



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## 'State of Court' Address Planned at October 12 Meeting

13th Circuit Presiding Judge **Gary Oxenhandler** will deliver his 'State of the Court' address at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, October 12. Judge Oxenhandler will speak about current and anticipated court programs, policies, and procedures, and the court budget. The program has been approved for 1.2 hours CLE credit.

Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the County Room on the lower level of Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St., and the presentation will begin about noon. A brief business meeting will precede the program. The lunch price will be \$9, payable to Boone Tavern.

**RSVP:** To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Gretchen Yancey** at 514-4061 or [Gretchen@TheYanceyLawFirm.com](mailto:Gretchen@TheYanceyLawFirm.com) by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 11.

## YLC 'Chipping in for Charity' golf event on October 10

BCBA members are reminded that the Young Lawyers Committee's fifth annual *Chipping in for Charity* golf tournament is scheduled for Monday, October 10, 2011 (Columbus Day - a court holiday) at Columbia Country Club. There are a few spots available for teams/players as well as sponsorships and prize/other donations. The registration form is linked to the version of this article on the BCBA web site. Please see the registration form for more information on the tournament and sponsorship opportunities, or contact **Gretchen Yancey** at the Yancey Law Firm at 514-4061 or [Gretchen@theyanceylawfirm.com](mailto:Gretchen@theyanceylawfirm.com), or **Sander Sowers** at Lear Werts at 875-1991 or [sowers@learwerts.com](mailto:sowers@learwerts.com) to get your teams and sponsorships in ASAP. Last year's golf tournament raised more than \$7,500 for Mid-Missouri Legal Services and the Boone County Bar Association Scholarship Fund. Also, for those playing in the tournament, please remember that check-in/lunch for the tournament begins at approximately 10:45 a.m. the day of the tournament, and the tournament begins at noon with a shotgun start. A post-tournament reception will be held at Truman's Bar & Grill.

## Benefit Auction for Fred Baer a Success

A Message from Boone County Court Administration regarding the benefit held for Boone County Sergeant Court Marshall Fred Baer on August 30 [photos of which will soon be posted on the BCBA website]:

"We want to let everyone know that the total amount raised for Fred was \$7,663.00. As sad as this time is, it is also a time to reflect and say thank you for your support and amazing generosity to Fred and his family. It is heartwarming to see a community like ours come together and support a wonderful man and his family. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Sincerely,

Les Werner, Lana Brooks, Christy Blakemore, and Linda Dolliver.

Marshall Baer died on September 7. He was 63 years old.

## Docket Changes Effective November 7

On September 19, Judge Oxenhandler signed [Administrative Order 15-11](#) providing for revisions to the Docket Schedules for Divisions 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10. A summary of the revisions and the new Schedules can be found on the BCBA website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/docket.htm>.

## Event Honoring Steve Scott a Success

About 60 BCBA members came out on September 14, to recognize **Steve Scott** for his 18+ years of service as *Newsletter* editor and 10+ years as webmaster. Current BCBA President **Marvin Tofle**, Immediate Past President **Tom Schneider**, and 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Presiding Judge **Gary Oxenhandler** all gave short speeches to honor Steve, and Steve offered some reflections on his experiences in those roles. Steve's commitment to the BCBA and his institutional memory have been key to its strength and solidarity over the years, and the BCBA is thankful he will continue to serve as Vice President and Chair of the Program and Entertainment Committee for the 2011-12 year.

## Local Participation Requested for National Pro Bono Week October 23-29

Mid-Missouri Legal Services encourages Boone County Bar Association members to volunteer during National Pro Bono Week, October 23-29. MMLS offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for attorneys that range from clinics to extended representation cases and welcomes your participation in the Volunteer Lawyer Project. This year, MMLS will be working with the University of Missouri School of Law during National Pro Bono Week to provide opportunities for law students to learn more about pro bono work in clinic settings. Please contact **Christina Devine** at [devine@mmls.org](mailto:devine@mmls.org) to learn more about getting involved during Pro Bono Month.

