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Treasurer's Report by Ben Nelson

Account balance as of 8/27/10.....	\$15570.45
Receipts 8/27/10 -10/31/10	
Dues	+150.00
Interest.....	+1.87
Disbursements 8/27/10 - 10/31/10	
Accent Press (newsletter)	-127.45
Midwest Mailing (newsletter)	-166.00
Columbia Country Club (golf tournament)	-350.00
Campus Jewelers (plaque for outgoing President).....	-80.45
Holiday Inn (hospitality room-MoBar Annual Meeting).....	-590.55
Editor/Webmaster (July-September).....	-450.00
Secretary of State (annual corporate registration)	-10.00
Picnic expenses	-1999.77
Check printing.....	-31.50
Returned check and bank charge.....	-54.00
Account balance as of 10/31/10.....	\$11862.60

Carpenter new Division 1 judge

Christine Carpenter was sworn in as the new judge of 13th Judicial Circuit Division 1 by Circuit Judge Jodie Asel on Friday, Nov. 5 after being appointed by Gov. Jay Nixon on Nov. 4.

Judge Carpenter was formerly the Associate Circuit Judge in Division 9.

There has been no word yet from the governor's office on when an appointment will be made to fill the Division 9 vacancy.

In other court news, a retire-

ment reception for Division 7 Associate Circuit Judge **Cary Augustine** will be held at 5:30 pm. Tuesday, Dec. 14 in the Callaway County Courthouse in Fulton in conjunction with the Callaway County Bar's annual holiday dinner. Judge Augustine will retire at the end of the year.

There is still time to register for the 13th Circuit's Guardian Ad Litem Training scheduled on Thursday, Nov. 11. See the information and registration form on the Other News page (News menu) of the BCBA website.

United Way donations encouraged

The BCBA Executive Committee voted at its Nov. 5 meeting to make a \$500 contribution to the Heart of Missouri United Way, and encourages bar members and local firms to make contributions as well.

United Way supports and helps people through 31 local agencies.

Contributions may be sent to

United Way at 1700 East Pointe Dr., Suite 201, Columbia, MO 65201. More information is available at www.uwheartmo.org.

Local bar members leading the bar's United Way effort are **Wally Bley, Jennifer Bukowsky, Glen Ehrhardt, Phebe LaMar, Josh Oxenhandler** and David VanDyke.

Mock trial judge volunteers sought

Volunteer lawyers are being sought to act as judges for the undergraduate mock trial invitational tournament at the University of Missouri on Nov. 19 and 20.

The University and Columbia College are sponsoring the event, which takes the place of the tournament held in February the last five years. The tournament will serve as a forum for

teams to practice their skills for the regional tournament to be held in St. Louis in February.

The Missouri Bar will authorize up to six hours of self-study CLE credit for mock trial judging activity. Food and beverages will be provided.

Contact **Jared Vessell** at 442-3000 or jpv@lawam.com to volunteer or request more information.

Appellate CLE on Nov. 17

Several judges of the Missouri Western District Court of Appeals, including BCBA members **Mark Pfeiffer** and **Karen King Mitchell**, will present a panel discussion on appellate practice at the next regular meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at Boone

Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St.

The program has been approved for 1.2 hours of CLE credit.

As usual when CLE programs are presented, meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 17 in the County Room on the lower level of Boone Tavern. A brief business meeting will precede the program.

Golf event a success

The fourth annual BCBA Young Lawyers Committee "Chipping in for Charity" Golf Tournament on Oct. 11 was a resounding success, raising over \$7,500.00 to support the Mid-Missouri Access to Justice Project and the Boone County Bar Association Scholarship Fund.

Congratulations to the Ron Bartlett/Spencer Bartlett team which was the Championship Flight winner, the Van Matre, Harrison, Hollis, Pitzer & Taylor, P.C. team which was the A Flight winner, the Eng & Woods team which was the B Flight winner, and the Midwest Litigation Services team which was the C Flight winner. Congratulations also to the Lear Werts LLP team for winning the consolation prize for last place/highest score in the tournament for the second year in a row.

The Young Lawyers Committee would like to thank all of the generous sponsors, participants, and volunteers who helped make this year's tournament such a success.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Adam Patchett** at 442-7000 or apatchett.pbp@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16.

Please RSVP so Boone Tavern can prepare sufficient food and set up the meeting room.

Mark Calendar

The next BCBA event after the Nov. 17 meeting will be the annual Holiday Party on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15, at the Country Club of Missouri. Details will be published in the next *Newsletter*.

Start paying 2011 dues

Lawyers and firms wishing to expense 2011 BCBA dues in 2010 may begin sending \$50/lawyer dues to Treasurer **Ben Nelson** at 29 E. Ash St., Columbia, MO 65201.

2011 dues are due and payable beginning Jan. 1.

If contact information has changed, please provide updated information with dues payments.

Ron Smull - 1941-2010

Longtime local attorney **Ron Smull** died Nov. 2 after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Visitation and services were held Nov. 6 and 7 and burial was scheduled Nov. 8 at Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ron graduated from the MU Law School in 1966 and practiced law in Columbia for 44 years. He taught the legal drafting class at the Law School for 35 years.

The BCBA is making a \$500 contribution to the MU Law School scholarship fund in Ron's name, and bar members are encouraged to contribute as well. Send contributions to the law school at 205 Hulston Hall, Columbia, MO 65211, and write "Scholarship Fund-Ron Smull Memorial" on the memo line.

