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Picnic, election scheduled on evening of Friday, October 8

Bar members and their spouses, children and dates are invited to the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic and Annual Meeting on Friday, Oct. 8 at Twin Lakes Park. There is no charge for the event, and RSVPs are not required.

A social hour will begin about 5 p.m. Dinner will be served about 6 p.m., followed by election of 2010-11 officers. The menu will include barbecued ribeye rolls, brats, hot dogs, catered side dishes, and soft drinks and beer.

Twin Lakes Park is located at 2500 Chapel Hill Rd. Bear right after entering the park to go to the shelter area.

Tom Schneider has been nominated for 2010-11 President. Other nominees are **Marvin Tofle** for Vice President, **Adam Patchett** for

Secretary, **Ben Nelson** for Treasurer, and **Carlyle Foley** and **Amy Markel** for at-large members of the Executive Committee. Nominations also may be made from the floor.

The Picnic Committee, chaired by **Mark Langworthy**, will start preparations about 1 p.m. Oct. 8. Other committee members are **Mary Carnahan**, **Carlyle Foley**, **Josh Oxenhandler**, **Jason Simmons**, **Sander Sowers** and **Gretchen Yancey**. Others are welcome to help and should email Mark at langworthym@missouri.edu or call him 884-3083 if they wish to volunteer.

The picnic is named in honor of the late **Jim Butcher**, who organized the event for many years before his death in 1986. His widow Joan continues to attend the picnics and is being invited again.

From BCBA President Stan Clay

My term as President of the Boone County Bar Association is coming to an end. It has been an exciting but also tragic year for the bar. We lost MU Law School Associate Dean **Jim Devine** and learned of sad news about **Ron Smull's** health.

On the bright side, we were able to make larger and more monetary contributions by way of scholarships and donations to worthwhile causes, and we had our own **Skip Walther** as President of The Missouri Bar.

The end of September will see the retirement of Circuit Judge **Gene Hamilton**, who has been on the bench since 1983 and who has an excellent reputation statewide and has been a leader in the local and state judiciary.

I thank bar members for their willingness to volunteer for various projects this past year, and I urge them to continue to support our bar and its new officers. It is the active participation of our members that makes this job worthwhile.

Home detention studies available

The 13th Judicial Circuit reminds Boone County attorneys that they may request pre-disposition home detention studies from the Adult Court Services (ACS) office. These studies provide defense counsel and the prosecutor's office a useful tool for plea negotiations and can accelerate the date of release on home detention.

In a recent review of home detention studies it was determined that 51 pre-plea home detention studies were requested since Nov. 1, 2009. Of those, ACS recommended home detention for 41 cases, or 80%, the court granted home detention in 32 cases (63%), granted other sentencing alternatives such as work release and probation in 13 cases (25%),

and denied relief in 6 cases (12%).

To request a home detention study, please fax a signed copy of the one-page request form to ACS at 886-4186. Copies of the request are available at the Adult Court Services' office. ACS staff will prepare a report and recommendation and send the report and recommendation to counsel for both parties and the court. Pre-disposition home detention studies must be requested at least 10 calendar days before the anticipated sentencing date.

Attorneys with questions about the studies should call ACS at 886-4180 and ask for ACS Supervisor Pete Bakutes or the home detention court services officer.

MMA2J fundraiser set on Oct. 28

The Mid-Missouri Access to Justice Project (MMA2J) will hold its first annual trivia night fundraiser on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour at which appetizers, soda and beer will be served. Participants will also be allowed to bring in their own food and drink.

Trivia will begin at 7:00 p.m. **Josh Oxenhandler** and KOPN Radio personality Kyle Cook will emcee the event. A silent auction will be held which will feature items and gift certificates from several local establishments. A live auction of one week of lodging in Park City, Utah will also be held, with an estimated value of \$4,500.00.

The entry fee is \$25.00 per person, or \$175.00 for a team of

eight. A link to the registration form accompanies the online version of this article. Checks should be made payable to "Mid-Missouri Access to Justice Project."

For more information on the trivia night, see the registration form, or contact **Negar Jackson** at 874-2292 or midmoaccessstojustice@centurytel.net.

Golf tourney Oct. 11

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee annual charity golf tournament, "Chipping in for Charity," is scheduled 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.

