



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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CLE Credit Available for January 11 Meeting

Missouri Senator [and BCBA Member] **Kurt U. Schaefer** will be the speaker for the CLE Presentation “2012 General Assembly Preview and Legislative Process”, at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, January 11. Senator Schaefer will discuss bills of interest, including those endorsed by the Missouri Bar; the legislative budget process and prospects for the state judiciary budget; and ways that lawyers impact the legislative process. The program has been approved for 1.2 hours of 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. Lunch will cost \$9, with checks payable to Boone Tavern.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Gretchen Yancey** at 514-4061 or Gretchen@TheYanceyLawFirm.com by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 10.

Holiday Party Results in Successful Food Bank Collection

A total of 116 bar members, spouses and guests attended the BCBA Holiday Party at the Columbia Country Club the evening of December 8, and brought with them a combined 262 pounds of food and \$365.00 in donations to the Food Bank, which was enough to make a significant difference for individuals in our community. This was the first year the BCBA added a charitable component to its annual holiday social gathering. The Food Bank anticipated about ½ that amount and provided two collection barrels for the party, but ended up needing four barrels to haul all of the food back.

The Food Bank extends its thanks to the BCBA on behalf of the 121,000 people in central and northeast Missouri identified as “food insecure”. The Food Bank’s “Thank You” letter can be found [here](#).

Featured entertainment for the evening was a talented local jazz ensemble, the Missing Window Trio, composed of Courtney VanLacy, Alan Arnold and Neil Minturn.

Thanks to the Program/Entertainment Committee for planning and making arrangements for the party. Members are **Steve Scott**, chair, and **Jennifer Bukowsky**, **Norm Lampton**, **Susan Lutton**, **Sander Sowers** and **Betty Wilson**. Thanks also to BCBA Treasurer **Julia Grus** for her good work checking people in and tallying the results.

13th Circuit Website Changes Effective January 1

Effective January 1st, 2012, the 13th Judicial Circuit's website will have a new look, updated information, and several new features. One of the new features is a dedicated web page labeled 'For Attorneys.' The link to this page will be available in the menu/heading of every web page. The 'For Attorneys' section will include:

- The Attorney Conflict Calendar portal,
- Boone courthouse attorney suite information,
- Information regarding wireless internet access,
- Guardian ad Litem information,
- Mediation information, and
- Local court rules.

Additional features of the new website include daily posting of dockets and courtroom assignments, many forms and packets, fees, updated information regarding court programs and court units, and a site search. The website address will remain the same: <http://www.courts.mo.gov/hosted/circuit13/>.

MMLS Private Attorney Involvement Plan Available for Review

Mid-Missouri Legal Services (MMLS) seeks increased participation of pro bono and reduced fee attorneys in 2012. The proposed Private Attorney Involvement Plan (PAI Plan) is attached [here](#) for review by the BCBA, and it invites attorneys to provide input by contacting Executive Director **Susan Lutton** at lutton@mmls.org.

Volunteers Desperately Needed for Mock Trial Competition January 21

The Regional High School Mock Trial competition will be held at the Boone County Courthouse from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 21st, and Saturday, February 25th, 2012. Attorneys are needed to serve as judges and evaluators for the high school students participating in the competition. Attorneys who are available to volunteer on either date should contact **Bill Ellis** at 573-777-3900 or at bill@billellislaw.com.

5th Annual YLC 'Chipping in for Charity' Final Numbers

The final numbers are in for the 5th Annual Young Lawyers Committee 'Chipping in for Charity' Golf Tournament held on October 10, 2011. \$11,053.92 was the total raised. \$10,053.92 was donated to Mid-Missouri Legal Services, which provides pro bono legal services for low income clients, and \$1,000.00 was donated to the Columbia Cobra's Strike Force, which aids youth baseball players wanting to play at competitive levels but are otherwise unable to afford to do so.

The Young Lawyers Committee would again like to thank all of the generous sponsors, participants, and volunteers who helped make this year's tournament such a success and is looking forward to the 2012 tournament.

Casino Night Benefiting Greg Scott Equal Justice Fellowship Saturday, January 21

The Equal Justice Law Foundation (EJLA) is a group of MU law students committed to advancing public interest law at the in the Mid-Missouri community and beyond, through educating and encouraging participation in public interest law as law students and after graduation.