## BCBA Committee Members Announced for 2011-12

BCBA President **Marvin Tofle** announced his appointments for the 2011-12 Committee chairs and members at the Executive Committee meeting September 30. Marvin will meet with the Committee Chairs on October 5, to discuss goals and plans for the upcoming year. Here is a list of the 2011-12 committees, which can also be found on the website.

Committee	Members
Criminal Law	Chair: <b>Jennifer Bukowsky</b> . Other members: <b>Greg Mermelstein, Bill Ellis, Kay Evans, Erika Eliason, Stan Clay, Jenny Young, Kimberly Shaw, and Jason Shackelford.</b>
Family Law	Chair: <b>Josh Oxenhandler</b> . Other members: <b>Gretchen Yancey, Amy Markel, Anna Lingo, Jenny Young, Melissa Faurot, Casey Rose Berndt, Jason Shackelford, and Tana Benner</b>
Legal Aid Committee	Chair: <b>Kelly Mills</b> . Other members: <b>Susan Lutton, Christina Devine, and Chelsea Mitchell</b>
Bar-Schools Partnership/Mock Trial Competition	Chair: <b>Chelsea Mitchell</b> . Other members: <b>Erika Eliason, Bill Ellis</b>
Practice, Procedure and Judiciary	Chair: <b>Milt Harper</b> . Other members: <b>Lori Green, Bill Swift, Ron Sweet, Kristen Dickinson, and Jason Shackelford</b>
Program/Entertainment	Chair: <b>Steve Scott</b> . Other members: <b>Lori Green, Betty Wilson, Norm Lampton, Jennifer Bukowsky, Sander Sowers, and Christina Devine.</b>
ADR/Mediation	Chair: <b>Dan O'Hearn</b> . Other members:
Commercial Law	Chair: <b>Janice Harder</b> . Other members: <b>Ron Sweet, Bill Swift, Gwen Froeschner Hart, Mike McCrary, Norm Lampton, and Eva Holtz Vlachynsky</b>
Juvenile Law	Chair: <b>Anna Lingo</b> . Other members: <b>Greg Mermelstein, Amy Markel, Melissa Faurot, Kristen Dickinson, and Casey Rose Berndt</b>
Picnic	Chair: <b>Mark Langworthy</b> . Other members: <b>Lori Green, Christina Devine, and Sander Sowers.</b>
Young Lawyers	Chair: <b>Sander Sowers</b> . Other members: <b>Christina Devine, Kelly Mills, Dan O'Hearn, and Tana Benner.</b>
Probate	Chair: <b>Thad Taylor</b> . Other members: <b>Carlyle Foley, Mark Langworthy, and Veronica Manahan.</b>
Public Relations	Chair: <b>Lori Green</b> . Other members: <b>Bill Ellis, Chelsea Mitchell</b>

## Around the bar . . .

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, October 4, 4:30-6:30 p.m.:** MU Law Professor **Mary Beck** will be a panelist on the MU Law School's Family Violence Clinic presentation "Clemency for Three Missouri Women: How Gender Violence, Criminal Justice & Law School Clinics Played a Part". The program will explain how successive teams of MU law students won parole for three women convicted of murdering their abusive spouses at a time when Missouri Law did not permit evidence of domestic violence at murder trials. Amy Lorenz-Moser [Missouri's 2011 Lawyer of the Year], Rick Kroeger and Kelly Kroeger will discuss their experiences representing the clients as law students and new attorneys, and the three paroled women [Carleen Borden, Linda

Branch and Vickie Williams] will tell the stories of the abuse they suffered, the circumstances of each of their husband's deaths, and their experiences with the criminal justice system in their cases. BCBA members are invited to attend. Pizza and drinks will be provided. RSVPs are required no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday, October 3. For additional information, or to RSVP, contact Monique Prince at 882-9728 or [Princem@missouri.edu](mailto:Princem@missouri.edu).

