



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## Treasurer's Report by Ben Nelson

Account balance as of 2/24/11 .....	\$22,229.85
<b>Receipts 2/24/11 - 3/31/11</b>	
Dues .....	+1,968.75
Interest .....	+0.81
<b>Disbursements 2/24/11 - 3/31/11</b>	
Accent Press ( <i>Newsletter</i> printing) .....	-61.93
Midwest Mailing ( <i>Newsletter</i> mailing) .....	-82.75
<i>Newsletter</i> Editor/Webmaster (Jan-Mar 2011) .....	-750.00
Teller's (officers' meeting) .....	-48.82
Marvin Tofle (speakers' lunches reimbursement) .....	-27.00
High school mock trial teams support.....	<u>-997.39</u>
Account balance as of 3/31/11 .....	\$22,231.52

## Return date notices make a comeback

As reported in a previous *Newsletter*, the Boone County Circuit Clerk's office recently stopped sending service-of-process notices with return dates in associate civil cases as a cost-saving measure.

**Milt Harper**, chair of the BCBA Civil Practice and

Procedure Committee, reports that his committee's communications with the court have now resulted in the clerk's office agreeing to begin providing return dates to attorneys on a receipt for filing fees to be issued after associate civil cases are filed.

## Final BCBA dues deadline is April 30

The final deadline for paying 2011 BCBA dues is April 30. Those who have not paid by that date will be removed from the membership rolls and email list. Dues are \$50/lawyer, except that "public service" lawyers pay \$25 (see the Dues page on the BCBA website for the definition of public service). Dues are waived for sitting and retired judges and for members who have been licensed for 50 years or more or who are at least 75 years old. Dues payments should be sent to BCBA Treasurer **Ben Nelson**, 29 E. Ash St., Columbia 65201. See the website for a payment coupon.

## Editor/webmaster will retire in September; *Newsletter* changes planned

I said I was retiring once, but it didn't "take."

Now I'm planning to retire for good as BCBA *Newsletter* editor and webmaster effective in September this year.

**Thad Taylor** of The Elder Law Office of Thad Taylor, LLC has agreed to succeed me as editor/webmaster effective with the October 2011 *Newsletter*.

To smooth the transition, some major changes will be made in the distribution and format of the *Newsletter* beginning next month.

We have been working for some time to eliminate the mailing of paper copies of the *Newsletter*, and our mailing list is now under 200 names (out of approximately 400 members).

Effective with the May issue, the *Newsletter* will be distributed only in electronic format. Members who are not adept with computers will need to have computer-savvy staff members download and print the *Newsletter* for them.

The second major change will be to the format of the *Newsletter*. As a former newspaper journalist, I tried to make the publication look like a mini-newspaper, which requires substantial training and experience. The new format will look more like a letter, will be easier to assemble, and will not be limited to two pages (nor will it have to fill two pages). For those interested, a sample of the new

## RSVP by April 11 for April 13 Bench-Bar social at CCMo

The annual Bench-Bar gathering will be held this year from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, at the Country Club of Missouri.

The BCBA is paying for the entire event, so it will be free to BCBA members, judges, and courthouse staff members from Boone and Callaway counties. Unlike the annual Holiday Party, spouses and dates are not invited to this event.

**RSVP:** To ensure enough food, please RSVP by noon on Monday, April 11 to **Gretchen Yancy** at 443-2828 or [gyancey@edorr.com](mailto:gyancey@edorr.com).

The format will be different this year. Instead of a formal dinner, the event will be a casual mixer-style affair. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, including carved tenderloin with dollar rolls and condiments, toasted ravioli, stuffed mushrooms, vegetables and dip, fruit, cheese, and dessert items.

Beer, wine, tea and soft drinks will be provided at no charge.

Mixed drinks may be purchased.

The annual bench-bar gathering is designed to allow lawyers, judges and courthouse personnel to mingle in an informal setting and become better acquainted.

