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Bylaws changes are proposed

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws will be voted on at the Nov. 18 meeting. The text of the proposed changes is at the top of the Bylaws page of the BCBA website. A detailed notice of the proposed changes was emailed to bar members on Oct. 27.

The proposed changes include making the editor/webmaster an appointed officer and voting member of the Executive Committee, increasing the quorum requirement for the Executive Committee, and creating a new category of “public service lawyers” who would pay one-half of normal dues.

Judge Knox to retire in January

Federal Magistrate Judge **William A. Knox** of the U.S. District Court, Western District of Missouri, plans to retire in January after almost 25 years on the bench.

There was a retirement reception for him at the Club at Old Hawthorne on Nov. 5. The BCBA presented him with an engraved clock at the reception.

Judge Knox was a professor at the University of Missouri Law School before being appointed to the bench.

13th Circuit Court, judges receive awards

The 13th Judicial Circuit received its second Permanency Award, and Associate Circuit Judges **Christine Carpenter** and **Deborah Daniels** received the ASTAR (Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource) Awards on Nov. 5.

The Permanency Award is given to circuits for successfully holding timely hearings in child abuse and neglect cases.

Appellate practice CLE program on November 18

“Appellate Practice Before the Western District Court of Appeals” will be the CLE-credit topic at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 18 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 the meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Todd Werts** at 875-1991 or werts@learwerts.com by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17.

The presenters will include Boone County’s

own **Mark Pfeiffer** and **Karen King Mitchell**, both of whom recently were appointed to the court. Also participating will be Judge James Welsh and Clerk Terrance Lord. **Susan Ford Robertson** will moderate.

Mark your calendars now for these future events:

- Holiday Party, 6 p.m. Dec. 9 at the Club at Old Hawthorne.
- Regular meeting, 11:30 a.m. Jan. 13. CLE-credit program by **Skip Walther**, Missouri Bar President, on threats to the court and public defender systems.

From 2009-2010 BCBA President Stan Clay

I would like to thank BCBA members for their excellent turnout at the “State of the Judiciary” presentation by Judge **Gene Hamilton** at our last meeting. Not only did the turnout show the good relationship between the bar and judiciary, but also it helped our members understand the issues and problems facing the judiciary.

Committee appointments announced

Committees for 2009-2010 have been appointed by President **Stan Clay**, and the list appears on the Committees page of the BCBA website.

Committee chairs are asked to check the posted list before scheduling meetings because there have been several late

I was pleasantly surprised by the large number of bar members who volunteered for the various committees. If you have not signed up for a committee, check our website and, if there is a committee of interest, please contact the chairperson and myself. I strongly encourage the various chairpersons to keep their committees active.

additions to some of the committees. Contact information for all bar members can be found on the Members page of the website.

Committees are reminded that the proper procedure for court-related matters is to make a recommendation to the Executive Committee, which will discuss and possibly modify committee recommendations before communicating with the court on such matters.

Two new committees were named this year, Debtor/Creditor Relations and Bankruptcy, chaired by **Norm Lampton**, and Probate Law, chaired by **Jason Simmons**. Bar member interested in joining those committees should contact the chairs and **Stan Clay**.

Not only does this keep our bar association involved with important projects for ourselves and the community, but also it enhances rapport among members.

Our Vice President, **Tom Schneider**, is continuing to work to provide free CLE programs for most of our meetings. If you have suggestions, please feel free to contact Tom.

The Executive Committee is working closely with courthouse staff members to provide a computer and printer in the “Counsel Chambers” for members’ use. This should be accomplished within the next few weeks.

Finally, I encourage everyone to attend the holiday party on Dec. 9. It will be a great opportunity to greet old friends and make new ones.

Dickinson wins quiz

Kristin Dickinson was the winner of the BCBA Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee’s recent quiz contest on “What’s Your ADR IQ?” The quiz followed a series of articles in the *Newsletter*.

Quiz answers appear with the online version of this story on the BCBA website.

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Around the bar . . .

MU Law School Dean **Larry Dessem** will hold a Dean's Tour Reception at Ford, Parshall & Baker, 3210 Bluff Creek Dr., from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10. The event is free, but please RSVP to 882-4374.

BCBA member **Betty Wilson** recently was appointed to a four-year term as a member of the City of Columbia's new Citizens' Police Review Board.

