



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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RSVPs due March 6 for March 11 Bench-Bar Dinner

The annual Bench-Bar Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11 at The Club at Old Hawthorne, 6221 E. Broadway (Highway WW).

RSVP: Reservations must be made *by noon, Friday, March 6*, with BCBA Secretary **Zach Bickel** at 449-2613 or zbickel@fpb-law.com.

The cost per person will be \$25, payable to the BCBA either with reservations or at the door. Those who RSVP but do not attend will be required to pay because the bar will be billed based on the

March, April programs planned

Mark your calendar now for these upcoming BCBA meetings:
April 8: The MU Law School librarian will present a program on resources available at the library.
May 13: Missouri Ethics Counsel Sara Rittman will present a program which will provide 1.2 hours of CLE ethics credit.

number of reservations.

The evening's schedule will begin with a social time at 6 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner. There will be a cash bar.

The program will include remarks by Presiding Circuit Judge **Gene Hamilton** and a presentation by Boone County Circuit Clerk **Christy Blakemore**. Guests will in-

clude our Court Administrator, official court reporters, and chief deputy clerks and division heads from the Court Administrator's and Circuit Clerk's offices.

The Club at Old Hawthorne is located 2½ miles east of Highway 63. It is also convenient for Callaway Bar members because it is only 18 miles from downtown Fulton. The banquet facility has a separate entrance on the east side.

The Bench-Bar Dinner is

designed to allow lawyers, judges, clerks, court administrator and division heads to mingle in a relaxed, informal setting. This is not an event at which we include spouses or dates.

The event is co-sponsored by the Boone and Callaway County Bar Associations. It alternates two years in Boone County and one year in Callaway County. This is our second year to host the event, and it will be held in Callaway County next year.

The planning committee for this year's event included Judge Hamilton, BCBA President **Mal Mayse** and Vice President **Stan Clay**, and CCBA President **Bob Sterner**.

Courthouse 'substantially completed'

Although substantial punch-list work remains to be done, the Boone County Courthouse expansion/renovation project reached a milestone on Feb. 27 – the "substantial completion" date. Major construction is finished.

This coming week furniture will be delivered for the new jury assembly room, and all staff will be moved to their permanent locations.

Millwork items still to be delivered and installed include cabinets and countertops for the

civil/family clerks' office on 1-North and the new Counsel Chambers on 2-South.

However, temporary furniture will be moved into the Counsel Chambers, and it will be open for general use this week.

Court Administrator **Kathy Lloyd** thanked Boone County Commissioner **Karen Miller** for her "commitment and tenacity" in helping complete the project.

There will be an opportunity to tour the courthouse during an open house tentatively being planned for April.

Use coupon below to pay 2009 dues

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.

To help pay increasing expenses, dues were increased to \$50/year from \$40/year by a Bylaws amendment approved at the Dec. 10 Holiday Party.

2009 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form

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

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

___ Enclosed is payment of \$ _____ for 2009 BCBA dues for the following attorneys

(at \$50 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 Women Lawyers' Association of Mid-Missouri will hold its Spring Legislative Event 6-8 p.m. Monday, March 9 at the Supreme Court Building in Jefferson City. Speakers will include Rep. Rachel Bringer, State Auditor Susan Montee, Missouri Bar President Tom Burke and Supreme Court Judge Mary Russell. CLE credit is being applied for. Refreshments and appetizers will be served. Annual \$25 dues may be paid at the meeting. For information, contact Anne Curchin at 573-893-3700 or acurchin@mail.mhanet.com.

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will meet for a happy hour at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at Bengals, 227 S. 6th St. Also, the YLC is organizing teams for the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser on Saturday, March 14. Contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com for information.

Andrew G. Hernandez, former local District Public Defender, died Tuesday, Feb. 17. After retiring as a public defender, he lived in Lake St. Louis and did *pro bono* work for the Hispanic community.

Zachary Cartwright has retired as Senior Litigation Counsel at the Missouri Department of Transportation and will be entering private practice in Columbia with his son **Adam Cartwright**, who also recently joined the BCBA. They will announce their office location and other contact information in the near future.

Dianna Coy Long and her associate **Jeff Erickson** have moved the Mid-Missouri Bankruptcy Center to 806 Locust St., Columbia 65201. Their phone and fax numbers remain 442-8123 and 442-8127, respectively.

Alex George and his associate **Casey Berndt** have moved the George Law Firm, LLC to 910 E. Broadway, Suite 204, Columbia 65201. Their phone and fax numbers remain 442-

6050 and 442-6053, respectively.

Many thanks to **Erick Creach** of Van Matre, Harrison, Volkert & Hollis, PC. for his tax-related service to the BCBA. Last year he successfully obtained a sales tax exemption for us, and in the process caught up on IRS and state Revenue Department filings. This year he recently completed the required non-profit tax return filing.

Effective March 1 Circuit Judge **Gene Hamilton's** criminal dockets previously scheduled at 10:30 a.m. on the first, second and fourth Mondays will instead begin at 10 a.m.

Recently joining the BCBA was **David Weidner**, an associate at Atwill & Montgomery, 28 N. 8th St., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 442-3000, fax 449-1094.

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.

About 25 members attended the Feb. 11 BCBA meeting to hear a talk by Missouri Bar President Tom Burke.

Treasurer's Report by Kristen Dickinson	
Account balance as of 1/31/09	\$12334.45
Receipts 1/31/09 - 2/26/09	
Interest	+0.87
Holiday Party	+105.00
Dues for 2009	+3200.00
Disbursements 1/31/09 - 2/26/09	
Accent Press (newsletter)	-84.82
Midwest Mailing (newsletter).....	-113.04
Automated Systems Consulting (web site hosting) ..	-360.00
Account balance as of 2/26/09	\$15082.46