



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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CLE credit for June 8 program on corporation valuation

Four BCBA members will present a 1.2-hour CLE-credit program on valuation of closely held corporations in the family law context at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, June 8, at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St.

As usual when CLE programs are presented, lunch service will begin at 11:30 a.m. June 8 in the County Room on the lower level of Boone Tavern. The lunch price will be \$9, payable to the restaurant.

RSVP: Reserve your spot by RSVP'ing with BCBA Secretary **Adam Patchett** at adam@businesslawcolumbia.com by 5 p.m. **Tuesday, June 7.** RSVPs are necessary so Boone Tavern can prepare sufficient food and seating.

Gary Stamper will moderate the program, which will focus on three valuation methodologies used for property division in the dissolution-of-marriage context: Earnings approach; liquidation ("underlying asset") approach; and comparable sales approach.

Jean Goldstein will discuss two seminal cases in this area of the law which she handled. Other panelists include **Helen Wade** and **Ed Orr**. Panel members will present examples of actual corporate valuations from their past cases.

Bar members help with Joplin tornado relief

Spearheaded by **Josh Oxenhandler**, co-chair of the BCBA School Partnership and Public Relations Committee, bar members pitched to help tornado victims in Joplin, Missouri as part of a fundraising telethon broadcast on KOMU-TV on Thursday, May 26.

Josh reported that more than 25 local law firms and individual attorneys contributed in excess of \$4,300 to the cause, while the telethon itself raised a reported total of more than \$1 million. The BCBA contributed \$500 of that from its treasury.

Josh said those interested in further volunteer opportunities can visit www.211missouri.org.

Annual bar picnic and election scheduled September 2

BCBA Picnic Committee chair **Mark Langworthy** has scheduled the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic and Election of Officers at Twin Lakes Park on the evening of Friday, September 2, 2011.

A social hour will begin about 5 p.m., followed by dinner at about 6 p.m. The usual menu will be served, including pit-roasted beef ribeye, brats, hot dogs, side dishes, and beverages including beer, wine and soft drinks.

President **Tom Schneider** is in the process of appointing a nominating committee, which will present a slate of proposed officers for 2011-12 at the picnic. The election usually is held during or after dinner.

Local rule on motion rulings in chambers is revised

At its May 10 meeting, the 13th Circuit Court en Banc adopted an immediate change in Local Rule 33.5, which deals with motion rulings in chambers. The revised rule is posted on the BCBA website at www.bocomobar.org/z033-5.htm.

The rule previously said that a motion not requiring evidence or argument would be submitted to the court for a ruling in chambers 15 days after service on adverse parties. Instead, the revised rule simply provides that a party may ask the court to rule on a pending matter in chambers.

13th Circuit receives Permanency Award

On behalf of the 13th Judicial Circuit, Associate Circuit Judge **Leslie Schneider** received the Permanency Award from Missouri Supreme Court Judge Zel M. Fischer and Deputy State Courts Administrator Gary Wait during a special ceremony on May 24 at the Boone County Courthouse in Columbia.

This is the third time the 13th Circuit has received the Permanency Award, which is given to circuits for successfully holding timely hearings in child abuse and neglect cases in which children removed from their homes are to be reunited with their families or are to be placed in another permanent home as soon as possible. The 13th Circuit is one of 17 judicial circuits that will receive the award this year.

"Timely hearings are critical when children are removed from their homes and are to be reunited with their families or are to be placed in other permanent homes as soon as possible," Fischer said. "The nature of these cases can make it very difficult

to hold timely hearings unless the officials involved exert strong and continuous efforts to do so, and those courts that achieve the highest success deserve recognition for their difficult achievement."

Waint added, "The success this circuit has achieved is a testament to the leadership and hard work of judges, juvenile officers, clerks, children's division workers and other support staff. In the five years since we have instituted the awards, the timeliness of hearings throughout the state has increased. Of the more than 38,000 required hearings, 98 percent of them were held on time. This is an increase of 6 percent from 2006, when we instituted the award."

Reminder – composite now available

As mentioned in previous issues of the *Newsletter*, the new BCBA composite photo is now available for purchase, as are individual photos of the included lawyers.

To view and purchase the composite and photos, go to 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. Photogliff is located at 212 E. Green Meadows Rd., Suite 6, Columbia, MO 65203. For more information, call the studio at 881-0862.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 2, at 11:45 a.m.: BCBA Criminal Law Committee meeting at Room 38. The guest speaker will be new Associate Circuit Judge **Michael Bradley**, who is expected to discuss his plans for alternative sentencing courts. For more information contact committee chair **Jennifer Bukowsky** at j@lawbuk.com.

Friday, June 17: The BCBA Commercial/Bankruptcy Lawyers Committee will hold its annual picnic. Committee members will receive direct invitations and more information by mail and email.