To save money because of budget constraints, the Boone County Circuit Clerk will no longer provide a written notice of return at the end of a garnishment. Instead, lawyers must review the status of garnishments on Case.Net.

The MU Law School Board of Advocates is seeking judges for a competition Nov. 21-22. If you can help, more information is at <http://law.missouri.edu/pdf/boa-judging-10-09.pdf>.

The BCBA Criminal Law Committee will meet at 11:45 a.m. Nov. 19 at the Pasta Factory. All bar members are welcome.

The 13th Circuit courts, like most state courts, will be closed on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

The City of Columbia is seeking applicants for City Prosecutor and Assistant City Counselor. Applications are due by Nov. 20. More information is at <http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/cfforms/hr/hrmain.cfm>.

Several BCBA members will present programs at the Missouri Bar's annual CLE program for new lawyers, "Stepping Up and Stepping Out," Nov. 13-14 in Columbia. They are **Kristen Dickinson**, **Marjorie Lewis**, **Dianna Long**, **Liz Magee**, **Steve Scott** and **Gretchen Yancey**.

BCBA member **William J. Powell** of Smith, Lewis, LLP, took a mountaineering and photo safari trip to Tanzania in August with three writer-photographer friends. While there he climbed Kilimanjaro (19,343 feet, the highest point in Africa), thus completing climbs of three of the so-called "Seven Summits" (highest mountains on each continent). He is the second BCBA member known to have climbed Kilimanjaro - Associate Circuit Judge **Leslie Schneider** climbed it in 2008 with her son Scott.

Gerald Mueller recently left Jones, Schneider & Stevens to open a solo practice at 28 N. 8th St., Suite 517, Columbia 65201, phone 449-0700, fax 442-9932.

Matthew S. Volkert, a lawyer and shareholder at Van Matre, Harrison, Volkert & Hollis, PC, is leaving that firm and joining the office of the General Counsel of the University of Missouri System, 227 University Hall, Columbia 65211, phone 882-3211, fax 882-0050.

Spencer Bartlett recently left the A.W. Smith Law Firm to become an assistant Boone County prosecutor.

Lori Neidel is seeking office space for her law practice. Contact her at 314-563-2496 or lneidel@cosgrovelawllc.com.

Brent Stewart and Jeff Keevil closed their office this summer and are selling their office furniture and equipment. Contact Brent at bstewart@amec.org for information. Brent is now member services coordinator for the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives in Jefferson City, and Jeff is looking for a job.

Recent new BCBA members, in alphabetical order, are:

- **Adam J. Kliethermes**, an associate at Cripps & Simmons, LLC, 1109 Club Village Dr., Suite 101, P.O. Box 7068, Columbia 65205, phone 447-3355, fax 447-3399.

- **Ashley Kremer**, an associate at Grimes, Fay & Kopp, LLC, 11 N. 5th St., Columbia 65201, phone 449-2969, fax 443-2808. She is a 2009 MU Law School graduate and previously clerked at the same firm for two years. She plans to focus on family law.

- **Amy Moore**, Moore Law Firm, LLC, P.O. Box 492, Columbia 65205, phone 355-7256.

- **Loren Sandweiss**, 1700 Forum Blvd. #1606, Columbia 65203, phone 249-8829.

- **Sara Watson**, assistant public defender, 601 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 882-9701 x227, fax 882-9147.

- **Jerri Zhang**, Coordinator of Student Diversity Programs at the MU Law School, 103 Hulston Hall, Columbia 65211, phone 882-0940, fax 882-9625. She is a May 2009 graduate of the school.

About 80 BCBA members attended the Oct. 14 regular meeting to hear Presiding Circuit Judge **Gene Hamilton's** "State of the Court" address. His Powerpoint presentation is on the bar website's CLE page in PDF format.

Recent updates to the BCBA website include a revised courthouse phone list, additional Court en Banc minutes, and procedures for obtaining wireless Internet access at the courthouse.

Treasurer's Report by Jill Jackson	
Account balance as of 10/1/09	\$ 9516.97
Receipts 10/1/09 -10/31/09	
Interest.....	+0.32
Dues	+75.00
Golf Tournament	+10535.00
Disbursements 10/1/09 - 10/31/09	
Accent Press (newsletter)	-74.00
Midwest Mailing (newsletter)	-96.21
Boone Tavern (Executive Committee)	-80.96
Things Remembered (gift-Judge Knox)	-112.17
Account balance as of 10/31/09	\$19763.12