



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## Hamilton retirement event set Sept. 24

A retirement reception for Circuit Judge **Gene Hamilton** will be held Sept. 24 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Westminster College in Fulton.

Fulton lawyer Tom Dunlap heads the Hamilton Retirement Committee.

As announced in the July *Newsletter*, the committee is seeking donations to help pay the costs of the event and to contribute to a gift of appreciation.

Donations may be sent to “Hamilton Retirement Committee” at P.O. Box 1502, Columbia, MO 65205. **Gary Stamper** is chair of the finance subcommittee for the event.

The BCBA Executive Committee recently voted to contribute \$500 to the event.

## Photo sessions set at courthouse

Many members had their photographs taken after the last BCBA meeting for the updated composite photograph that is being developed.

The next and final photo sessions for the new BCBA composite photo will be held on Monday, Aug. 9 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and on Monday, Aug. 16 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Counsel Chambers located on the second floor of the Boone County Courthouse.

Each photographic sitting only takes a minute or two, so please stop in when you are at the courthouse at these times to have your photo taken. No appointment is necessary.

Members also may schedule times to have their photos taken at PhotoGliff’s studio located at 212

East Green Meadows Road, Suite 6. The phone number is 823-1577 or 881-0862; however, members are strongly encouraged to have their photos taken at the scheduled sessions at the courthouse in an effort to compile the photos and complete the project as soon as possible.

The composite will be made available to members for purchase, and members may also purchase prints of their individual photographs for \$15 or digital copies for \$35. Members, at their own cost, may also engage PhotoGliff’s services for additional photography needs.

Contact composite project leader **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or [sander@dansimonlaw.com](mailto:sander@dansimonlaw.com) for more information.

## YLC to discuss October golf tournament at Aug. 17 meeting

The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17 at Kampai Sushi, 907 Alley A, to discuss its annual charity golf tournament, “Chipping in for Charity,” scheduled on Monday, Oct. 11 (Columbus Day, a court holiday), at the Columbia Country Club.

Net proceeds from the tournament will be split between the Mid-Missouri Access to Justice Project and the Boone County Bar Association Scholarship

Fund.

The tournament will be a four-person scramble format, open to both lawyers and non-lawyers. There will be a shotgun start at noon, with lunch and check-in beginning at 10:45 a.m. The entry fee is \$100/person and \$400/team, which includes green fees, range privileges, cart, lunch, beverages (beer, soda, water), and a post-tournament reception. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams and for various on-course games and contests.

## CLE credit for bankruptcy program at Aug. 11 meeting

A 1.2-hour CLE-credit program titled “Things Every Lawyer Should Know about Bankruptcy” will be presented by the BCBA Commercial Law Committee at the next regular meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 11 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, Aug. 10.

Commercial Law Committee members presenting the program will be **Norm Lampton**, chair, and **Janice Harder**, **Gwen Froeschner Hart**, **Mike McCrary**, and **Richard Masesles**.

Topics to be discussed include bankruptcy procedure, the role of the bankruptcy trustee, landlord-tenant issues, effect of bankruptcy on dissolution and personal injury cases, and ethical conduct in pre-planning for bankruptcy.

## Schneider tapped for BCBA President

**Tom Schneider**, current Vice President, has been nominated for 2010-2011 BCBA President by the Nominating Committee.

Other nominees are **Marvin Tofle** for Vice President, **Adam Patchett** for Secretary and **Ben Nelson** for Treasurer.

The Nominating Committee will finish the slate in the near future by picking nominees for two at-large seats on the Executive Committee.

The election will take place at the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic Oct. 8 at Twin Lakes Park. The picnic was moved into October this year because of scheduling problems in September and will substitute for a regular meeting in October.

Because of the picnic schedule, a regular meeting will be held Sept. 8 at which Presiding Judge **Gary Oxenhandler** will give the annual “State of the Court” address.

**Gary Stamper** chaired this year’s Nominating Committee. The other members were **Lori Green** and **Erick Creach**.

There will also be hole-in-one prizes.

The registration deadline for the tournament is Monday, Sept. 20. The registration form is linked to the online version of this article on the BCBA web site. Checks should be made payable to the “Boone County Bar Association” and mailed with the entry form to Chris Schappe, Abbott, Schappe & Francis, LLC, 19 East Walnut St., Columbia, MO 65203.

The YLC also is seeking vari-

ous sponsorships and prize donations for the tournament. Please see the registration form for more information on the tournament and sponsorship opportunities or contact **Gretchen Yancey** at 443-2828 or [gyancey@edorr.com](mailto:gyancey@edorr.com), **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or at [sander@dansimonlaw.com](mailto:sander@dansimonlaw.com), or **Drew Schauf-fler** at 449-2613 or at [dschauffler@fpb-law.com](mailto:dschauffler@fpb-law.com).

