



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## Clay to lead BCBA in 2009-10

Stan Clay was elected as 2009-2010 BCBA President at the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic and Annual Meeting on Sept. 18 at Twin Lakes Park.

Other officers elected were Tom Schneider as Vice President, Todd Werts as Secretary, Jill Jackson as Treasurer, and Phebe LaMar and Tom Mingus as at-large Executive Committee members. Immediate Past President Mal Mayse will also serve on the Executive Committee.

Some 100 bar members and their spouses, children and dates attended the picnic.

Many thanks to the Picnic Committee chaired by Mark Langworthy. Assisting Mark were Mary Carnahan, Elton Fay, Carlyle Foley, Lori Green, Josh Oxenhandler, Jason Simmons, Sander Sowers and Gretchen Yancy.

## Walther confirmed as new MoBar head

Our own Skip Walther was confirmed as 2009-2010 President of 29,000-member Missouri Bar at the 130<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting last month in St. Louis.

Skip spoke at our July 9 meeting and invited BCBA members to participate in planning the next MoBar Annual Meeting to be held in Columbia in late September 2010 – only the second time in history for Columbia to be the site of the event.

Skip said the planning committee for the 2010 meeting will be formed in October this year, and the committee will have broad discretion to decide on programming and events. BCBA members interested in serving on the planning committee should contact Skip at 442-2454 or skip@wasf-law.com.

Articles about Skip's ascension to the MoBar Presidency appeared in *The Columbia Daily Tribune* and *The Columbia Business Times* last week.

## Vox 'Top Lawyer' survey in the mail

BCBA members should have received the *Vox Magazine* "Top Lawyers" survey in the mail by now. As noted last month, the Executive Committee urges members to complete and 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.

Survey forms should be returned in the postpaid envelopes provided so that they reach Vox by October 15.

Those responding have an opportunity to win a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate at MacKenzie's Prime, downtown Columbia's newest fine restaurant.

The supervising faculty members and the students at the MU Journalism School thank BCBA members who participate. For more information contact Journalism Prof. Michael Grinfeld at 884-1633 or [GrinfeldM@missouri.edu](mailto:GrinfeldM@missouri.edu).

## 'State of the Court' address at Oct. 14 meeting

Presiding Judge Gene Hamilton will present his annual "State of the Court" address at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St.

Meal service will begin at noon in the County Room on the lower level of the restaurant. The lunch price will be \$9, payable to Boone Tavern. A brief business meeting will precede the program.

**RSVP:** To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary Todd Werts at 875-1991 or [werts@learwerts.com](mailto:werts@learwerts.com) by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct 13.

An important item of business at the meeting will be signing up for BCBA committees and suggesting program ideas for

the coming year. A form for this purpose will be placed on the tables.

### Upcoming Events

- BCBA member Karen King Mitchell, formerly the Director of the state 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.

- At the Nov. 18 BCBA meeting, three judges from the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, including Mark Pfeiffer and Karen King Mitchell, will give a CLE-credit program on appellate practice. Note that this meeting will be on the third Wednesday because Nov. 11 is a court holiday.

## From the BCBA Presidents – Past and Present

I want to acknowledge the privilege of serving as 2008-2009 President of the BCBA. It has been a unique and exciting year as we enjoyed the completion and dedication of the Courthouse expansion and renovation.

Also, the Mid-Missouri Access to Justice Project has been launched, and we have been honored to see Skip Walther installed as President of the Missouri Bar Association and two of our members, Mark Pfeiffer and Karen King Mitchell, selected for judicial positions on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District.

For the second successive year, we hosted the 13th Judicial Circuit Bench-Bar Dinner at The Club at Old Hawthorne, a new venue where we enjoyed the Annual Holiday Party in December!

The BCBA has continued our strong tradition of charity and public service with the annual Golf Tournament and college scholarship program for deserving Boone County students. Our continued support of the high school Mock Trial program was rewarded with a state championship and strong national showing by the Hickman High School team.

With continuation of our CLE programs, we offered BCBA members excellent and low-cost opportunities for professional development.

With a modest increase in dues and increased electronic-only dissemination of the monthly *Newsletter*, we have improved our financial condition and left adequate fund balances for the new administration.

Finally, I want to thank the other officers, Executive Committee, all BCBA committees and committee chairs for working diligently to continue our strong tradition as an active and effective local bar association. Best wishes to the new BCBA President, Stan Clay, and his administration. This was an honor and valuable experience I will always remember.

—Mal Mayse

## John Brown to be tried in historical mock trial Oct. 15

On May 24, 1856, John Brown led a raid of abolitionists on the pro-slavery settlement of Pottawatomie Creek in the Kansas Territory.

On Oct. 15, 2009, the University of Missouri School of Law's Historical and Theatrical Trial Society (HATTS) will present a historical mock trial of the

*United States vs. John Brown*. HATTS is a group of students and faculty dedicated to exploring the intersection of law, history and theatre. Each year the society selects an event from history that represents a potential cause of action that was never tried in its own time. It then researches the event and stages a mock trial that applies modern law to the historical facts.

In 1856, tensions between Free Staters and pro-slavery forces ran high. The free staters from the East wanted to claim the Kansas Territory and ensure that it would always be free, while the pro-slavery Missourians wanted to expand their agricultural way of life west and make Kansas a slaveholding territory. The competing factions were unwilling to compromise and turmoil erupted in the Territory. Both sides resorted to guerrilla warfare and violent

raids on towns in both states. John Brown and his group responded to violence against the Free Staters in Lawrence, Kan., by going on a midnight raid of Pottawatomie Creek that resulted in the murder of five pro-slavery men.

MU School of Law students, members of the Columbia community, professors, judges and attorneys will portray historical characters and will try John Brown under federal statutes for these heinous crimes. Participants will be dressed in costumes from the period and will play roles that are historically accurate, legally factual and very entertaining.

