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Ethics CLE credit for March 10 program

Sara Rittman, Missouri Legal Ethics Counsel, will present a 1.2-hour ethics CLE credit program at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, March 10.

Meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. on March 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 by 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 9.

The program title is "Recent Developments in Legal Ethics." Topics Sara plans to discuss include:

- * Trust overdraft reporting
- * Limited scope representation
- * Formal Opinion 127
- * Advertising rule changes
- * New ethics CLE requirement

Court adopts 3 local rule changes

The 13th Circuit Court en Banc adopted three local rules amendments at its Jan. 26 meeting. The amendments will become effective March 26 unless the court changes or retracts them before that date.

Bar members are invited to comment on the amendments and can view them on the new "Pending Rules" page on the BCBA website.

The most significant amendment is an addition of required qualifications for bonding agents to Rule 67.1.1.

Also, Rule 9.6 would be amended by broadening the current cell phone/pager language to

include all "electronic devices."

In other court news, new docket schedules effective March 1 were published and appear on the Docket Schedules page of the website. The only changes are to some Boone County associate circuit judge dockets, as outlined on the website.

135 opt for electronic Newsletter delivery

In January 2009 the BCBA began sending the *Newsletter* in electronic form only to those who opted for that mode of delivery.

Since then 135 members have opted for electronic delivery, while 258 are still receiving mailed copies.

Each mailed copy costs the BCBA approximately 62 cents for printing

Treasurer's Report by Jill Jackson

Account balance as of 1/31/10	\$15168.03
Receipts 1/31/10 - 2/28/10	
Interest	+0.48
Dues	+1875.00
Disbursements 1/31/10 - 2/28/10	
Accent Press (newsletter).....	-74.19
Midwest Mailing (newsletter).....	-94.82
RBHS Jazz Band (Holiday Party).....	-200.00
Boone Tavern (Executive Committee)	-36.00
Account balance as of 2/28/10	\$16638.50

2010 dues payable no later than April 1

Lawyers who have not already paid 2010 dues of \$50 should send payment by April 1 to BCBA Treasurer **Jill Jackson**, 3210 Bluff Creek Dr., Columbia MO 65201.

Dues for public service attorneys are one-half the usual amount. Dues are waived for judges and for members licensed at least 50 years or over 75 years old. For more information on dues, see the dues page at www.bocomobar.org/dues.htm.

Members who have not paid or been exempted by April 1 will be stricken from the rolls.

BCBA website receives first redesign

The BCBA website recently received its first redesign since it was launched in 2001.

The new design modernizes and streamlines the appearance of the site and makes navigation easier.

The content of the site is generally the same as before.

The site now uses a horizontal top menu as the primary navigational tool. Hovering the mouse pointer over a menu heading will cause a drop-down menu to appear showing pages available under the heading.

A new search feature on the site makes use of Google. The search function allows you to limit a search to the BCBA website or do a general web search.

Some page names have changed, so bar members may find it necessary to update their "favorites" or "bookmarks."

MU team takes first place at regional mock trial tournament

The MU team took first place in the annual undergraduate Mock Trial Regional Tournament held at the MU Law School Feb. 19-20, winning eight rounds and losing none and edging second-place finisher Washington University.

The MU team will now move on to the next round, which will be held in St. Louis later this year.

The competition also included teams from St. Louis University, the Air Force Academy, and other regional universities.

BCBA member **Jared Vessell**, who helps organize the annual tournament sponsored by the MU Law School and Columbia College, thanked all the local bar members who provided judging services and helped make the event a success, saying, "Many of the

BCBA members judged multiple rounds, and some even judged both Friday night and all day Saturday. Without the help of the BCBA, this tournament could not succeed."

Among the judges were the following current BCBA members: **Ryan Carter, C.J. Dykhouse, Jill Jackson, Tony Manansala, Kevin O'Brien, Andrew Popplewell, Tom Porto, Samantha Reeves, Jeffrey Rosanswank, Joy Rushing, Kimberly Shaw, Michael Tripp, Lara Understood, and Jared Vessell.**

One of the MU undergraduate team members is Elizabeth Kiese-wetter, whose father Jack Kiese-wetter is an attorney in St. Louis County and who plans to attend law school. She works as a part-time administrative assistant at Scott Law Firm, P.C.

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Around the bar . . .

