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Electronic filing CLE program reset for June 9 meeting

Because the May 12 BCBA meeting was cancelled after the collapse, and subsequent death, of MU Law School Associate Dean **Jim Devine**, the June meeting will feature the same program originally scheduled in May.

“The Future of Electronic Case Filing in Missouri” will be the 1.2-hour CLE-credit topic of Catherine Zacharias, Legal Counsel for the Office of State Courts Administrator, at lunchtime on Wednesday, June 9.

As an experiment with a different meeting location, the meeting will be held in the Ballroom at the Tiger Hotel, 28 S. 8th St., Columbia.

Also featured at the meeting will be a recognition of **Ron Smull** by a representative of the MU Law School for Ron's 35 years of service to the school. He had taught the Legal Drafting class since 1975.

As in May, the meeting was arranged and will be hosted by the

BCBA Young Lawyers Committee. Meal service, provided by Tiger Hotel Catering, will begin at 11:30, with the CLE presentation starting at noon. As always, the price will be \$9, payable at the door. If paying by check, make checks payable to "Tiger Hotel."

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Todd Werts** at 875-1991 or werts@learwerts.com by 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 8.

Ms. Zacharias has been working on Missouri's electronic filing program for more ten years at the Office of State Courts Administrator. Next year, the Missouri Supreme Court will conduct a pilot program of the system. Thereafter, electronic filing will rolled out to the appellate and circuit courts. At first, electronic filing will be voluntary, but is expected to become mandatory.

Her presentation will provide both an overview of how the electronic filing system will work and an explanation of how the system will affect every Missouri lawyer in the coming years.

June 11 meeting set on PD notice

Local private criminal and civil law attorneys are invited to a meeting organized by the BCBA Criminal Law Committee from noon to 1 p.m. June 11 at the Boone County Government Center to discuss the possibility of court appointments to represent indigent criminal defendants.

As recently reported in *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, the Boone County Public Defender's Office is among 10 such offices statewide which have given notice that they may start turning down cases pursuant to a December Missouri Supreme Court ruling that entire offices can be closed to new

cases when they determine they cannot effectively represent any more new clients.

Discussion topics at the June 11 meeting will include discussion of the meaning of the local office's notice, the structure of an appointment system should the court need to start assigning attorneys to represent indigent criminal defendants, and options that may be available to appointed attorneys.

Civil law attorneys are welcome and may want to attend because they possibly could be appointed to represent criminal defendants, said Criminal Law Committee Chair **Kevin O'Brien**.

JIM DEVINE – 1948-2010

MU Law School Associate Dean **Jim Devine** collapsed at the May 12 BCBA meeting just before it began and subsequently died of a heart attack. During his 30 years at the Law School, he touched the lives of many local bar members. An obituary accompanies the online version of this story.

We are proud of the rapid response to Jim's collapse by bar members at the May 12 meeting (which ended up being cancelled). They promptly summoned emergency services and began CPR efforts.

Three BCBA scholarships awarded

The Bar-Schools Partnership Committee, chaired by **Brad Lear**, recently presented \$1,000 scholarships to three high school students. Committee member **Todd Werts** made all three presentations at the schools' senior awards ceremonies.

The Hickman High School recipient was Andrew Nichols, who plans to attend Oklahoma State University to major in economics. He then plans to attend law school.

The Rock Bridge High School awardee was Sidhant Misra. He plans to attend Harvard University to major in economics and biomedical engineering before going on to work in medical research and law.

The third scholarship rotates among other Boone County high schools. This year it was awarded to Scott Rodgers of Centralia High School, who plans to attend Westminster College and then continue to law school.

Treasurer's Report by Jill Jackson

Account balance as of 4/30/10	\$18042.88
Receipts 4/30/10 -5/31/10	
Dues	+2562.50
Bench-Bar Dinner	+250.00
Interest	+0.62
Disbursements 4/30/10 - 5/31/10	
Accent Press (newsletter).....	-68.22
Midwest Mailing (newsletter).....	-79.19
Boone Tavern (Executive Committee).....	-82.00
Hy-Vee Floral (Jim Devine services).....	-53.93
High school scholarships	-3000.00
Account balance as of 5/31/10	\$17572.66

Copier hard disks pose security risk

Beware – a security and client confidentiality risk may be lurking in your photocopier.

