



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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CLE Credit Available for March 14 Meeting

Presiding Family Court Judge **Leslie Schneider** and Family Court Commissioner **Sara Miller** will be the speakers for the CLE Presentation "Civil Contempt in Family Court" at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, March 14.

The program has been approved for 1.2 hours of CLE credit, and will include an overview of current civil contempt law, procedural requests in civil contempt actions, changes to local rules and forms, and advice on best practices from the viewpoint of the bench.

Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the County Room on the lower level of Bleu/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 Bleu/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, March 13.

April 4 Set for the 2012 Bench-Bar Mixer

In coordination with the court and the Callaway County Bar Association the BCBA has scheduled the 2012 Bench-Bar Mixer from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4 at the University Club in the MU Alumni Center on MU campus. The format will be a mixer with heavy hors d' oeuvres rather than a sit-down dinner.

The annual bench-bar gathering is designed to allow lawyers, judges, and courthouse personnel to mingle and get better acquainted. The event is co-sponsored by the Boone and Callaway bars. It alternates two years in Boone and one year in Callaway. It will be in Callaway next year.

Use Coupon Below to Pay 2012 BCBA Dues

The BCBA is one of the most active and connected local bar associations in Missouri. We 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 to keep up on our practice areas and local issues, as well as to socialize with each other outside of the courtroom.

In order to remain in good standing, members must pay send their dues to Treasurer **Julia Grus** using the coupon below. Dues are \$50/lawyer, except "public service" lawyers pay \$25 (see the Dues page on the website for the definition of "public service"). Dues are waived for sitting and retired judges and members who have been licensed 50 years or more or who are at least 75 years old.

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) _____

Nominations Needed for Lon O. Hocker Award

BCBA President **Marvin Tofle** is looking for an outstanding young trial lawyer in Boone County for the BCBA to promote as a nominee for the for Missouri Bar Foundation's Lon O. Hocker Trial Lawyer Award. This award is presented to only three (3) Missouri attorneys under 40 years old who are recognized by their peers as outstanding trial lawyers.

Marvin has been invited to nominate any deserving trial lawyers in Boone County, and will consider suggestions from members regarding which of our own outstanding young trial lawyers should be nominated. Nominations with accompanying letters of recommendation are due to the Missouri Bar Foundation by April 1.

A PDF copy of the letter with more information can be found by clicking here on the website version at <http://www.bocomobar.org/newsletter.htm>.

Public Forum on the Child Support Guidelines Scheduled for March 9

In compliance with Section 452.3408, RSMo, the Family Court Committee of the Missouri Supreme Court is conducting a review of child support guidelines, including an examination of the assumptions, information and methodology that provide the basis for the current guidelines.

Judge **Leslie Schneider** will be the moderator at a public meeting to gather comments from members of both the Bar and the public on Friday, March 9 at 2 p.m. at the Boone County Courthouse in the Jury Assembly Room.

Missouri Attorney General Looking for Experienced Trial Attorneys

The AG's office is looking for two attorneys with a minimum of 6 years of experience preferred:

1. An experienced criminal trial attorney for it Public Safety Division in Jefferson City. The division handles special prosecutions, workers compensation fraud and noncompliance cases and sexually violent predator commitments throughout the state.
2. An experienced general practice trial attorney for its Litigation Division in Jefferson City. The position will handle litigation matters ranging from contract disputes, tax disputes, and property valuation and transfer disputes, to legal challenges of legislative, executive and state government department and agency actions.

For more information, and to apply online, go to <http://ago.mo.gov/eo/openings.htm>.

CLE Credit Available for MU Symposium on Environmental Law on March 9

The University of Missouri Law School will host a symposium on March 9th – “Environmental Justice Issues in Sustainable Development.” This symposium, hosted by the Journal of Environmental and Sustainability Law (formerly known as the Missouri Environmental Law and Policy Review), qualifies for 4 hours of CLE credit in Missouri and is **free**.

Registration is noted on the brochure as “suggested by Friday, March 2” but is not required. More information can be found at <http://law.missouri.edu/faculty/symposium/jesl2012/>.

Partners In Education (PIE) Committee Needs Attorney Volunteers

The BCBA *Partners In Education* Committee seeks to provide opportunities for high school students to improve their critical thinking and literacy skills, and to further their understanding of the role and purpose of government in society. The committee has found several opportunities for BCBA members to help. Please review and contact Chair **Sarah Read** at sjr@readadr.com if you are interested in helping with one or more of the following:

* Judges for the Columbia Public School 9th Grade Government Capstone Event, which will be held from 5:00-8:00 PM at Columbia College on Monday, May 14th. Based on the Center for Civic Education's "We the People" program, teams of students will prepare a short collective speech on a question regarding the US Constitution then answer follow-up questions from a panel of judges (rounds are ten minutes total). A brief training session which will include review of the scoring rubric will be available for judges right before the event. If you can volunteer for this event, please let Sarah know by **March 30**.

* Volunteers to attend high school honor ceremonies and present the BCBA scholarships. The Senior Awards night at Rock Bridge is May 14th (7:00 PM) and at Hickman is May 15th (7:00 PM). We will need volunteers for Douglass, Sturgeon, Centralia, Harrisburg, Hallsville and Ashland as well, and those dates will be announced when known.

* The Columbia Public Schools will be holding a summer in-service for its social studies teachers on Tuesday, August 14th. The BCBA has been invited to propose law-related programs for various break out sessions.