The *Boone County Bar Association Newsletter* is published monthly by the Boone County Bar Association, Inc. Send items for publication to the Editor/Webmaster, **Steve Scott**, 201 Westwood Ave., Columbia, MO 65203-2871, phone 442-7268, fax 443-1676, email sscott@scottlawfirm.com. Annual dues are \$50 and may be sent to the Treasurer, **Ben Nelson**, 29 E. Ash St., Columbia, MO 65201-4197, phone 441-2667. 2010-11 BCBA officers are: President, **Tom Schneider**, 11 N. 7th St., 65201, 449-2451; Vice President, **Marvin Tofle**, P.O. Box 1404, 65205, phone 449-2929; Secretary, **Adam Patchett**, 1201 W. Broadway, 65203, phone 442-7000; and Treasurer, **Ben Nelson**, address above. Executive Committee members are the officers and **Stan Clay**, **Carlyle Foley** and **Amy Markel**. The BCBA web site is at www.bocomobar.org.

Around the bar . . .

The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for a happy hour at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 16 at Tiger Zou Pub & Grill, 3200 Penn Terrace. Contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sander@learwerts.com for information.

The Women Lawyers' Association of Mid-Missouri will hold a lunch meeting at Coffee Zone, 130 E. High St., Jefferson City, at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 17. RSVP to **Tamara Kopp** at tamara.kopp@insurance.mo.gov.

The BCBA Criminal Law Committee will meet at Pasta Factory at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 11. For information, contact chair **Jennifer Bukowsky** at j@lawbuk.com.

The new BCBA composite photograph is nearing completion. Bar members may purchase their individual photos from PhotoGliff, 881-0862. When completed, a large composite will be hung in the Counsel Chambers at the Boone County Courthouse, and members may purchase copies of the composite. Composite ordering details and pricing will be announced later.

Retired Circuit Judge **Gene Hamilton** has become of counsel to Riley & Dunlap, P.C., 13 E. 5th St., Fulton 65251, phone 573-642-7661, fax 573-642-9417. He will provide mediation and arbitration services.

Joy Ahern and **Andrew Bach** opened the firm of Ahern & Bach, LLC on Nov. 1 at 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 886-8903. They previously practiced in the Columbia office of Harris McCausland, P.C. They will focus on civil litigation, estate planning, family law and general practice.

Sander Sowers left Simon Law Offices and effective Oct. 4 became an associate at Lear Werts LLP, 2003 W. Broadway, Suite 107, Columbia 65203, phone 875-1991, fax 875-1985. He will focus on personal injury, workers compensation and employment litigation.

BCBA member **Casey Forbis** recently became legal counsel to the 13th Circuit Juvenile Officer, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 886-4200, fax 886-4030.

Veronica Manahan has opened Manahan Law Firm, LLC at 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 886-8953, fax 886-8901.

Erick Creach recently left Van Matre, Harrison, Hollis, Pitzer & Taylor, P.C. to join the Gilmore Bell firm in St. Louis.

Columbia criminal defense attorney **Jeffrey J. Rosanswank** is relocating to Los Angeles, CA to rejoin the federal Public Defender System. He previously worked with the system for 14 years in Missouri's Eastern District and served as Boone County Public Defender in the late 1980s. **Benjamin J. Gray**, a new BCBA member (see below), has become of counsel to Jeffrey's firm until he closes his local office on Nov. 23. Jeffrey's new address

will be 321 E. 2nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90012, phone 213-894-2854.

Several Columbia lawyers were recognized at the Missouri Bar Annual Meeting in Columbia Sept. 19-Oct. 1. Receiving the President's Award were **Darwin Hindman** and retired MU political science Prof. Frederick Spiegel. The late **Jim Devine**, former MU Law School Associate Dean, received the Tom Cochran Award posthumously. **Ben Nelson** received a YLS Pro Bono Award. Donald Lee Catlett received the Defender of Distinction Award.

Recent new BCBA members in alphabetical order are:

* **Chris Braddock**, Cline & Braddock, 1310 Old 63 S., Suite 201, Columbia 65201, phone 443-6244, fax 874-3640. He is a 2010 MU Law School graduate and clerked for **Cullen Cline** while in law school.

* **Benjamin J. Gray**, Benjamin J. Gray, LLC, 920A E. Broadway, P.O. Box 10048, Columbia 65205, phone 355-5001, fax 807-5645. He is a 2003 MU Law School graduate and worked as an assistant prosecutor in southeast Missouri and later practiced criminal defense in Cape Girardeau. He establish his own firm in Kirksville in 2009 and is now expanding his practice to Columbia. He focuses on federal and state criminal defense, DWI defense and civil litigation.

* **Carolyn R. Hamilton**, 5000 Derby Ridge Dr. #305, Columbia 65202, phone 240-338-7866. She is a 2010 MU Law School graduate and is now working on a master's degree in library science. She clerked for the public defender and a law firm in Mexico, MO during law school. She was selected to the Order of the Barrister in law school. She hopes to work in law part-time while finishing her master's degree.

* **Tammy S. Kearns**, an associate at McCrary Law Office, LLC, 1103 E. Walnut St., Suite 203, Columbia 65201, phone 443-2889, fax 443-3889.

* **Donald R. Weaver**, Weaver & Associates, LLC, 2100 E. Broadway, Suite 203, Columbia 65201, phone and fax 303-5814. He graduated from the MU Law School in 2006 and has worked as a full-time police officer since 1999. He maintains a part-time general practice and provides police legal training and consulting.

* **Ashley Ellen Woods**, a new associate at Eng & Woods, 903 E. Ash St., Columbia 65201, phone 874-4190, fax 874-4192. She is a 2010 graduate of the MU Law School and the granddaughter of **Larry Woods** and niece of **Matt Woods**. She will focus on personal injury litigation.

BCBA website updates: A new feature is caseload assignments for Columbia Municipal Court prosecutors on the Prosecutor Assignments page (Other Topics menu). The courthouse phone list (Court Info menu) recently was updated.