According to a recent CBS News report, brought to your Editor's attention by **Bruce Beckett**, most modern digital photocopiers contain a hard disk which can store thousands of document images.

Therefore, when your office disposes of a copier, a technician should be engaged to remove or completely erase the hard disk. Many used copiers are refurbished and resold, so failure to remove or erase the hard disk could result in copied documents falling into the hands of third parties.

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Around the bar . . .

The City of Columbia is seeking one or more Associate Municipal Judges. The application deadline is June 14. Details are on the Other News page (News menu) on the BCBA website.

Boone County Prosecutor **Dan Knight** has issued a new caseload assignment list for his office effective June 1. The list is posted on the Prosecutor page (Other Topics menu) on the BCBA website.

The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, June 15 at Billiards on Broadway, 514 E. Broadway to begin planning this year's Fall charity golf tournament. For information contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or sander@sdelawfirm.com.

"Representing Criminal Defendants in Federal Court Under the Criminal Justice Act (CJA)" will be the topic of a free CLE program from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. June 18 at Room 492, Truman Building, 301 W. High St., Jefferson City. The program, sponsored by the Central Division of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Missouri, will provide 4 hours of CLE credit. The court will provide lunch. Registration is due by June 11. More details are in a PDF file linked to the online version of this story on the Newsletter page of the BCBA website.

"What Would You Change About Mediation?" is the title of an article by BCBA member **Sarah Read** recently published in the American Arbitration Association's *Dispute Resolution Journal*. A PDF reprint of the article is linked to the online version of this item on the BCBA website. Also, Sarah recently was recognized by peers as being among America's top lawyers in the field of energy, natural resources and environmental law.

Lori Neidel has left the Cosgrove Law Firm and is opening her own office at 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 886-8923, fax 886-8901.

Recent new BCBA members are:

• **Aleksandra Chirlin**, **Craig M. Cooper**, **James Eufinger**, **Jason P. Gubbins**, **Steven R. Jones** and **Jonathan L. Shoener**, all associates at Faber & Brand LLC, 6750 New Town Ave. S., P.O. Box 10110, Columbia 65205, phone 449-3141, fax 442-1072. So far only **Jonathan Shoener** has provided background information. He is a 2008 MU Law School graduate and has been with Faber & Brand since July 2008.

• **JoBeth A. Lynch**, a new associate at Harlan, Harlan & Still, 515 Cherry St., Suite 300, P.O. Box 933, Columbia 65205, phone 874-2402, fax 443-3354. She is a 2009 MU Law School graduate and will concentrate on Social Security disability cases.

• **Thad Taylor**, The Elder Law Office of Thad Taylor, LLC, 1408 Overhill Rd., Columbia 65203, phone 445-4755, fax 445-4756.

• **David Zugelger**, Asst. Atty. General, Labor Division, P.O. Box 899, Jefferson City 65102, phone 573-751-7771, fax 573-751-2921. He is a 2009 MU Law School graduate and has worked for the Attorney General since last December.

Bill Rotts has a 516-square-foot office suite available for rent at 1001 E. Walnut St., Columbia. Rent includes utilities. Other services available at additional cost are phone reception, secretarial support and access to online legal research. Contact Bill at 443-3463.

Eng & Woods is looking for obsolete law books for shelf fillers. Southwestern Reporters are preferred but other sets will be accepted. Call Katie at 874-4190.

HPS Process Service and Investigations has opened a Columbia office at 2000 E. Broadway, Suite 330, Columbia 65201, phone 800-796-9559, email service@hatfieldprocess.com. The company, formed in Kansas City in 1976, offers 24-7 phone response to inquiries. Its website is www.hatfieldprocess.com.