



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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Around the Courthouse . . .

Clerk stops sending return date notices

The Boone County Circuit Clerk's office has stopped sending return date notices to attorneys when summonses have been served in associate civil cases.

Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore said the change is a cost-saving measure necessitated by budget cuts and made possible by the fact that lawyers can obtain return dates from Case.Net or from their private process servers. She said the majority of other circuits have already stopped sending such notices.

Notices will still be sent to lawyers when a summons is returned *non est* and when a sheriff charges for additional mileage.

Mediator List

The 13th Circuit is now taking applications for the 2011 list of approved Family Court Mediators. The mediator registration form, which lists the necessary qualifications, is available on the Forms Page (Court Info menu) of the BCBA website. The forms must be submitted to **Mary Epping**, Assistant to the Court Administrator, by 5 p.m. Dec. 30.

Technology Training

A free one-hour training session on the technology available in the 3 West Courtroom at the Boone County Courthouse will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 21. Emphasis will be placed on the resources available for presentation of evidence. RSVP to 13th Judicial Circuit I.T. Supervisor Steve Smith by 5 p.m. Jan. 20 at 886-4086 or steve.smith@courts.mo.gov.

Augustine Reception

A retirement reception for Division 7 Associate Circuit Judge **Cary Augustine** will be held at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at the Callaway County Courthouse in Fulton in conjunction with the Callaway County Bar's annual holiday meal. Judge Augustine will retire at the end of the year.

Miller Reappointed

Sara Miller has been reappointed as 13th Circuit Family Court Commissioner for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2011.

Judge Assignments

Division 1 Circuit Judge **Christine Carpenter** has been temporarily assigned to all cases in Division 9, over which she formerly presided as Associate Circuit Judge, pending appointment by the governor of a new Division 9 judge.

Division 10 Associate Circuit Judge **Leslie Schneider** was appointed Administrative Judge of the Family Court effective Dec. 1.

Arts Committee

Josh Oxenhandler and Kathy Walther, wife of **Skip Walther**, recently were appointed as members of the Boone County Courthouse Committee for the Arts.

Copy Billing System

Starting in December, the Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office is using the JIS (Justice Information System) to record charges to attorneys for faxes and copies made of documents. Beginning in January the office will send invoices generated by JIS on a monthly basis. The invoices will look different from the old invoices, which were sent less frequently.

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 payable beginning Jan. 1. Make checks payable to "Boone County Bar Association."

If contact information has changed, please provide updated information with dues payments. If adding a new member, please send an enrollment form (available on the bar website).



RSVPs due Dec. 10 for Dec. 15 Holiday Party



RSVPs are due by 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 for the BCBA's annual Holiday Party to be held on Wednesday evening, Dec. 15 at the Country Club of Missouri.

Contact **Joy Jackson** at 449-3141 or jjnj@faberandbrand.com to RSVP.

The cost of the dinner is \$30/person, payable at the door. Members are encouraged to bring spouses or dates to the event.

For the first time, the Holiday Party will feature a dessert competition. Details are available in a flyer posted on the Other News page (News menu) of the BCBA website. Those wanting to participate should so indicate when submitting their RSVPs.

The party will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m., followed by a buffet dinner at 7 p.m. The buffet will feature a choice of prime rib or pasta primavera, spinach salad, garlic mashed potatoes, and green beans almondine.

CASA seeks contributions from bar

Heart of Missouri CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) is seeking contributions from bar members to support its work.

CASA trains community volunteers to be the voice of abused and/or neglected children in protective custody in Boone County Family Court. Children with CASA volunteers generally benefit from more court ordered services, are less likely to spend time in long-term foster care, and are less likely to re-enter the child welfare system when their case is resolved. Private donations are the only means of meeting the growing needs of foster children in our court.

Donations of \$100 or more are

eligible for the "Children In Crisis Tax Credit". For example, a donation of \$1,000.00 results in a tax credit of 50% and a federal tax deduction of 28%, with the result that the actual cost to the donor is only \$220.00. The tax credit is available for firms and individuals. Please consult your tax advisor for your particular result.

Donations may be made payable to "Heart of Missouri CASA" and mailed to P.O. Box 10028, Columbia, MO 65205. For more information contact **Mike Holder**, CASA Board Member, at 499-1700 or mholder@midmissourilawyers.com, or Steven Skolnick, CASA Executive Director at 442-2670.