**Thursday, October 6, at 11:45 a.m.:** BCBA Criminal Law Committee meeting at Room 38. The guest speaker will be Eapen Thampy, who will update the committee with the latest developments and challenges in state and federal courts to asset seizure and forfeiture. The program should qualify for 1.0 hours of CLE credit [application pending]. For more information, contact committee chair **Jennifer Bukowsky** at [j@lawbuk.com](mailto:j@lawbuk.com).

**Thursday, October 20:** Save the date, as the Women Lawyers Association of Mid-Missouri (WLAMM) is planning their fall event. Annual dues (\$25) will be collected at the event. Location and other details will be announced soon. For further information, please contact **Gretchen Yancey** or **Cassandra Rogers** [660-882-7577 or [crogersmo@aol.com](mailto:crogersmo@aol.com)]. WLAMM also extends an invitation to anyone interested in membership to click "Like" on their Facebook page to stay up to date.

**Friday, October 21, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.:** keynote speaker Gary Born will lead an international group of experts in a frank discussion of issues that can arise when parties combine litigation tactics with international commercial arbitration. The symposium, "Border Skirmishes: The Intersection Between Litigation and International Commercial Arbitration," will be held at the Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution at the MU School of Law. The registration fee for the symposium, including an optional "early bird" session at 4:45 a.m. concerning the new ICC Rules of Arbitration, is \$50, and registration is available online. CLE credit is available for 5 hours in Missouri and Kansas. Registration is requested by October 14. For more information, go to <http://www.law.missouri.edu/csdr/symposium/2011/> or contact Professor S.I. Strong at [strongsi@missouri.edu](mailto:strongsi@missouri.edu).

**Friday, October 21, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.:** The Second Annual U.S. District Court Central Division's CLE will be presented at the Christopher S. "Kit" Bond U.S. Court House at 80 Lafayette Street, Jefferson City, 65101. There is no registration fee and lunch will be provided by the Court. Registration is required no later than October 17, 2011, and can be done at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/second\\_annual\\_usdc\\_central\\_div\\_cle](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/second_annual_usdc_central_div_cle). For more information, contact Kay Bode at 573-634-3418 or Jackie Price at 573-556-7561.

**Tuesday, October 25, 11:45 a.m.:** The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at The Upper Crust, 904 Elm St. Please note that the October meeting has been moved to the fourth Tuesday of the month as opposed to the third Tuesday of the month when meetings are usually held. For more information contact Sander Sowers at 875-1991 or [sowers@learwerts.com](mailto:sowers@learwerts.com).

**Friday, November 11:** The 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit is planning a 3 hour Guardian ad Litem CLE and a 3 hour Mediator CLE, both to be held in the Courthouse. More information will be available at a later date. Please direct questions to **Mary Epping** at [mary.epping@courts.mo.gov](mailto:mary.epping@courts.mo.gov).

## TRANSITIONS

**Cynthia Barchet** has moved the Barchet Law Office to 302 Campusview Drive, Suite 201, Columbia, 65201. Her phone number remains 441-9000. Her fax number has changed to 441-0612. Cynthia continues to maintain a 2<sup>nd</sup> office location at 1001 Boardwalk Springs Place, Suite 111, O'Fallon, MO, 63368, phone 636-695-4123.

**Travis Jacobs** has moved his office to 2511 Broadway Bluffs, Ste. 201, Columbia, 65201. His phone number remains 875-5229. His fax number has changed to 499-1315.

## NEW MEMBERS

More information has been received on **Bethany R. Findley**, reported as a new member in last month's *Newsletter*. Beth graduated from the University of Missouri School of Law in 2010, then clerked for one year with Judge Ray Price on the Missouri Supreme Court. Smith Lewis, LLP, is pleased to welcome her into the Firm.

