



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## Free legal research resources is CLE topic on April 8

“Leveraging Your Research Capabilities: Best Uses of the MU Law Library’s Resources” will be the subject of a 1.2-hour CLE-credit program at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, April 8.

The program will focus on how lawyers can maximize research capabilities using free services.

Meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. April 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 res-

taurant. 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, April 7.

The presenters from the MU Law Library will be Steve Lambson, Coordinator of Reference Services, and John Dethman, reference librarian, who oversees access services.

Their presentation will focus on three types of free resources:

- Internet resources available from the comfort of your office or home.

- Print resources available at the library, including how to find them.

- High-power databases available at the library, free of charge.

The presenters will provide handouts including lists of services available to the practicing bar.

Steve Lambson received a law degree in 1984 and a master’s degree in library and information sciences in 1988, both from MU. He has been with the MU Law Library for 22 years.

John Dethman previously practiced law in Colorado and taught tax at several schools. He retired from practice in 2000 and shifted to law librarianship. He has been at MU since 2001.

## Courthouse dedication April 17-18

The 13th Judicial Circuit Court will host several activities to commemorate the completion of the expansion and renovation of the Boone County Courthouse on Friday, April 17, and Saturday, April 18.

On Friday, April 17, there will be tours of the expansion and renovation areas for court and county employees from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tours are expected to take approximately 70 minutes and will begin every 15 minutes.

Friday evening from 5 to 7 p.m. there will be a reception for members of the Boone and Callaway County Bar Associations and other invited guests. There will be a pres-

entation regarding the expansion project from 6 to 6:30 p.m., with refreshments and informal tours before and after the program. Members of the various departments will be available in their work areas to answer questions.

The Boone County Courthouse will be open with tours for the public from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 18. Guided tours will begin every 15 minutes, and will take approximately 70 minutes.

A formal dedication ceremony will be held in the Ceremonial Courtroom at noon Saturday.

Tours will resume at 1 p.m. and will be available to the public until 3 p.m.

## News from the 13th Judicial Circuit

At its March 10 meeting, the 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court En Banc approved revised Local Rule 69.7, adding a new paragraph allowing electronic signatures in Municipal Court cases. Bar comment is invited before the rule takes effect May 11. The text of the revised rule appears in PDF format with the on-line version of this story.

Other recent noteworthy news from the court includes:

- The new system of making prospective jurors’ questionnaires available to lawyers on CDs took effect March 16. More information

about the procedures is available on the BCBA web site News page.

- New docket schedules effective March 1 have been posted on the BCBA web site.

### Inn taking applications

The Elwood L. Thomas Inn of Court is once again accepting applications for Associate Members (0-5 years experience) and Barrister Members (6-10 years experience).

Applications are due by April 17. The application form is posted in PDF format with the on-line version of this story.

## 83 still owe dues; deadline is April 30

2009 dues of \$50 per lawyer are still owed by 83 of the 338 dues-paying members on the BCBA rolls. Those who have not paid by April 30 will be removed from the rolls.

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.

Please use the coupon below and 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.”)

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**2800 Forum Blvd., Suite 3**  
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(at \$50 per attorney)

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## Around the bar . . .

The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, at Bangkok Gardens, 811 Cherry St. For information contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or [sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com](mailto:sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com). In other YLC news, members participated in the annual Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser on March 14 and raised more than \$1,200 for the event.

The Women Lawyers' Association of Mid-Missouri is hosting a member social hour and movie screening at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at Ragtag Cinema, 10 Hitt St., Columbia. For information, contact Tamara Kopp at [tamarawallace@yahoo.com](mailto:tamarawallace@yahoo.com) or Anne Curchin at [acurchin@mail.mhanet.com](mailto:acurchin@mail.mhanet.com).

ABC Laboratories is seeking contract-based legal assistance to review vendor confidentiality agreements on an as-needed basis. Interested lawyers may contact Julie Fancher at 777-6093 or [fancher@abclabs.com](mailto:fancher@abclabs.com).

### From BCBA President Mal Mayse

We had a great turnout of 90 for the Bench-Bar Dinner at The Old Hawthorne Country Club on March 11. It was a great evening and an opportunity for the BCBA to show its appreciation to the active judges, retired judges, court reporters, court marshals, court administrator, circuit clerks and several staff members from the courthouses in Columbia and Fulton.

All comments I received were favorable toward the facility, event and food service. Thanks to all who chose to attend and

help make this event a success. I would especially like to thank Presiding Judge Gene Hamilton and his staff, Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore, Callaway County Bar Association President Bob Sterner, BCBA Vice President Stan Clay, Treasurer Kristen Dickinson and Secretary Zach Bickel for making the evening a complete success.

For those of you who weren't able to attend, we missed you and hope you will be able to attend next year's event hosted by the Callaway County Bar.

**Kevin O'Brien** recently left his position as District Defender and opened the Law Office of Kevin O'Brien, LLC at 28 N. Eighth St., Suite 517, phone 442-5944, fax 442-9932. He also recently rejoined the BCBA. He had worked in the public defender system since receiving his law degree from UMKC in 1998. He will focus on criminal defense, family law, personal injury and general litigation.

Assistant Public Defender **Michael Bryne** plans to leave the office effective March 31.

**Norm Lampton** recently closed his solo practice and became an associate at the Law Offices of Beverly Riordan, 200 Old 63 South, Suite 201, Columbia 65201, phone 875-5596, fax 875-5977.

**Casey Rose Berndt**, formerly an associate at The George Law Firm, LLC, recently became an associate at Markel & Lingo, 23 S. Eighth St., Suite 903, Columbia 65201, phone 449-2740, fax 443-2569.

The Boone County Prosecuting Attorney made some changes in its caseload assignments effective March 23. The new assignment list is posted in PDF format on the News page of the BCBA web site.

<b>Treasurer's Report by Kristen Dickinson</b>	
<b>Account balance as of 2/26/09</b>	<b>\$15082.46</b>
<b>Receipts 2/27/09 - 3/27/09</b>	
Interest	+0.84
Dues for 2009	+500.00
Bench-Bar Dinner	+2400.00
<b>Disbursements 2/27/09 - 3/27/09</b>	
Accent Press (newsletter)	-83.72
Midwest Mailing (newsletter)	-92.51
Editor/Webmaster (January-March)	-450.00
Club at Old Hawthorne (Bench-Bar Dinner)	-3367.90
Boone Tavern	-30.58
City of Columbia-picnic shelter reservation	-40.00
USPS (stamps)	-8.40
<b>Account balance as of 3/27/09</b>	<b>\$13910.19</b>