



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## RSVPs due at noon April 1 for April 6 Bench-Bar Dinner

*Reservations are due by noon Thursday, April 1* for the annual Bench-Bar Dinner to be held in Callaway County on **Tuesday, April 6.**

RSVP to BCBA Treasurer **Jill Jackson**, 3210 Bluff Creek Dr., Columbia 65201, phone 449-2613, fax 875-8154, email [jjackson@fpb-law.com](mailto:jjackson@fpb-law.com).

The charge for the dinner is \$25/person, payable at the door. Those who RSVP but do not attend will still need to pay because the bar will be charged based on the number of reservations.

The dinner will be held at the

Meadow Lake Acres Country Club, 2600 Meadow Lake Rd., New Bloomfield. To get there, exit from U.S. 54 at the AE/TT interchange, go west to Old 54 (AE), then north to Meadow Lake Road. A link to a location map accompanies the online version of this story.

The evening will begin with a social hour (cash bar) at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30. Entrees will be roast chicken and smoked brisket.

Attorney General Chris Koster will be the after-dinner speaker. Pianist Scott Walker will play during the social hour.

### **Bench-Bar Dinner At-A-Glance**

- **Date:** Tuesday, April 6
- **Place:** Meadow Lake Acres Country Club, 2600 Meadow Lake Rd., New Bloomfield
- **Social Hour:** 5:30-6:30 p.m. (cash bar)
- **Dinner:** 6:30 p.m.
- **Cost:** \$25/person (payable at door)
- **Entrees:** Roast chicken, smoked brisket
- **Speaker:** Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster
- **RSVPs due:** Noon Thursday, April 1

The Bench-Bar Dinner is designed to allow lawyers, judges and court personnel to mingle in a relaxed, informal setting. This is not an event which includes spouses or dates.

The event is co-sponsored by the Boone and Callaway bars. It alternates two years in Boone County and one year in Callaway. It will return to Boone County next year.

### **Treasurer's Report by Jill Jackson**

Account balance as of 2/28/10 .....	\$16638.50
Receipts 2/28/10 -3/26/10	
Dues .....	+925.00
<b>Disbursements 2/28/10 - 3/26/10</b>	
Accent Press (newsletter).....	-72.90
Midwest Mailing (newsletter).....	-113.99
Editor/Webmaster (Jan-Mar 2010) .....	-450.00
Heart of Mo CASA (donation).....	-100.00
Hickman H.S. mock trial team.....	-300.00
Boone Tavern (Executive Committee).....	-86.63
<b>Account balance as of 3/26/10 .....</b>	<b>\$16439.98</b>

### **From BCBA President Stan Clay**

As this *Newsletter* announces, the annual Bench-Bar Dinner will be held April 6 in Callaway County. I urge all members to attend. We have a history of good relationships between practicing attorneys and judges. The Bench-Bar Dinner is an opportunity for informal interaction with our local judges and a chance to meet more local attorneys. We can expect a substantial turnout of Callaway County Bar members, allowing us to form or renew relationships in our sister county.

I remind our members that our May meeting will be hosted by our Young Lawyers Committee at the Tiger Hotel. Food will be catered by Bleu Restaurant. I anticipate there will be a CLE-

credit program. This change in environment should be an interesting experiment.

The Executive Committee recently approved the 2010 budget, which is available for review on our website. A major change is that instead of having one rotating scholarship for out-county high schools, every public high school will receive a scholarship every year. These scholarships help our bar maintain a positive image, not to mention the financial assistance to the selected students. Members having suggestions regarding the budget should contact me or another member of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is listed on our website.

## **Oxenhandler takes the helm**

Circuit Judge **Gary Oxenhandler** was elected by the 13th Judicial Circuit En Banc to serve as presiding judge effective March 29. He succeeds **Gene Hamilton**, who resigned as presiding judge effective March 26.

Judge Oxenhandler was appointed as a Circuit Judge in October 2002, after Frank Conley retired, and was elected to a full term in November 2004.

The selection of Judge Oxen-

handler as new presiding judge took place March 2. At the same meeting, the Court En Banc also adopted new Local Rule 100.1, which outlines the procedures for selecting the presiding judge for two-year terms and provides for appointment of an acting presiding judge as needed.

The new rule, which can be viewed on the BCBA website, also allows removal of a presiding judge by a 2/3 vote of the other judges and sets out the duties of the presiding judge.