Tuesday, June 21 at 11:45 a.m.: Young Lawyers Committee lunch meeting at Harpo's, 29 S. Tenth St. The topic will be this year's Chipping in for Charity golf tournament. For information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com.

Thursday, June 23, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Mid Missouri Estate Planning Council meeting at the Columbia Country Club. The guest speaker will be Matt Vandennack, advanced solutions attorney with the Principal Life Insurance Company, who will discuss the Tax Relief Act of 2010 and its impact on life insurance and irrevocable life insurance trusts. The meeting includes lunch and continuing education credit, including 1.2 hours bar CLE, 1 hour CPE and 1 hour CE applied for. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for guests and \$15 for students. RSVP by June 17 to Rick McKernan at 443-6900 x 11.

FIRM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jared V. Vessell and **Ross Bridges**, both formerly of Atwill & Montgomery, recently opened Vessell Bridges Law Offices, LLC at 2001 Corona Rd., Suite 305, Columbia, MO 65203, phone 777-4488, fax 777-4489. Their practice focuses on workers compensation, Social Security, firearms law, family law, and minor criminal matters.

Greta Bassett-Seymour announced that the Bassett Law Firm has added veterans disability to its practice areas under the supervision of Maren Mellem, one of the few Missouri attorneys who is a member of the National Organization of Veterans Advocates. Maren is also a member of the bar of the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

More information has been received about **Connie Haden**, who was listed as a new member in last month's *Newsletter*. She opened The Haden Law Firm at 717 Cherry St. at the beginning of 2011 and works in the areas of estate and business planning, trust and probate administration, elder law and tax-exempt and non-profit organizations. Before starting her own firm, she practiced with Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP in Kansas City, specializing in complex estate, business, gift and tax planning issues. She then served as independent counsel for Graves Bartle Marcus & Garrett LLC in Kansas City where she continued her practice in estate planning and trust and estate administration and expanded her practice into the areas of non-profit organizations and elder law. She is licensed to practice in Missouri and Kansas and is a member of the Kansas City Estate Planning Society, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), and the Missouri Chapter of NAELA. She received her J.D. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the UMKC Law Review and was a member of the Christian Legal Society, the Federalist Society, the Student Bar Association and the Order of the Bench and Robe. Connie graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with degrees in Agriculture Business Management and Business Economics. During her time at Mizzou, she was active with the Homecoming Steering Committee, the Baptist Student Union, the Ag Week Steering Committee and the Mortarboard Honor Society. She was a Sam Walton Business Scholar and received her American FFA Degree. She grew up on a farm near King City, Missouri. She now lives outside Columbia with her husband and their two young sons.

NEW MEMBERS

More information has been received on **Lisa Key**, reported as a new member in last month's *Newsletter*. She is the new Assistant Dean for Admissions, Career Development and Student Services at MU School of Law. She was previously a faculty member at the law school from 1993 to 2003 and spent the last eight years in private practice in Kansas City. She is a 1987 graduate of Northwestern University School of Law, and practiced in Atlanta, GA before moving to Missouri.

Recent new members, in alphabetical order, are:

Lara S. Dickey, Office of the General Counsel, University of Missouri System, 227 University Hall, Columbia MO 65211, phone 882-3211, fax 882-0050, email DickeyL@umsystem.edu.

James C. Martin, P.O. Box 432, Columbia, MO 65205, phone 999-2141, email jmtreadwell@aol.com.

Matt Uhrig, Law Office of Matt Uhrig, LLC, 129 E. Broadway, Ashland, MO 65010, phone 657-2050, fax 657-2051, email matt@muhriglaw.com. He graduated from the MU Law School in 2000 and opened his own office in Ashland in 2008 after working for the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, Armstrong Teasdale, and as a partner in the Lake Law Firm in Jefferson City.

OTHER NEWS

About 70 members attended the regular BCBA meeting on May 11, 2011 to hear **Bob Bailey's** CLE-credit presentation on "Baseball Salary Arbitration."

Treasurer's Report by Ben Nelson

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| Account balance as of 04/29/11 | \$25,601.85 |
| Receipts 04/29/11 to 05/27/11 | |
| Dues | 612.50 |
| Interest | 0.86 |
| Expenses 04/29/11 to 05/27/15 | |
| High school scholarships | (11,000.00) |
| Photogliff (bar composite photo) | (246.00) |
| Deck the Walls (framing for bar composite photo) | (454.06) |
| Country Club of Missouri (Bench-Bar mixer) | (2,676.90) |
| Picnic shelter reservation | (42.00) |
| Heart of Missouri United Way (Joplin tornado relief) | <u>(500.00)</u> |
| Account balance as of 05/27/11 | \$11,296.25 |

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