On Saturday, January 21, beginning at 6:30 p.m., the EJLA will be hosting its 1st Annual Casino Night to benefit the "Greg Scott Equal Justice Fellowship" at Knights of Columbus Hall, 2525 N. Stadium, Columbia. A \$25 donation gets one access to an appetizer buffet, drinks, and chips to gamble with on a number of games. A link to the Flyer is [here](#). For more information about EJLA, go to <http://www.ejla.bbnow.org/>. For more information about EJLA, go to <http://www.ejla.bbnow.org/>.

Partners in Education Committee Seeks Additional Members

If you are passionate about government, literacy, and/or thinking skills, the BCBA Partners in Education Committee would like your help. This committee will be partnering with the 9th grade government classes throughout the district. If interested please contact chair **Sarah Read** at sjr@readadr.com. A committee meeting will be held later in January.

Time to Pay 2012 BCBA Dues

The BCBA is one of the most active and connected local bar associations in Missouri. We are able to provide our members with nearly all the required annual CLE requirements for the price of lunch, reach out to make our community better, and provide opportunities for our attorney members to keep up on our practice areas and local issues, as well as to socialize with each other outside of the courtroom. All of this for the reasonable fee of \$50 per attorney/\$25 for public service attorneys.

Please send in your annual dues ASAP to replenish the operating budget and keep the BCBA thriving. You can either print out this page and use the dues coupon below, or print it off the website's dues page, to send in with your payment. Also, please use this opportunity to check your contact information on the website's [Membership Directory](#) and email **Thad Taylor** at thad@taylorelderlaw.com with any changes or updates you would like made.

2012 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form

(Make checks payable to "Boone County Bar Association, Inc.")

To: **Julia Grus, Treasurer**

Boone County Bar Association

P.O. Box 977

Columbia, MO 65205-0977

___ Enclosed is payment of \$_____ for 2012 BCBA dues for the following attorneys
(at \$50 per attorney, or \$25 per attorney for "public service" attorneys)

___ Person named below claims first-time dues waiver for: ___ Judge ___ Seniority

Name(s) and address (note contact information changes, if any) _____

Volunteers Needed for Undergraduate Mock Trial Competition in January 13-14

Columbia College and the University of Missouri Columbia are hosting an undergraduate Mock trial Invitational tournament competition at the Law school on Friday January 13 and Saturday January 14, 2012. The tournament hosts need attorneys to serve as Judges for this four round Tournament, which serves as a competitive forum for teams to earn bids to the National Championship tournament. Judges will score a printed ballot with established criteria and rule on evidentiary objections governed by an evidence code similar to the Federal Rules of Evidence.

This year's case is a criminal case involving a homicide arising from a DWI incident. The Missouri Bar will authorize up to six hours of self-study CLE credit for Mock trial judging activity. Judges are needed for any and all of the rounds, which begin at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Those interested in judging or in need of further information may contact Professor Barry Langford at Columbia College brlangford@ccis.edu (875-7484). Further information about intercollegiate Mock trial may be obtained at <http://www.collegemocktrial.org>, from **Jared Vessell** email jared@thevbfirm.com or **Ross Bridges** email ross@thevbfirm.com at Vessell Bridges Law Offices, LLC, phone 777-4488.

Judges Needed for Jeff City High School Statewide Tournament February 3 and 4

Jeff City High School is hosting a statewide debate tournament on Friday afternoon, February 3 and Saturday, February 4. You can commit to as little as an hour and half. The tournament will be held at Lewis and Clark Middle School, 325 Lewis and Clark Dr., Jefferson City. For more information, contact Pete Stein, Competitive Forensics Coach, Jefferson City High School, jcapitalclassic@gmail.com, or click on this link to sign up:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFBvMGM0ZHhIOUcwSOR3dHg0MkVHZGc6MQ>

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 5, 2012, 11:45 a.m.: The criminal law committee will meet at Room 38. The guest speaker will be Mitch Richards from the Columbia Citizen's Police Review Board. For more information contact chair **Jennifer Bukowsky** at j@lawbuk.com.

Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.: The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for a happy hour at D. Rowe's, 1005 Club Village Drive. For more information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com.