Treasurer's Report by Ben Nelson

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| Account balance as of 10/31/10..... | \$11682.60 |
| Receipts 10/31/10 -11/30/10 | |
| Dues | +975.00 |
| Golf tournament proceeds | +11290.00 |
| Interest | +0.71 |
| Disbursements 10/31/10 - 11/30/10 | |
| Accent Press (Newsletter) | -62.27 |
| Midwest Mailing (Newsletter)..... | -82.75 |
| MU Law School (Ron Smull scholarship fund) | -500.00 |
| Allen's Flowers (Ron Smull funeral) | -136.88 |
| Holiday Inn (Hospitality Room-MoBar Annual Meeting) | -88.11 |
| City of Columbia (Diversity Breakfast sponsorship) | -100.00 |
| Heart of Missouri United Way (contribution) | -500.00 |
| Columbia Country Club (golf tournament) | -3,817.72 |
| Addison's (Executive Committee meeting) | -102.00 |
| Gretchen Yancey (golf tournament expenses)..... | -76.81 |
| Account balance as of 11/30/10..... | \$18661.77 |

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Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS:

• **Thursday, Dec. 9, 11:45 a.m., Pasta Factory – Criminal Law Committee meeting.** All BCBA members are welcome. To receive the monthly agenda and email reminder, contact committee chair **Jennifer Bukowsky** at j@lawbuk.com.

• **Thursday, Dec. 9, 6-8 p.m., home of Randa Rawlins, 5408 W. Wayside Circle, Columbia – Women Lawyers' Association of Mid-Missouri annual Holiday Party.** Members are encouraged to bring a \$25 contribution to be divided among the Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Service, the Columbia Voluntary Action Center and the Boone County Drug Court. Toiletry items also are requested for donation to the Drug Court. For more information contact Anne Curchin at acurchin@mail.mhanet.com or Amy Hoyt at Amy.Hoyt@insurance.mo.gov.

• **Monday, Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m., Boone Tavern – Commercial Law Committee social and organizational meeting.** All BCBA members are welcome. Committee members should watch the MoBar Commercial Law List for minutes of the Nov. 19 meeting – important information for bankruptcy attorneys will be in those minutes.

• **Tuesday, Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m., Sycamore, 800 E. Broadway – Young Lawyers Committee annual holiday lunch.** Those attending are asked to bring a gag/white elephant gift for the always-entertaining gift exchange. RSVP to **Sander Sowers** at sowers@learwerts.com by 5 p.m. Dec. 10.

The City of Columbia is seeking a 20-hours/week lawyer to handle city code violation and civil matters. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Dec. 14. For details see <http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/cfforms/hr/hrjob.cfm?jc=1676>.

Kyle Hilger of Oliver Walker Wilson LLC was named the 2010 Illinois Muskie Tournament Trail Angler of the Year.

Ashley Kremer, formerly an associate at Grimes, Fay & Kopp LLC, is opening a solo practice concentrating in estate planning and probate. She can be reached at P.O. Box 305, Columbia 65205, phone 489-2420.

Drew Schauffler, formerly an associate at Ford, Parshall & Baker LLC, recently left that firm to join the A.W. Smith Law Firm, P.C., 2600 Forum Blvd., Suite C, Columbia 65203, as an associate. His

phone and fax there are 443-7300 and 443-7301, respectively.

Until his untimely death earlier this year, MU Law School Associate Dean **Jim Devine** was a big supporter of the Columbia Swim Club. The club is selling t-shirts and accepting donations in Jim's memory. Half the proceeds will go to a scholarship fund and half to the Diabetes Foundation in Jim's honor. For information, see <http://csctigersharks.org/apparel/2010KFA.htm>.

RECENT NEW MEMBERS:

• **Jay Atkins**, an Assistant Missouri Attorney General (more information next month).

• **Ashley Franz**, a new associate at Brown, Willbrand, Simon, Powell & Lewis, P.C., 601 E. Broadway, Suite 203, P.O. Box 1304, Columbia 65205, phone 442-3181, fax 874-3796.

• **Robert Bruce Harry**, Law Office of Robert Harry, 2100 E. Broadway, Suite 203, Columbia 65201, phone 416-0529, fax 777-6777.

• **Michael Robertson**, a new associate at Ford, Parshall & Baker LLC, 3210 Bluff Creek Dr., Columbia 65201, phone 449-2613, fax 875-8154. He graduated from the University of Texas Law School in 2009 and then clerked for Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice William Ray Price, Jr. He will focus on civil litigation and appeals.

• **John M. Roodhouse**, a new associate at Jones, Schneider & Stevens LLC, 11 N. Seventh St., Columbia 65201, phone 449-2451, fax 443-8620. He previously worked as an assistant Boone County prosecutor.

• **David A. VanDyke**, corporate counsel for Shelter Insurance Companies, 1817 W. Broadway, Columbia 65218, phone 214-6443, fax 214-6316. A 1997 MU Law School graduate, he clerked three years for Missouri Supreme Court Judge John C. Holstein and has been corporate counsel at Shelter for 10 years.

About 75 members attended the Nov. 17 meeting to hear a presentation on appellate practice by judges of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, including Judges **Mark Pfeiffer** and **Karen King Mitchell**, who are BCBA members. Eleven members completed CLE evaluation questionnaires, and BCBA Vice President **Marvin Tofle** reports the best comment was, "I had to sit next to Marvin Tofle." Marvin offers to treat that person to lunch at the Jan. 12 meeting if he or she will reveal his or her identity to Marvin.