### **Mediation training seminar scheduled May 7**

A mediator training seminar sponsored by the 13th Judicial Circuit will be held from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. May 7 in the Jury Assembly Room at the Boone County Courthouse.

The seminar will provide 6.0 CLE credit hours and satisfy the court's

annual mediation training requirement. The \$25 charge will include coffee and pastries in the morning and a box lunch.

A link to the seminar program schedule and registration form accompanies the online version of this article.

### **Last call for 2010 BCBA dues payments**

Last call: 2010 dues of \$50/lawyer must be paid by April 1. Those who have not paid will be stricken from the membership rolls.

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.

Send payments to Treasurer **Jill Jackson**, 3210 Bluff Creek Dr., Columbia, MO 65201.

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## Around the bar . . .

The 2010 BCBA budget is now online at [www.bocomobar.org/budget.htm](http://www.bocomobar.org/budget.htm) along with previous budgets since 2005.

The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 20 at the Broadway Brewery, 816 E. Broadway. Contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or [sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com](mailto:sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com) for information.

Mediation Committee Chair **Sarah Read** reports that on March 17 Gov. Jay Nixon proclaimed March to be Mediation Month. She joined Jim Levin from the MU Law School, Paul Ladehoff from the Campus Mediation Service and other mediators from around the state at the proclamation signing. The proclamation acknowledged the importance of mediation to the fair and efficient administration of justice.

The Elwood Thomas Inn of Court is accepting membership applications through June 10. The application form and additional information are available at [www.bocomobar.org/other\\_news.htm](http://www.bocomobar.org/other_news.htm).

Boone County Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore reminds bar members that the only adult abuse cases now appearing on Case.Net are those in which a full order of protection has been entered.

Associate Circuit Judge **Leslie Schneider** has scheduled an extra family law contested motion docket at 1:30 p.m. April 2 to compensate for a docket that will be cancelled later in April.

BCBA member and former Missouri Supreme Court Judge **Ann Covington** will receive the Woman of the Year Award at the 12th Annual *Missouri Lawyers Weekly Women's Justice Awards* on April 22 in St. Louis.

**Jeff Parshall** of Ford, Parshall & Baker LLC and **John Roark** of Smith Lewis LLP recently were named Fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Admission to ACTL is by invitation only and recognizes high standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. ACTL membership is limited to 5,600 lawyers in the U.S. and Canada.

**Dick Thomas** recently moved his Columbia office to 302 CampusView Dr., Suite 203, Columbia 65201. His phone numbers are 314-725-9000 (St. Louis office) and 314-614-5025 (mobile).

**Steve Pratte**, formerly with the Mid Missouri Legal Services Corp., is now working at Brady & Crane LLC, 411 Court St., Fulton 65251, phone 573-642-6631, fax 573-642-4663.

Recent new BCBA members are:

\* **Julianne Germinder**, Assistant Attorney General, P.O. Box 899, Jefferson City 65102, phone 573-751-8774, fax 573-651-9456. She received her law degree from Washington University in 2008 and previously worked for Spencer, Fane, Britt & Browne in Kansas City. She and her husband moved to Columbia because of her husband's job in Jefferson City. She works in the AG's litigation division, focusing on employment defense.

\* **Kelly L. Mills**, an associate at Atwill & Montgomery LLC, 28 N. 8th St., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 442-3000, fax 449-1094. Originally from West Plains, MO, she graduated from MU in 2005 and then attended Tulane University Law School in New Orleans, graduating in 2008. She focuses on workers compensation and general civil litigation.

The 6th Annual Timothy J. Heinsz Memorial 5K Run/Walk will be held April 17, starting at 9 a.m. in front of the MU Law School. The scholarship fundraising event honors the former MU Law School Dean, who died in 2004 while jogging on the MKT Trail. For information, see [www.law.missouri.edu/sba/th5k](http://www.law.missouri.edu/sba/th5k).

The MU Law School was one of only four law schools nationwide to receive a grant from the Shook, Hardy & Bacon Foundation to support diversity programs. The school plans to create a program in which an instructor and upper-class students will work with first-year students to ensure academic success.

Eng & Woods has a new 1,200 square foot office for rent at 10th and Ash streets and will finish the space to a tenant's specifications. Contact **Pat Eng** at 874-4190 for information.

About 70 BCBA members attended the March 10 meeting and received 1.2 hours of ethics CLE credit for Missouri Ethics Counsel Sara Rittman's presentation, "Recent Developments in Legal Ethics." Sara's program materials are available on the BCBA website's CLE Materials page.