Thank You to Volunteers for High School Mock Trial Competition

Bill Ellis, on behalf of the coordinating committee for the Regional High School Mock Trial competition wish to extend a special thank you to attorneys who donated their time as judges and evaluators for the final round of the competition, held on February 25: **Brad Lear, Liz Magee, Erika Eliason**, Michael Campbell, Jason Gannon, and Kim Burton.

YLC To Participate in 'Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake' event May 5

The Young Lawyers Committee will be participating in the annual 'Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake' fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, May 5. Please consider supporting the Young Lawyers Committee's efforts by participating on our bowling team and/or making a charitable contribution on behalf of our team. More information about the fundraiser is available at http://www.bbbs.org/site/c.4iKRL9POLtF/b.3986387/k.F088/Home_Page.htm and charitable donations can be made on behalf of our team via the website. For more information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com.

Free Mediation Services Available in Family Law Paternity and Modification Cases

Any family law case that is paternity or modification (not divorce) is eligible for FREE mediation services through M.A.R.C.H. (Mediation Achieving Results for Children). There are five local mediators who contract with M.A.R.C.H. to provide these free services to your clients.

To use this service, request M.A.R.C.H. on your Form 15. In addition, you can specifically request one of the M.A.R.C.H. mediators to handle the case. The list of mediators for Boone County is available at <http://www.courts.mo.gov/hosted/circuit13/other/mediation.htm>. If you have any questions, contact Rachael F. Kennedy, board member and mediator for M.A.R.C.H., phone 886-8989, email rkennedy@rkennedylaw.net.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, March 20, 5 p.m.: The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for a happy hour gathering on Tuesday, at CJ's Wings, 704 East Broadway. For more information contact Sander Sowers at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com.

Saturday, April 7, 5:30-9 p.m.: Everyone is invited to attend the 26th Annual Lloyd L. Gaines Scholarship Event, hosted by the Black Law Students Association at the University of Missouri School of Law. The event will take place on Saturday, April 7. Program and sponsorship information can be found at <http://law.missouri.edu/blsa/gaines/>. If you have additional questions, you can contact 2012 Juris Doctor candidate Karma Johnson, email kqj060@mail.missouri.edu.

Wednesday, May 2-Sunday, May 6: The law firm of Markel & Lingo invites you to join them for an interactive 5-day family and divorce mediation training led by experienced Attorney, Mediator and Adjunct Professor, Rebecca T. Magruder. Ms. Magruder's comprehensive program meets the Missouri Supreme Court Rule 88 requirements regarding court approved child custody mediators and provides participants with 40 hours of CLE credit, including 2.4 Ethics credit.

Space will be limited. The Early Bird Rate is \$1,250 on or before April 1st. After that date, the cost is \$1,500, and the registration deadline is April 23rd. To reserve your spot, or for further information, please contact Emily at (573) 449-2740 or by email at emily@markelandlingolaw.com.

TRANSITIONS

Gretchen Yancey has a new fax number: 234-4400. Gretchen's other contact information remains: The Yancey Law Firm, LLC, P.O. Box 584, Columbia, MO 65205; Phone: 514-4061; email Gretchen@TheYanceyLawFirm.com.

Thad Taylor has moved to a new suite at the Columbia Area Senior Activity Center, and has a new fax number. Contact information is Midwest Elder Law Firm, 1121 Business 70 East, Suite 2B, Columbia, 65201, phone 445-4755, fax 877-845-5576, email thad@midwestelderlaw.com.

OTHER NEWS

Stan Clay continues to offer office-sharing space at a reduced price 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.

Norman Lampton has been appointed by the Mayor and Council of Columbia to the Public Transportation Advisory Commission. Norm invites comments, concerns or suggestions from the members concerning the Columbia Public Transportation system, phone 219-9103, email norm@normlamptonlaw.com.

The Court en Banc updated the Bond Assignment form at the February 7 meeting. The BCBA's website has this form online in Word and PDF format at Court Info/Local Forms. The updated docket for the Boone County Associate Circuit Court can also be found on the website under Court Info/Docket Schedules.

About 46 members attended last month's luncheon and heard Attorneys Dave Angle and Matt Wilson Presentation "Collection Actions- Debt Buyers, Debt Sellers, and Their Attorneys".

Treasurer's Report by Julia Grus

Account balance of as 1/27/12	\$6,932.17
Receipts 1/27/12 to 3/2/12	
Bar Dues	\$2,875.00
Interest	0.17
Lunch Reimbursement	9.00
Total Receipts	\$2,884.17
Expenses 1/27/12 to 3/2/12	
Total Expenses	\$0
Account Balance as of 3/2/12	\$9,816.34

The Boone County Bar Association Newsletter is published monthly by the Boone County Bar Association, Inc. Send items for publication to the incoming Editor/Webmaster, **Thad Taylor**, 1121 Business 70 East, Ste. B, Columbia, 65201, phone 445-4755, fax 877-864-5576, email thad@midwestelderlaw.com. Annual dues are \$50 and may be sent to the Treasurer, **Julia Grus**, 401 Locust St. Suite 406, Columbia, 65205, phone 443-3134. 2011-12 BCBA officers are: President, **Marvin Tofle**, 1805 Cliff Dr., 65201, phone 228-9768; Vice President, **Steve Scott**, 201 Westwood Ave., 65203-2871, phone 442-7268; Secretary, **Gretchen Yancey**, P.O. Box 584, 65205-0584, phone 541-4061; and Treasurer, **Julia Grus**, address above. Executive Committee members are the officers and **Thomas Schneider, Glen Ehrhardt, and Scott Wilson**. The BCBA web site is at <http://www.bocomobar.org/>.