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## Treasurer's Report by Jill Jackson

Account balance as of 12/31/09 .....	\$11461.87
Receipts 12/31/09 -1/31/10	
Interest .....	+0.38
Dues .....	+3875.00
<b>Disbursements 12/31/09 - 1/31/10</b>	
Accent Press (newsletter).....	-74.19
Midwest Mailing (newsletter).....	-95.03
<b>Account balance as of 1/31/10 .....</b>	<b>\$15168.03</b>

## Ethics CLE credit at February meeting

Jim Brady, Director of the Missouri Lawyers Assistance Program (MOLAP) will present a 1.2-hour ethics CLE-credit program on "Avoiding Misconduct and Malpractice Risk by Eroding Procrastination" at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 10 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 this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Todd Werts** at 875-1991 or [werts@learwerts.com](mailto:werts@learwerts.com) by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9.

The Missouri Lawyers Assistance Program is a professional, confidential counseling program for members of The Missouri Bar, their families, and law students. Through a variety of free

services, MOLAP helps individuals overcome personal problems such as depression, substance abuse, stress, and burnout. Services include education and:

**Counseling:** All Bar members have unlimited, 24/7 access by phone to a professional counselor.

**Crisis intervention:** MOLAP coordinates crisis intervention services for individuals and law firms.

### Bench-Bar Dinner April 6

This year's Bench-Bar Dinner has been scheduled on the evening of Tuesday, April 6, at Meadowlake Acres Country Club in New Bloomfield, Callaway County Bar President Bob Sterner announced.

The annual event, which allows judges and lawyers to socialize in an informal atmosphere, alternates two years in Boone County and one year in Callaway County.

## Hamilton to resign as Presiding Judge in March and retire later

Judge **Gene Hamilton** recently announced that he will resign as Presiding Judge of the 13th Judicial Circuit on March 26, 2010, and will officially retire as a Circuit Judge effective September 30, 2010.

He has been Presiding Judge since September 2002, and was first elected Circuit Judge in 1982, taking office on January 1, 1983. He was previously Prosecuting Attorney of Callaway County, Missouri, from 1970 through 1980.

Judge Hamilton resides in Fulton with his wife Marcia. They are the parents of three daughters, Mary Elizabeth Smith of Friendsville, Tennessee, Kathryn Morgan of Seattle, Washington, and Sarah Hamilton of Columbia; and three grandchildren, Gentry Hamilton Smith and Erin Elizabeth Smith of Friendsville, Tennessee, and Evan Joseph Morgan of Seattle, Washington.

Judge Hamilton served as Chairman of the Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Procedures, formerly the Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Criminal Jury Instructions, for 15 years. He presently serves as the Chairman of the Presiding Judges

Executive Committee and served as the President of the Missouri Circuit Judges Association in 2004.

He has regularly taught at the Missouri Judicial College in the area of Criminal Jury Instructions, Post Conviction Remedies, Trial Practice, and Evidence. Judge Hamilton has also served on the Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Judicial Education, the Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Judge Transfer, and the Missouri Supreme Court Board of Court Reporter Examiners.

In his twenty-seven plus years as Circuit Judge, Judge Hamilton has presided over more than 500 jury trials, including at least 50 homicide trials. He was the first judge of Drug Court in Boone County.

Judge Hamilton received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Westminster College in 1993, the Chapter Alumni Award from the Callaway Chapter of the University of Missouri Alumni Association in 2005, and the Spurgeon Smithson Award, for extraordinary service toward the increase and diffusion of justice in society, from the Missouri Bar Foundation in 2008.

## 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 . . .

Additional changes are planned for Associate Circuit Judges' docket schedules in Boone County effective March 1. The proposed changes appear on the "Docket Schedules" page of the BCBA website.

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 at Chipotle, 306 S. Ninth St., Columbia. Contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or [sander.sowers@sdellawfirm.com](mailto:sander.sowers@sdellawfirm.com) for information. The YLC thanks Wendell Coonce of LexisNexis for sponsoring last month's happy hour meeting at Ragtag Cinema.