The event is co-sponsored by the Boone and Callaway bars. It alternates two years in Boone County and one year in Callaway. It will be held in Boone County this year and next year.

### Composite available

The new BCBA composite photo is now available for purchase, as well as individual photos of the included lawyers.

To view and purchase the composite and photos, go to [www.photogliff.com](http://www.photogliff.com) and follow the BCBA links on the right side of the page. There are separate links for the composite and individual photos and for the various packages available.

The composite to be hung at the Boone County Courthouse is now being framed and will be completed soon.

format for this month's issue accompanies the online version of this story.

I started the *Newsletter* in May 1986 and continued as editor for eight years, three months and 97 issues until August 1994, when I made my first attempt at retirement from the editorship.

After that there were several interim editors, with **Skip Walther** serving the longest, from July 1995 through November 2001.

I took over again in December 2001 and have been the editor since then. By September 2011, I'll have racked up another nine years, 10 months and 118 issues.

Another project I undertook, at the request of 1998-99 BCBA President **Ellen Roper**, was to establish the BCBA's website, which finally went online after a lengthy development period in April 2001. I have maintained the site since then and did a major redesign of the site in February 2010.

I have greatly enjoyed serving the bar, but in September, after about 18 years as editor and with 215 issues of the *Newsletter* under my belt, it will be time to rest a little and turn my attention to new interests. I'll be training Thad in the coming months, and I'm confident he'll do a great job keeping the bar informed.

**Steve Scott** – Editor/Webmaster

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## Around the bar . . .

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, April 5:** Local elections. BCBA members **Helen Wade** and **Glen Ehrhardt** are running for the Columbia Board of Education and Fifth Ward City Council seat, respectively.

**Wednesday, April 6:** Women Lawyers Association of Mid-Missouri meeting at 5 p.m. at the Missouri Supreme Court building in Jefferson City. **Andrea Follett**, career development coordinator at the MU Law School, and Kim Shields, WLAMM board member and government consultant for LexisNexis, will present resume pointers in a program titled "Spring Cleaning for your Career."

**Thursday, April 7:** BCBA Criminal Law Committee meeting, 11:45 a.m. at Room 38. For information contact chair **Jennifer Bukowsky** at [jb@lawbuck.com](mailto:jb@lawbuck.com).

**Monday, April 11:** Heart of Missouri CASA 5th annual Mizzou Baseball and Softball Clinic for boys and girls ages 5-12 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Devine Indoor Training Facility/Taylor Stadium, featuring pitching, catching, hitting and fielding instruction from current MU baseball and softball players and coaches. The event will be repeated at the same time on **Monday, April 18**. The cost is \$25 for one session or \$35 for both. Enrollment forms are at [www.heartofmissouricasa.com](http://www.heartofmissouricasa.com). For information contact Mike Holder at 499-1700 or [mholder@midmissourilawyers.com](mailto:mholder@midmissourilawyers.com).

**Tuesday, April 19:** Young Lawyers Committee lunch meeting at 11:45 a.m. at Ingredient, 304 S. 9th St., Columbia. For information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or [sowers@learwerts.com](mailto:sowers@learwerts.com).

**Friday, April 22:** BCBA Family Law Committee brown-bag CLE titled "Military Issues in Family Law" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Jury Assembly Room at the Boone County Courthouse. The speaker will be Doug Fredrick, an attorney from Springfield, who has extensive experience in military law issues. The program has been approved for 2.0 CLE credit hours. The cost to attend is \$5. Attendees should bring their own lunch and beverage. RSVP to **Melissa Faurot** by April 15 at [melissafaurot@midmtrialattorneys.com](mailto:melissafaurot@midmtrialattorneys.com).

### FIRM ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Wally Bley** and **Mark Evans** recently joined in forming Bley & Evans, LC at 1000 E. Nifong Blvd., Bldg. 4, Suite 200, Columbia 65203. Wally is a long-time BCBA member and former president of the Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys. Mark previously was a partner in a Kansas City firm where he focused on personal injury. The new firm will focus on vehicle accidents and defective products.