This year's Bench-Bar Dinner will be hosted by the Callaway County Bar on the evening of Tuesday, April 6, at Meadowlake Acres Country Club in New Bloomfield. The annual event allows judges and lawyers to socialize in an informal atmosphere. Full details will be published in the next *Newsletter*.

The second meeting of the BCBA Commercial Law Committee will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at **Gwen Hart's** office, 25 N. 9th St. The committee will develop a CLE for presentation later this year. All are welcome and should bring a brown bag dinner. Also, the committee has arranged for Missouri Bar President Skip Walther to speak at the Bankruptcy Institute luncheon on Thursday, March 11 at the Courtyard by Marriott.

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will meet for a happy hour at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 16 at Addison's, 709 Cherry St.. Contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-89889 or sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com for more information. The committee will host the regular BCBA meeting on May 12 at the Tigger Hotel.

Mid Missouri Legal Services Corp. has published its annual "Private Attorney Involvement Plan" and seeks bar members' comments on the plan. A link to the plan appears with the on-line version of this item.

Emily Little recently was named a partner at Ford, Parshall & Baker, LLC.

Brian Sleeth left Shurtleff, Froeschner, Harris & Sleeth LLC effective March 1 and will focus on family law cases at Mid Missouri Legal Services, 205 E. Forest Ave., Columbia 65203, phone 443-0116, fax 875-0173.

Melissa Faurot left the Juvenile Office Feb. 19 and returned to her old firm, now renamed Clay, Kline, Young & Faurot, LLC, 28 N. 8th St., Suite 517, Columbia 65201, phone 442-1646, fax 442-9932.

Charlotte Atkinson has ceased active law practice. She can be reached at 474-5984 or charatk@aol.com.

Callaway County Prosecutor Bob Sterner recently announced he will be a candidate for the Division 7 Associate Circuit Judge seat now held by **Cary Augustine**, who has said he will not run again.

The MU Law Schools 5th annual Small Firm & Public Interest Expo will be held at the school on Friday, March 12. There will be a networking reception with students from 12:30 to 2 p.m. with appetizers and beverages, and a complimentary CLE from 2:10 to 4 p.m. (2.0 hours CLE credit).

Recently joining the BCBA was **Tony Manansala**, Public Defender's

Office, 601 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 882-9701, fax 882-9147.

More information has been received on the following new BCBA members whose names were previously announced:

* **Jennifer Barth** is legal counsel at Missouri Employers Mutual Insurance Co., 101 N. Keene St., Columbia 65201. She is a 1999 MU Law School graduate and worked six years for the Missouri Department of Social Services including a stint as Director of the Office of Civil Rights. She joined MEM in 2005 as human resources manager and became legal counsel in September 2009.

* **Mark E. Gingrich**, CPA, of Williams-Keepers, LLC, 2005 W. Broadway, Suite 100, Columbia 65203, is a Rock Bridge High School alum. He received a master's degree in accounting from MU in 2006 and graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2009. He clerked one semester for a federal judge in Iowa. He is thrilled to return to Columbia with his wife Kari and son Adam. He will focus on estate, trust and gift taxation, entity formation and business-succession planning.

* **Jeffrey J. Rosanswank**, 920A E. Broadway, P.O. Box 7567, Columbia 65205, is a 1984 graduate of the MU Law School. He is pleased to return to Columbia with his wife Tina after many years practicing on the east side of the state. He was chief public defender in Boone County in the late 1980s and has practiced criminal defense almost exclusively for 25 years. He was an assistant federal public defender in the Eastern District of Missouri for 14 years.

A seminar focusing on the criminalization and immigration aspects of HIV/AIDS will be presented Friday, April 9, at the offices of Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City. For information, contact Nicole Davis at the Good Samaritan Project, phone 816-561-8784 or ndavis@gsp-kc.org.

Boone County has recently launched a weekly email newsletter. Bar members interested in receiving the newsletter can sign up at <http://www.showmeboone.com/countylistserv.asp>.

A freelance paralegal service has been launched by Dawn Collyott to provide services including transcription, drafting and organizing discovery, billing, and special process service. For information contact Dawn at 660-848-9988.

About 60 BCBA members attended the regular meeting on Feb. 10 to hear a presentation by Jim Brady, Director of the Missouri Lawyers Assistance Program, on "Avoiding Misconduct and Malpractice Risk by Eroding Procrastination."