Volunteer lawyers are still needed as judges for the annual Mock Trial Regional Tournament at the MU Law School Feb. 19-20. Sponsored by Columbia College and the University of Missouri-Columbia, the four-round tournament serves as a forum for teams to earn bids to the National Championship Tournament. Those interested in judging or wanting further information may contact BCBA member **Jared Vessell** at [jpv@lawam.com](mailto:jpv@lawam.com); Columbia College Prof. Barry Langford at [brlangford@ccis.edu](mailto:brlangford@ccis.edu) or 875-7484; or Ashley Brittain at the Law school at [apbz7c@mizzou.edu](mailto:apbz7c@mizzou.edu).

The BCBA Mediation Committee seeks bar members' thoughts on what types of programs, supporting materials or other projects would be of most use to the bar. Send suggestions and questions to chair **Sarah Read** ([sjr@readadr.com](mailto:sjr@readadr.com)) or members **Dave Gibbons** ([dgibbons@mchsi.com](mailto:dgibbons@mchsi.com)) or **Helen Wade** ([hwade@hewnlaw.com](mailto:hwade@hewnlaw.com)).

**Andrew Popplewell** recently became a partner at Eng & Woods, 903 E. Ash St., Columbia 65201.

**Susan Ford Robertson** has been appointed to the Advisory Committee of the Missouri Supreme Court by the court en banc. She also recently was chosen as editor of the "Attorney Discipline" section of the *Missouri Courts Bulletin*, a publication which keeps Missouri Bar members current with rulings in selected areas of law.

Harlan, Harlan & Still will move its office on Feb. 18 to 515 Cherry St., Suite 300, Columbia 65201. The phone and fax numbers will remain 874-2402 and 443-3354 respectively. The firm's current office at 307 Locust St. will be available March 1 – contact Khaki Westerfield at 884-1850 for information.

**Norm Lampton** has left the Riordan Law Firm to engage in a solo practice at 1363 S. Mesa Dr., Columbia 65201, phone 355-6066. He

will focus on creditor's rights, elder law and estate planning and will also serve as guardian ad litem as appointed by the court or upon request.

The Law Offices of Fehlig & Fehlig Tatum recently opened an office at 920 E. Broadway, Suite 204, Columbia 65201, phone 999-4266, fax 888-892-7819. **Helene Fehlig Tatum's** main practice area is immigration law, and she is fluent in French and Spanish.

**Tonnie Martin Cook** is changing her mailing address to 1715 Katie Lane, Fulton 65251, but she will maintain her office at 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 886-8981, fax 886-8901.

Recent new BCBA members are:

- **Jennifer L. Barth**, Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance Co., 101 N. Keene St., Columbia 65201, phone 499-4388-, fax 499-4344.
  - **Mark E. Gingrich**, Williams-Keepers, LLC, 2005 W. Broadway, Suite 100, Columbia 65203, phone 499-6879, fax 777-7829.
  - **Mark J. Evans**, The Evans Law Firm, LLC, 1000 W. Nifong Blvd., Bldg. 4, Suite 201B, Columbia 65203, phone 441-0450, fax 441-0378.
  - **Jeffrey J. Rosanswank**, Jeffrey J. Rosanswank, LLC, 920A E. Broadway, P.O. Box 7567, Columbia 65205, phone 442-2502, fax 888-788-3297.
  - **Adam R. Kruse**, Columbia Prosecutor's Office, 600 E. Broadway, P.O. Box 6015, Columbia 65205, phone 874-7229, fax 874-7533.
  - **Julia Bonham**, Public Defender's Office, 601 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 882-9701, fax 882-9147.
  - **Jenean Thompson**, Public Defender's Office, 601 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 882-9701, fax 882-9147.
  - **Thomas Porto**, Public Defender's Office, 601 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 882-9701, fax 882-9147.
- Chris Kesphol** has office-sharing space available at 1103 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, with free on-site parking and shared reception, conference room, work room, and kitchen areas. Utilities, janitorial service and broadband internet are included. Additional services/facilities are available at extra cost. For information call Chris at 449-3113.