**Norm Lampton** has changed the name of his firm to Lampton Law Firm, LLC, 4002 Imperial Ct., Suite 5, Columbia 65202. He will restrict his practice to appearances for law firms in central Missouri courts, post-judgment remedies and creditor bankruptcy. He is co-chair of the BCBA Commercial Law Committee and secretary of the Missouri Bar Commercial Law Committee.

**Kerry Bush** and **Adam Patchett**, formerly of Powell, Bush & Patchett, LLC, have formed Bush & Patchett, LLC and moved to 3315 Berrywood Dr., Suite 102, Columbia 65201. Their phone and fax numbers are 442-7005 and 442-7009, respectively.

**Lori Green** has moved her firm, Lori L. Green, LLC, to 3315 Berrywood Dr., Suite 102, Columbia 65201. Her phone remains 443-6003 but her fax has changed to 442-7009.

**Kristen Dickinson** has moved her firm, Dickinson Law Firm LLC, to 601 W. Nifong Blvd., Suite 5A, Columbia 65203. Her phone remains 446-5770 but her fax has changed to 696-1717.

**Brent Haden** has joined BCBA member **Michael Byrne** in the formation of Haden & Byrne, LLC at 717 Cherry St., P.O. Box 30095, Columbia 65025, phone 442-3535, fax 888-632-7775. Brent also recently joined the BCBA.

### NEW MEMBERS

**Christina Eberhard Devine**, who recently became Volunteer Lawyer Project Coordinator at Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corp., 205 E. Forest Ave., Columbia 65203, phone 442-0116, fax 875-0173. She is a 2007 MU Law School graduate and previously worked as a staff attorney in the St. Louis office of Missouri Protection & Advocacy Services.

**Jason McClitis**, an associate at Brown Law Office LC, 501 Cherry St., Suite 100, Columbia 65201, phone 814-2375, fax 800-906-6199. He is a 2009 MU Law School graduate and previously worked at Robert G. Brown & Associates in Jefferson City. He focuses on business and litigation.

**Chelsea R. Mitchell**, assistant public defender, 3029 County Road 1325, Moberly, MO 65270, phone and fax 660-263-2479. She is a 2010 MU Law School graduate.

### OTHER NEWS

Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corp. has six used file cabinets for sale. For information contact Tabatha at 442-0116 or [tabatha@mmls.org](mailto:tabatha@mmls.org).

The 13th Circuit is seeking lawyers interested in entering into 2011-12 guardian ad litem contracts. For information contact **Mary Epping** at 886-4059 or [mary.epping@courts.mo.gov](mailto:mary.epping@courts.mo.gov).

**Randall Johnston** has office-sharing space available at 2800 Forum Blvd., Suite 3, Columbia 65203. For information contact Randall at 442-8879 or [rbjlaw@hotmail.com](mailto:rbjlaw@hotmail.com).

**Matt Darrough** has still office-sharing space available at 4200 Merchant St., Suite 103, Columbia 65203, in the Cherry Hill development. Contact Matt at 445-1234 or [mattdarrough@mac.com](mailto:mattdarrough@mac.com) for information.

**Rachael Kennedy** recently was selected as president-elect of the Missouri Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC). She will speak in June at the annual international AFCC conference, presenting a program with her mother-in-law, Joyce Woodford, Ph.D., on "Current Issues Impacting Transgender Clients in Mental Health and Legal Fields." Rachael also participated in a ceremony on March 15 at which Gov. Jay Nixon proclaimed April as Mediation Month in Missouri.

About 70 members attended the BCBA meeting on March 9 to hear **Sarah Read's** CLE-credit program, "Do's and Don'ts for the Practitioner." Her materials are posted on the CLE Materials page (Other Topics menu) on the BCBA website.