There is still room for a few more teams and more sponsorships. The registration form appears with the online version of this article. Contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or sander@dansimonlaw.com for team or sponsorship questions.

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.

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

ADR report online

The Missouri Supreme Court Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution, which includes BCBA members **Sarah Read** and **Bob Bailey**, recently released its First Annual Report. The Commission is charged with reviewing and recommending changes to Rule 17. A discussion draft setting forth various revisions, together with explanatory notes, is included with the report, which is available for review and comments via links included in the online version of this article on the BCBA website.

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Around the bar . . .

Several hundred lawyers and other well-wishers attended a retirement reception for Circuit Judge Gene Hamilton on Friday evening, Sept. 24, on the Westminster College campus in Fulton. A PDF scan of the program for the event is linked to the online version of this item.

Several current and former BCBA members were honored during recent Law Day Ceremonies at the MU Law School. **Craig Van Martre** and **Ron Smull** received Citation of Merit Awards. **Susan Ford Robertson** was honored with as an Order of Barristers Honorary Initiate. The late **Jim Devine** was honored posthumously with the Distinguished Non-Alumnus Award.

The Women Lawyer's Association of Mid-Missouri will co-sponsor a CLE-after-Sunrise program on "Work-Life Balance" during the Missouri Bar Annual Meeting at 7:30 a.m. Oct. 1 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia. WLAMM members not registered for the annual meeting may still attend for a fee of \$10. Panelists will include local Circuit Judge Kevin Crane and lawyers from Boone County. Contact **Phebe LaMar** at lamar@smithlewis.com for information.

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19 at Willie's, 1109 E. Broadway. All are welcome to attend. Contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or sander@dansimonlaw.com for more information.

A 1.5-hour CLE-credit program titled "Kids Talk 101—A Guide to Child Interviews in Family Court," will be presented from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Pasta Factory, 1020 E. Broadway. Panelists will be Associate Circuit Judge **Leslie Schneider**, Family Court Commissioner **Sara Miller**, family law practitioner **Anna Lingo**, and family therapist Lynne Dresner. The program will be hosted by **Amy Salladay** and **Tana Benner** of Knight & Salladay Law Offices. The cost will be \$12 including lunch. RSVP by Nov. 1 by calling 256-7205, faxing to 875-5873, or emailing secretary@knightslaw.net. Payment will be accepted at the door.

Norman W. Lampton moved his practice effective Sept. 20 to 4001B Imperial Ct., Columbia 65202, phone 219-9103, fax 888-884-8396.

Boone County Prosecutor **Dan Knight** has updated the list of case-

type assignments in his office as of Sept. 20. The revised list is posted on the "Prosecutor Assignments" page (Other Topics menu) on the BCBA website.

Boone County Prosecutor **Dan Knight** is serving as this year's campaign coordinator for the Boone County Employees' 2010 Heart of Missouri United Way campaign. Dan invites bar members to attend the United Way County Government's annual Pie Auction at noon Sept. 29 on the Courthouse Square. All proceeds go to United Way.

Recent new BCBA members are:

* **Veronica J. Manahan**, 2005 Woodlea Dr., Columbia 65201, phone 449-8450.

* **Stacy L. Vincent**, Boone County Collector's Office, 801 E. Walnut St., Room 118, Columbia 65201, phone 886-4427. She is a 2009 MU Law School graduate and previously clerked for the general counsel of the Missouri Department of Labor and for Integrated Benefits, a disability firm. In the Collector's Office, she assists in the collection of delinquent personal property taxes.

Patrick Cronan, city attorney for Sturgeon, notes that the city's ordinances are now available online at www.ordinances.sturgeon-mo.org. This link also appears on the "Links" page (Other Topics menu) on the BCBA website.

Bill Rotts still has an office suite available for rent at 1001 E. Walnut St., Columbia, expandable from 516 up to 1,500 square feet. 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.

Carlyle Foley is still looking for a reasonably up-to-date set of the West Missouri Practice volumes. Contact Carlyle at 449-5316.

About 100 members attended the regular BCBA meeting on Sept. 8 to hear the annual "State of the Court" address, delivered this year for the first time by new Presiding Judge **Gary Oxenhandler**.

To accommodate the schedule of the speakers, several judges from the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, the next regular BCBA meeting after the picnic will be held on the third Wednesday of November, Nov. 17, instead of the second Wednesday of the month.