



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## Picnic, election scheduled evening of Friday, September 18

### Clay heads slate of officer nominees

The following slate of 2009-2010 BCBA officers will be voted on at the September 18 picnic:

President – **Stan Clay**

Vice President – **Tim Harlan**

Treasurer – **Jill Jackson**

Secretary – **Todd Werts**

At-Large Executive Committee members – **Phebe LaMar** and **Tom Mings**.

BCBA bylaws also allow nominations from the floor with the consent of those so nominated. This year's Nominating Committee consisted of **Elton Fay**, chair, and **Randall Johnston** and **Emily Little**.

### Upcoming programs

**Oct. 14:** Presiding Circuit Judge **Gene Hamilton** will give his annual "State of the Judiciary" presentation.

**Nov. 18:** Judges from the Western District Court of Appeals will discuss appellate practice. (Note: This meeting will be on the third Wednesday because the second Wednesday is Veterans Day).

Bar members and their spouses, children and dates are invited to the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic and Annual Meeting on Friday, Sept. 18 at Twin Lakes Park. There will be no charge to those attending. RSVPs are not required.

A social hour will begin about 5 p.m. Dinner will be served about 6 p.m. Election of 2009-2010 officers will follow (see box to left).

Twin Lakes Park is located at 2500 Chapel Hill Rd. Bear right after entering the park to go to the shelter area.

The traditional menu will be served—barbecued ribeye rolls, brats, hot dogs, catered side dishes, and soft drinks and beer.

The Picnic Committee, headed by **Mark Langworthy** will begin cooking and other preparations in the early afternoon and will welcome anyone willing to help. Contact Mark at 884-3083 or [langworthym@missouri.edu](mailto:langworthym@missouri.edu) to volunteer.

The picnic is named in honor of the late **Jim Butcher**, who organized the event for many years before his death in 1986. His widow Joan has been invited.

## Golf registrations due September 18

Sept. 18 is the registration deadline for the BCBA Young Lawyers Committee's annual charity golf tournament, "Chipping in for Charity," which will be held on Monday, Oct. 12 (Columbus Day, a court holiday) at the Columbia Country Club.

The registration form, which includes more information about the format of the tournament, accompanies the online version of this article on the BCBA website.

Net proceeds from the tournament

will benefit the newly formed Mid-Missouri Access to Justice Project.

The YLC also is seeking sponsorships and prize donations for the tournament. See the registration form for more information on the various sponsorships and/or contact **Gretchen Yancey** at 443-2828 or [gyancey@edorr.com](mailto:gyancey@edorr.com), or **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or [sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com](mailto:sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com).

Last year's golf tournament raised more than \$5,500 for Mid Missouri Legal Services.

## Final installment: What's Your ADR I.Q?

This will be our last in the "What's Your ADR IQ" series. Look for the "Test Your ADR IQ Quiz" at the picnic—a drawing from completed quizzes will determine who wins the associated raffle prize.

A new development: On July 15, 2009 the National Conference of

Commissioners on Uniform State Laws adopted a Uniform Collaborative Law Act. The text voted on by the commission accompanies the online version of this article on the BCBA website.

Links to a variety of other ADR resources are also part of the online version of this article.

## Family Law panel OKs legislative proposals

At its Aug. 11 meeting, the BCBA Family Law Committee discussed and approved three legislative proposals from the Missouri Bar.

The Executive Committee will pass on the local bar's position to the Missouri Bar.

The proposals approved were:

\* Amending portions of Chapter 452 to provide for the appointment

of a Parent Coordinator with conflict resolution powers in high-conflict family law cases.

\* Adoption of the 2001 and 2008 national amendments to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA).

\* Providing legislative guidelines for the creation and enforcement of premarital agreements.

## Mitchell investiture as judge set Oct. 9

BCBA member **Karen King Mitchell**, formerly the Director of the Missouri Department of Revenue, will be formally invested as a member of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, at 3 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Boone County Courthouse.

Her recent appointment by Gov. Jay Nixon marks the first occasion for two lawyers from Boone County to serve on the court at the same time. BCBA member **Mark Pfeiffer** was sworn in as a judge of the court on June 4.

In another first, both Judge Pfeiffer and Judge Mitchell have elected to maintain offices in Columbia as well as Kansas City.

## Vox 'Top Lawyers' survey in mail soon

*Vox Magazine*, published by the MU School of Journalism, will be surveying local lawyers soon in preparation for a "Top Lawyers" issue in December.

After the survey is complete, the magazine will release the results, and its reporters will cover a variety of stories about the legal system and the people who make it work. They will include profiles of lawyers and

judges, stories about important cases, legal issues or community conflicts, and reports on the courts.

The BCBA Executive Committee urges members to complete the surveys promptly to assist in this project which will help educate the public about the legal system and help student reporters learn how to cover the legal system in constructive and informative ways.

## MMA2J project seeks more pro bono help

The Mid-Missouri Access to Justice (MMA2J) Project is now housed in donated office space at 400 Wilkes Blvd. in Columbia and is seeking more attorneys to provide *pro bono* services to low-income individuals.