**Gregory D. Comiskey** of Ford, Parshall & Baker, LLC, 3210 Bluff Creek Drive, Columbia, 65201, phone 449-2613, fax 875-8154, email [gcomiskey@fpb-law.com](mailto:gcomiskey@fpb-law.com).

**Rodney Massman** of The Parmele Law Firm, PC, 1900 N. Providence Rd., Ste. 205, Columbia, 65202-0781, phone 441-0781, fax 417-889-2030, email [r.massman@danielparmelelaw.com](mailto:r.massman@danielparmelelaw.com). Rodney is a 1990 graduate of St. Louis University School of Law, and worked for the Missouri Department of Revenue General Counsel's Office, MO Department of Transportation's Chief Counsel's Office, and the MoDOT Multimodal Division, prior to his current practice in disability law.

## OTHER NEWS

Practice and Procedure Committee Chair **Milt Harper** asks BCBA members to provide him with any suggestions, concerns or other thoughts regarding the local rules concerning change, evaluation, etc. Please send your comments by email to [mharper@hewnlaw.com](mailto:mharper@hewnlaw.com), so that Milt can add them to the agenda for the next meeting of the Practice and Procedure Committee meeting.

**Rachael Kennedy** will be a presenter at a workshop “Why is This Person Such an Insensitive Jerk? Understanding Personality Type Dynamics in the Mediation Process” at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts’ (AFCC) Fall Regional Training Conference entitled “Working With High Conflict and Violent Families”. The conference is being held in Indianapolis **October 27-29**, and features training on a number of family law and domestic abuse topics. The brochure can be found at <http://afccnet.org/pdfs/AFCC%20Indy%20Conference%20Brochure.pdf>. Scholarships and stipends may still be available. For more information, contact Rachael at 886-8989. Rachael also would like to inform BCBA members that the 49<sup>th</sup> annual international conference of AFCC will be held June 6-9, 2012. The theme will be Attachment, Brain Science, Children of Divorce: The ABCD’s of Child Development for Family Law. Rachael wants BCBA members to be informed early in order to take advantage of scholarships and stipends to defray the costs of registration, transportation and housing, if interested. More information can be found at [http://www.afccnet.org/conferences/afcc\\_conferences.asp](http://www.afccnet.org/conferences/afcc_conferences.asp).

About 100 BCBA members, spouses/significant others, and children attended the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic and election of officers on Friday evening, September 2, 2011. Despite the hot weather, it was a great opportunity for members to meet and socialize. As usual, BCBA Picnic Committee Chairman **Mark Langworthy** and the Picnic Committee did a fantastic job with the food. Pictures are available on the BCBA website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/photos-picnic-090211.htm>.

**Stan Clay** still has office-sharing space available in the Guitar Building, 28 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 517, Columbia, 65201. It includes a secretary/paralegal, receptionist, office supplies, postage, fax, DSL high speed internet, conference room, WestlawNext, and a new phone system. For more information, call Stan at 442-1646.

## Treasurer's Report by Julia Grus

<b>Account Balance as of 08/19/11</b>	<b>\$9,725.04</b>
<b>Receipts 08/19/11 to 09/22/11</b>	
Bar Dues	50.00
Interest	0.48
<b>Expenses 08/19/11 to 09/22/11</b>	
University of Missouri Meat Sales (Picnic)	(624.25)
Buckingham Smokehouse (Picnic)	(315.00)
HyVee (Picnic)	(935.26)
Mary Carnahan (Picnic Reimbursement)	(10.72)
Mark Langworthy (Picnic Reimbursement)	(134.23)
Lindsey Rentals	(141.24)
Marvin Tofle (Steve Scott Reception/Outgoing Pres. gift reimbursement)	(616.30)
Shakespeare’s (Steve Scott Reception)	(609.48)
Columbia Country Club (YLC golf tournament deposit)	(250.00)
<b>Account Balance as of 9/22/11</b>	<b>\$6,139.04</b>

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