The trial is free and open to the public. It will start at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15 at the Missouri Theatre, 203 S. Ninth St. Due to the violent nature of the historical events to be discussed, parental guidance for children 13 and under is encouraged.

—Stan Clay

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## Around the bar . . .

**Ron Bartlett**, who had been a partner at Jones, Schneider & Bartlett since 1986, recently left the firm to open a solo practice at 29 E. Ash St., Columbia 65203, phone 441-2667, fax 441-2597. With his departure, **Rodney Stevens** became a named partner at Jones, Schneider & Stevens.

**Lawrence W. Ferguson** has moved his office to 903 Old Hwy. 63 N., Suite C, Columbia 65201. His phone and fax numbers remain 817-2053 and 874-5640.

The annual Fall Get-together of the Women Lawyers' Association of Mid-Missouri will be held at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 7 at the MU Law School and will feature a 1.1-hour CLE-credit program on work/life balance by **Sarah Read**. Annual dues of \$25 can be paid at the meeting. For questions contact Amy Hoyt at [woodsav@health.missouri.edu](mailto:woodsav@health.missouri.edu). Those interested in going out for dinner after the meeting should contact **Gretchen Yancy** at [gyancey@edorr.com](mailto:gyancey@edorr.com).

The BCBA Criminal Law Committee will meet at 11:45 a.m. Oct. 15 at the Pasta Factory to discuss DWI Court and Domestic Violence Court. For questions contact **Kay Evans** at 442-1660 or [kevans@hewnlaw.com](mailto:kevans@hewnlaw.com).

Bar members are invited to attend a panel discussion of "Women of the Missouri State Supreme Court: Words of Experience" at 9:45 a.m. Oct. 16 at Courtyard Marriott, 3301 LeMone Industrial Blvd., sponsored by the MU Law School Library and Women's Law Association, Mid-America Association of Law Libraries and Women Lawyers' Association of Mid-Missouri. Speakers will be Columbia's own **Ann Covington**, retired Chief Justice, and current Judge Mary Russell.

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Oct. 20 at Flat Branch Pub, 115 S. 5th St. For information contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or [sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com](mailto:sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com).

Mid-Missouri Access to Justice and Mid Missouri Legal Services will host a breakfast at 8 a.m. Oct. 30 in the Jury Assembly Room at the Boone County Courthouse to thank attorneys who have already volunteered their time and to provide information for attorneys interested in participating. The breakfast is part of the observance of Pro Bono Week Oct. 26-30. For information, contact **Negar Jackson** at [midmoaccessstojustice@centurytel.net](mailto:midmoaccessstojustice@centurytel.net).

Recent new BCBA members, in alphabetical order, are:

- **Lori Neidel**, who joined Cosgrove Law, LLC and is practicing securities law from a home office at 2911 Oak Lawn Dr., Columbia 65203. She formerly served as Chief Enforcement Counsel for the Missouri Securities Division. She is a 1995

### Recent updates to BCBA website

- New Parenting Plan forms on the **Other Forms** page.
- Updated Filing Information Sheet forms, including fillable-PDF forms, on the **Other Forms** page,
- Revised Local Rule 9.5 accessible from the **Local Rules** page, as well as an updated complete copy of the Local Rules.
- Revised list of filing fees and costs on the **Fees/Costs** page.
- A memo detailing variations in Associate Circuit Judges docket schedules on the **Docket Schedule** page.

graduate of St. Louis University Law School. Before law school she worked as a registered representative for a national broker-dealer.

- **Samantha J. Reeves**, a new associate at Harper, Evans, Wade & Netemeyer, 401 Locust St., Suite 401, Columbia 65201, phone 442-1660, fax 449-5855. She is a Columbia native and a 2009 MU Law School graduate. While in law school she did research for the Innocence Project, was president of the Public Interest Law Association, and clerked at Harper, Evans. She will focus on family law.

- **Jacob P. Skousen**, a new associate at Ford, Parshall & Baker, 3210 Bluff Creek Dr., Columbia 65201, phone 449-2613, fax 875-8154.

- **Nathan C. Wright**, a new associate at the Darrough Law Firm, 28 N. 8th St., Suite 517, Columbia 65201, phone 445-1234, fax 442-9932. He is a 2009 MU Law School graduate and previously clerked for the same firm. He will focus on construction and real estate law.

BCBA member **Steve Faber** reports that the Columbia Independent School has used two-, four- and five-drawer lateral file cabinets for sale. For information write [thompsoj2405@yahoo.com](mailto:thompsoj2405@yahoo.com).

MU Law School Associate Dean **Jim Devine** has announced that bar members can follow daily events at the Law School on the school's Twitter page at <http://twitter.com/MULawAssocDean>.

### Still time to sign up for YLC golf tournament

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

passed, there is still room for more teams. Those interested should contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or [sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com](mailto:sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com).

Net proceeds from the tournament will benefit the newly formed Mid-Missouri Access to Justice Project.

Although the registration deadline has

### Treasurer's Report by Jill Jackson

Account balance as of 9/3/09.....	\$12029.57
<b>Receipts 9/3/09 -10/1/09</b>	
Interest .....	+0.53
Dues .....	+25.00
<b>Disbursements 9/3/09 - 10/1/09</b>	
Accent Press (newsletter) .....	-74.85
Midwest Mailing (newsletter) .....	-96.00
Editor/webmaster (July-September).....	-450.00
Hy-Vee (picnic) .....	-772.18
Buckingham's (picnic) .....	-241.99
Other picnic expenses .....	-857.27
Boone Tavern (Executive Committee).....	-45.84
<b>Account balance as of 10/1/09.....</b>	<b>\$9516.97</b>