Attorneys are needed to handle specific cases, to provide guidance to *pro se* litigants, and to staff "office hours" at the Boone County Courthouse.

Lawyers who volunteered at the

kick-off event on May 4, 2009 will be contacted soon.

MMA2J can be contacted at 874-2292 or [midmoaccessjustice@centurytel.net](mailto:midmoaccessjustice@centurytel.net).

In other *pro bono* news, the Missouri Supreme Court's Committee on Access to Family Courts has developed a plan called "Matchmaking Pro Bono Attorneys with Needy Clients." Information is available at [www.selfrepresent.mo.gov](http://www.selfrepresent.mo.gov).

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## Around the bar . . .

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will meet for happy hour at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15 at The Vault, 23 S. Eighth St., Columbia to discuss the upcoming golf tournament. For information contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or [sander@sdelawfirm.com](mailto:sander@sdelawfirm.com). Sander recently won a seat on the Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Section Council.

A free CLE-credit mediation training session will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 at the Boone County Courthouse. Stephen Stark will speak on "Uses of Mediation in Elder Law and Estate Issues." Attendees should bring their own lunches.

The BCBA Criminal Law Committee will meet at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 at the Pasta Factory. On the agenda will be discussion of 2010 local elections.

The Newman Center will celebrate a "Red Mass" for all in the legal profession at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 5. Light refreshments will be served afterward.

On August 30, **Gary Stamper** and **Rod Stevens** completed the 2009 Louisville Ironman Triathlon, which included a 2.4-mile swim in the Ohio River, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run.

**Susan Ford Robertson** and **Zach Bickel** have left Ford, Parshall & Baker, LLC to form a new appellate practice, the Robertson Law Group, LLC, 1044 Main St., Suite 500, Kansas City 64105, phone 816-221-7010, fax 816-221-7015.

**Anna Lingo**, **Amy Markel** and **Casey Berndt** will move the Markel & Lingo firm to 1020 E. Walnut St. Columbia 65201 on Sept. 23. They also will consolidate phone numbers, with the main phone number being 449-2740 and the fax number, 443-2569.

With the departure of **Melissa Faurot**, who is the new Juvenile Office attorney, **Stan Clay** and **Lorri Kline** have welcomed **Jenny Young** to the renamed firm of Clay, Kline & Young, LLC at 28 N. Eighth St., Suite 517, Columbia 65201, phone 442-1646, fax 442-9932. Jenny was formerly an associate at the Murray Law Firm and previously worked as a public defender in Colorado.

**Chris Slusher** is joining **Mike Holder** and **Bogdan Susan** in the renamed firm of Holder, Susan & Slusher. The firm will move to offices being remodeled at 107 N. Seventh St., Columbia 65201. The firm concentrates in criminal defense and personal injury.

**Marjorie Tarkow** has opened a branch office for her employment law practice at 315 Bernadette Dr., Suite 3, Columbia 65203. Her main office remains at 609 Redbud Lane, Columbia 65203. Phone and fax numbers remain 874-4185 and 443-1807 respectively.

Recently joining the BCBA was **Rebecca K. McKinstry**, a new associate at Harlan, Harlan & Still, 307 Locust St., P.O. Box 933, Columbia 65205, phone 874-2402, fax 443-3354. She is a 2008 MU Law School graduate and previously worked as an assistant attorney general. She will concentrate on social security disability.

Eng & Woods is breaking ground to add 1,400 square feet of rental office space on Tenth St. in Columbia. The space, which would be suitable for a law office, will be available about Jan. 1.

There is still time to register for Law Day and Class Reunions 2009 at the MU Law School Sept. 11-12. See [www.law.missouri.edu/alumni/lawday](http://www.law.missouri.edu/alumni/lawday) for information.

The third annual Mid-Missouri Bankruptcy Bar Picnic was held at Stephens Park on July 31. Attorneys representing debtors and creditors, as well as trustees, attended. **Mike McCrary** chaired the event.

**Stan Clay** still has office-sharing space available at 28 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 517. Included are receptionist, secretary, phone system, fax, conference room, copier, postage, utilities, possibly some furniture, and electronic research access. Call Stan at 442-1646 for information.

**Norm Lampton** has converted the new Case Filing Sheets to WordPerfect format and will provide them by email upon request to [lampton@riordanlaw.com](mailto:lampton@riordanlaw.com).

New caseload assignments for the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's office effective August 31 have been posted on the News page of the BCBA website.

About 50 BCBA members attended the August 12 regular meeting to hear MU Journalism Prof. Steve Weinberg's talk on "The Innocence Project."

<b>Treasurer's Report by Kristen Dickinson</b>	
Account balance as of 7/31/09 .....	<b>\$12084.69</b>
<b>Receipts 7/31/09 -9/3/09</b>	
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<b>Disbursements 7/31/09 - 9/3/09</b>	
Accent Press (newsletter) .....	-74.85
Midwest Mailing (newsletter).....	-95.87
Campus Jewelers (plaque) .....	-78.04
Columbia Country Club (YLC golf tournament).....	-350.00
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