10 to 4 p.m. Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP to [NilgesL@missouri.edu](mailto:NilgesL@missouri.edu) by Friday, Feb. 20.

## 2009 BCBA dues of \$50 are now due

2009 dues of \$50 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 who have not paid dues by April will be removed from the rolls.

Please note any changes in name, address, phone and fax numbers and email address when sending in dues payments.

### 2009 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form

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

To: **Kristen Dickinson, Treasurer**  
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**2800 Forum Blvd., Suite 3**  
**Columbia, MO 65203-5468**

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(at \$50 per attorney)

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## Around the bar . . .

**William D. Powell, Kerry R. Bush** and **Adam K. Patchett** have formed Powell, Bush & Patchett, LLC at 1201 W. Broadway, Columbia 65203, phone 442-7000, fax 442-7001. Adam also is a new member of the BCBA.

**Joy I. Ahern**, lead attorney in the Columbia office of Kansas City-based Harris McCausland, P.C., became a partner in the firm as of Jan. 1. She is a 2004 graduate of the MU Law School.

**Helen M. Cripps** and **Jason D. Simmons** will move their firm, Cripps & Simmons, LLC, to 1109 Club Village Dr., Suite 101, Columbia 65203, effective Feb. 9. Their phone and fax numbers will remain 447-3355 and 447-3399, respectively. Anyone interested in the firm's former location at 2412 Forum Blvd., Suite 101, may contact Jason for information. The firm also has a phone system for sale.

**Harvey Hoffman** will move his office on March 1 to 28 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 516, Columbia 65201. His phone will remain 214-0410 but his fax will change to 442-7477.

**Brad Lear** and **Todd Werts** have moved their slightly renamed firm, Lear Werts LLP, to 2003 W. Broadway, Suite 107, Columbia 65203. Their phone and fax numbers remain 875-1991 and 875-1985, respectively. Their updated email addresses are on the BCBA web site.

**Aaron W. Smith** has moved his office to 2600 Forum Blvd., Suite C., Columbia 65203. His phone and fax numbers remain 443-7300 and 443-7301, respectively.

Recent new BCBA member **Ryan D. Carter**, briefly mentioned in the last Newsletter, is a new associate at Batek & Benson, 222 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Columbia 65201, phone 443-2300, fax 443-2302. He is a May 2008 MU Law School graduate and clerked for the firm his last two years in law school. He is focusing on criminal defense, dissolutions, and drivers license reinstatements.

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](mailto:kevans@hewnlaw.com).

**Carlyle Foley**, 804 Locust St., Columbia 65201, has office space available and is still looking for a reasonably current set of West's Missouri Practice. Contact him at 449-5316.

Shurtleff, Froeschner, Harris & Sleeth, 25 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Columbia 65021, has an office available for rent with a possible case-sharing arrangement. Call **Brian Sleeth** at 449-3874 for information.

Eng & Woods, 903 E. Ash St., Columbia 65201, has a loft space available for rent next door to its office. Call **Pat Eng** at 874-4190 for information.

About 70 members attended the regular BCBA meeting on Jan. 14 for a 1.2-hour CLE-credit "Family Law Update" presented by Judge **Leslie Schneider** and Family Court Commissioner **Sara Miller**. Materials from the program are available on the CLE subpage of the News page at [www.bocomobar.org](http://www.bocomobar.org).

### Byrne to prosecute in historical trial

BCBA members are invited the view the spectacle of public defender **Michael Byrne** playing a prosecutor when the MU Law School presents its third annual historical trial on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Byrne will face off against his wife, Law Prof. Rigel Oliveri, who will be lead defense counsel in *State of Illinois v. Al "Scarface" Capone*, a fictional prosecution of Capone for his alleged involvement in the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

Presented in conjunction with the Historical and Theatrical Trial Society, the trial will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 11 in the Law School Courtroom. Admission is free, and refreshments will be available.

Fred Parry will play Capone, Mayor

**Darwin Hindman** will be the jury foreman, and U.S. District Court Judge E. Richard Webber will preside.

### YLC to meet Feb. 17

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will meet at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17 at Bleu, 23 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., for a lunch meeting.

At the meeting members will discuss participating again in the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake on Saturday, March 14. Each team is expected to raise at least \$300.

For more information, contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or [sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com](mailto:sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com).

<b>Treasurer's Report by Kristen Dickinson</b>	
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Holiday Party .....	+35.00
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