



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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Golf tournament nets over \$7,000

The third annual "Chipping in for Charity" Golf Tournament sponsored by the BCBA Young Lawyers Committee on October 12 was a resounding success, raising slightly more than \$7,000 to help support the Mid-Missouri Access to Justice Project.

Sander Sowers, who helped organize the event, thanked the participants and sponsors for their support. He said the committee looks forward to an even more successful tournament next year.

Some photographs from the event will be posted with the on-line version of this story.

RSVPs due Dec. 7 for Holiday Party on Dec. 9

On the evening of Wednesday, December 9, the Club at Old Hawthorne will be the venue for the annual BCBA Holiday Party for the second year in a row. Spouses or dates are invited and welcome.

RSVPs for the party are due by noon on Monday, December 7. Make your reservations with BCBA Secretary **Todd Werts**, 2003 W. Broadway, Suite 107, Columbia 65203, phone 875-1991, fax 875-1985, email werts@learwerts.com. The coupon below may be used to make reservations.

The event price is \$35 per person, payable to "Boone County Bar Association." Advance pay-

ments with RSVPs is requested, but payments also will be accepted at the door. We will have to pay for all who make a reservation, so those who RSVP but do not attend will be expected to pay if they did not pay in advance.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. December 9 with a social hour and open bar sponsored by local lawyers and law firms. The buffet dinner will be served at 7

p.m. The bar will remain open until 8 p.m.

The buffet will include Club House Salad with honey balsamic dressing, roasted seasonal vegetables, twice-baked mashed potatoes, herb-crusted carved beef strip loin with dried cherry balsamic reduction, Chicken Marsala, and assorted desserts.

Jesse Dobson of Tofle & Oxenhandler took the lead in organizing the Holiday Party.

Members can start paying 2010 dues

Lawyers and firms wanting to shift a 2010 expense into 2009 may begin sending dues payments to BCBA Treasurer **Jill Jackson** using the coupon below.

Dues are waived for judges and for members licensed at least 50 years or over 75 years old.

2009 Holiday Party Reservation Form

To: **Todd Werts, Secretary**
Boone County Bar Association
2003 W. Broadway, Suite 107
Columbia, MO 65203
Fax: 573-875-1985
Email: werts@learwerts.com

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

Enclosed is payment of \$ _____ for the person(s) named below (at \$35 per person) To attend the 2009 Boone County Bar Association Holiday Party.

(Please provide name(s) as you wish them to appear on nametags.)

2010 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form

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

To: **Jill Jackson, Treasurer**
Boone County Bar Association
3210 Bluff Creek Dr.
Columbia, MO 65201-3525

Enclosed is payment of \$ _____ for 2010 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 BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will meet at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, December 15 at the Wine Cellar & Bistro, 505 Cherry St., for the annual holiday gathering. Those attending are asked to bring a gag/white elephant gift for a gift exchange. For information contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or sander@sdelawfirm.com.

Matthew S. Volkert, a former shareholder and lawyer at Van Matre, Harrison, Volkert & Hollis, P.C., recently left that firm to join the Office of the General Counsel of the University of Missouri System, 227 University Hall, Columbia 65211, phone 882-3211, fax 882-0050.

BCBA member and former University System General Counsel **Bunky Wright** recently was appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon to the governing board of the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg.

Greg Jones of Jones & Watkins, LLC, recently was appointed to a three-year term as a member of the City of Columbia's New Century Fund board. The fund is a conduit for tax-deductible gifts, grants and properties to improve services to Columbia's residents, including parks, recreational activities, cultural opportunities, public health services, and public safety.

Last month's *Newsletter* reported that two bar members, **William J. Powell** and Associate Circuit Judge **Leslie Schneider**, had climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa. Since then it has been learned that two other local lawyers have climbed "Kili." **Sander Sowers** made the climb in 2008 shortly after Judge Schneider. The other climber is too modest to be named, but he made the climb during a break from law school a number of years ago.

The BCBA's new Creditor/Debtor Relations-Bankruptcy Committee will meet during the second week of December at a time and place to be announced. Committee members and other interested bar members are asked to contact chair Norm Lampton at lamptonlaw-norm@yahoo.com with their conflict dates and to obtain more information.

Office space is available in the building at 700 Cherry St. where Walther, Antel, Stamper & Fischer is located. For information contact **Skip Walther** at skip@wasf-law.com or Allan Moore at allan-moore@centurytel.net.

About 75 BCBA members attended the November 18 regular meeting to hear a panel discussion on "Appellate Practice Before the Western District Court of Appeals" by three judges who were in town to hear arguments on several appeals. The judges included Boone County's own **Mark Pfeiffer** and **Karen King Mitchell**, both of whom were appointed to the court earlier this year.

At the November 18 meeting, BCBA members present approved proposed bylaws amendments making the *Newsletter* editor and webmaster a voting member of the Executive Committee and establishing dues for "public service" lawyers at half of normal dues.

BCBA member and Missouri Bar President **Skip Walther** will present a CLE-credit program on "The State of the Profession and the Court System" at the next regular meeting on January 13. His talk will include threats to the court system, including attempts to change the way judges are selected.

Judges needed for February mock trials

Columbia College and the University of Missouri-Columbia will host the annual undergraduate Mock Trial Regional Tournament at the MU Law School on Friday and Saturday, February 19 and 20.

Volunteer lawyers are needed to serve as Judges for the four-round Tournament, which serves as a forum for teams to earn bids to the National Championship Tournament. Judges will score a printed ballot with established criteria and rule on evidentiary objections governed by an evidence code similar to the Federal Rules of Evidence.

This year's case is a criminal homicide case. The Missouri Bar will authorize up to six hours of self-study CLE credit for mock trial judging activity.

Judges are needed for any and all of the rounds, which begin at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. Food and ample non-alcoholic beverages will be provided.

Those interested in judging or wanting further information may contact BCBA member **Jared Vessell** at jpv@lawam.com; Columbia College Prof. Barry Langford at brlangford@ccis.edu or 875-7484; or Ashley Brittain at the Law school at apbz7c@mizzou.edu.