April 4, 2012, evening: Mark your calendars for the BCBA Bench/Bar dinner. Additional details will be forthcoming.

Wednesday, May 2, 2012-Sunday, May 6, 2012: Save the Date! The law firm of Markel & Lingo will be hosting a Rule 88 Child Custody Mediation Training. This training will be held at Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center. For more information, or to reserve your spot, as attendance will be limited, please e-mail **Jessica Wagner** at jessica@markelandlingolaw.com.

TRANSITIONS

Marvin Tofle has moved his office. Marvin's new contact information is Tofle Law, LLC, 1805 Cliff Dr., Columbia, 65201; phone 228-9768; fax: 228-9814. His email remains marvin@toflelaw.com.

The law firm of Abbott, Schappe & Francis is having an amicable split of the partners. The last effective date of the firm will be December 31, 2011. **Christopher Schappe** will enter into a partnership with his father, Michael Schappe, who practices law in O'Fallon, Missouri. The new firm of Schappe & Schappe will have offices in both Columbia and O'Fallon. The contact information for the Columbia office will be 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Ste. 200, Columbia, 65201; phone 886-8912, fax 886-8901. Chris's new email address will be chris@schappelaw.com. **Mark Abbott** will run Abbott Law Offices and continue to teach undergraduate law classes at Columbia College.

Tim Harlan announces that **Rebecca McKinstry** has left Harlan, Harlan & Still, and is now a staff attorney at the Social Security Administration, Office of Disability Adjudication and Review, 3402 Buttonwood Dr., Columbia, 65203, phone 877-331-8351, fax 442-7072. Tim also would like to welcome **Christina E. Devine** to Harlan, Harlan & Still.

NEW MEMBERS

Nathan Jones, Barchett Law Office, 302 Campusview Dr., Ste. 201, Columbia, 65201, phone 441-9000, fax 441-0612, email nathan@barchetlaw.com. Nathan graduated Order of the Coif from MU Law School in 2011. Nathan also has a finance degree and worked in the investment banking industry prior to law school. He has worked for the Barchet Law Office for six years prior to his graduation and subsequent admission to the Missouri Bar. Nathan will be concentrating in the areas of farm and business planning as well as veteran's benefits and long term care/nursing home finance.

Crystal G. Lovett, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, 1101 Riverside Dr., Jefferson City, 65101-0176, phone 573-522-1594, fax 573-751-7627, email crystal.g.lovett@gmail.com.

Honorable **Matt J. Whitworth**, U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Courthouse- Western District of Missouri- Central Division, 80 Lafayette St., 3rd Floor, Jefferson City, 65101-3231, phone 573-634-3418, fax 573-636-5208, email matt_whitworth@mow.uscourts.gov. Judge Whitworth is a 1983 graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law. Judge Whitworth is a 1992 recipient of the Lon O. Hocker Memorial Trial Lawyer Award and was inducted as a Fellow into the American College of Trial Lawyers in March 2007. He moved from Blue Springs to mid-Missouri in January 2010 upon his appointment to the bench following the retirement of the Honorable **William A. Knox**. He and his wife Jeanie have four sons, one daughter-in-law, and one granddaughter. A more complete biography is available [here](#).

OTHER NEWS

Stan Clay has reduced the asking price for the office-sharing space available in the Guitar Building, 28 N. 8th Street, Suite 517, Columbia, 65201. This is a prime location, right across from the courthouse. 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

Account balance of as 11/24/11	\$13,742.41
Receipts 11/24/11 to 12/25/11	
Bar Dues	\$787.50
Interest	0.13
Holiday Party- Cash	540.00
Holiday Party- Checks	2,095.00
Golf Proceeds	1,400.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$4,822.63
Expenses 11/24/11 – 12/25/11	
Courtney VanLacy (Holiday Party singer)	-\$150.00
Alan Arnold (Holiday Party band)	-\$150.00
Neil Minturn (Holiday Party band)	-\$150.00
Columbia Country Club (Holiday Party)	-\$3,876.08
Central Missouri Food Bank (Holiday Party donation)	-\$365.00
Columbia Cobra's Strike (golf donation)	-\$1,000.00
Mid-Missouri Legal Services (golf donation)	-\$10,053.92
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,745.00
Account Balance as of 12/25/11	\$2,820.04

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