Last year’s golf tournament raised more than \$7,000 for Mid-Missouri Access to Justice.

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## Around the bar . . .

**Jeff Parshall** is chairing the planning committee for this year's Missouri Bar Annual Meeting and Missouri Judicial Conference Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at the Holiday Inn-Select/Executive Center in Columbia. **Skip Walther** is Missouri Bar President this year, and this will mark only the second time the annual gathering has been held in Columbia.

Ballots recently were mailed to bar members to elect our district's member of the Missouri Bar Board of Governors. The two candidates are **Bob Buckley** and **Gretchen Yancey**.

Mid Missouri Legal Services Corp. is seeking volunteer lawyers to assist indigent clients in its *Pro Se* Uncontested Divorce Clinic. The clinic helps clients fill out the approved forms online and is conducted at MMLS' office at 205 E. Forest Ave. most Fridays from 1 to 3 p.m. The actual time needed from volunteers is 75-90 minutes. If interested, call Tabatha at 442-0116.

The BCBA Executive Committee recently decided to contribute \$300 to the Mid-Missouri Access to Justice Project.

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will participate in the American Heart Association Heart Walk Aug. 14 in downtown Columbia. The YLC is seeking donations to support its fund-raising effort and additional participants for the walk. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Aug. 14 at Peace Park, and the walk will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude around 11 a.m. Contact Sander Sowers at [sander@dansimonlaw.com](mailto:sander@dansimonlaw.com) or Eva Haviv at [eva.haviv@dor.mo.gov](mailto:eva.haviv@dor.mo.gov) for information or to volunteer or donate.

The undergraduate mock trial team at MU is seeking an attorney coach for the coming school year. The team usually practices three times a week. Previous mock trial experience or knowledge is preferred but not required. If interested contact the team captain, Elizabeth Kiesewetter, at [eakgh2@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:eakgh2@mail.missouri.edu).

BCBA members **Phebe LaMar**, **Helen Wade**, **Gretchen Yancey** and **Jenny Young** are four of the five members of an all-women relay team that will participate in the La Sportiva Katy Trail 50, a 50-mile race on the Katy Trail on Sept. 18.

Sidhant Misra, the Rock Bridge High School recipient of a \$1,000 BCBA college scholarship, sent a thank-you note in which she said: "I want to let you know how gratifying it is to be honored by the BCBA. Public service and law have always been passions of mine, and your gift to me has made my goals at Harvard that much more accessible. You have made my final days in high school much more memorable."

After her recent retirement as Assistant to the Court Administrator, **Joy Rushing** can be contacted at P.O. Box 61, Columbia 65205, phone 999-5062.

**Nancy McKerrow** retired from the Public Defender's office July 30. She can now be reached at 2591 Route O, Columbia 65203, phone 445-5785.

Following the dissolution of Simon, Diaz & Ellis, **Bill Ellis** has moved his office to 204 Austin Ave., Suite B, Columbia 65203, phone 777-3900, fax 777-3901. His practice includes criminal and traffic defense, drivers license issues, juvenile law, personal injury and general civil litigation.

Harriet Francis is now the Senior License and Business Development Associate in the MU Office of Technology Management & Industry Relations, 440A Bond Life Sciences Center, Columbia 65211, phone 884-0374, fax 884-0161. She had been of counsel at Abbott, Schappe & Francis before taking her current position.

Recent new BCBA members in alphabetical order are:

\* **Melissa Denton**, Legislative Analyst, Missouri House of Representatives, State Capitol, Room B-38, Jefferson City 65101, phone 573-751-2979, fax 573-751-1963. She is a 2009 MU Law School graduate and staffs the Crime Prevention and Public Safety committees.

\* **Sara Dick**, Assistant Attorney General, P.O. Box 899, Jefferson City 65102, phone 573-751-3168, fax 573-751-8464.

\* **Mary Epping**, the new Assistant to the Court Administrator, Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 886-4059, fax 886-4070. She was previously deputy communications counsel for the Missouri Supreme Court. She attended law school at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and has lived in Columbia four years.

\* **Michael Grote**, The Grote Group LLC, 28 N. 8th St., Suite 317, Columbia 65201, phone 256-7060, fax 445-8888.

\* **Greg Mealy**, Law Office of Gregory M. Mealy, LLC, 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 886-8948, fax 886-8901. He is a 2005 graduate of the MU Law School and previously was an associate at Riley & Dunlap PC in Fulton. He maintains a general practice, focusing on domestic and probate matters.

**Bill Rotts** still 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 will have a 1,800 square-foot office available for rent about Sept. 1 across Tenth Street from Wabash Station. For information contact **Pat Eng** at 874-4190.

About 75 members attended the regular BCBA meeting on July 14 to hear an ethics CLE-credit program presented by Chris Stiegemeyer, risk manager for The Bar Plan.