



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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RSVP by March 30 for April 4 Bench-Bar Social at Reynolds Hall

Make your reservations now for the annual Thirteenth Circuit Bench-Bar Mixer to be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at the University Club, Reynolds Alumni Center, Ballroom C.

Reservations are due no later than 11 a.m. on Friday, March 30 so we can give an accurate count to the University club by noon that day. RSVP to BCBA Secretary **Gretchen Yancey**, phone 514-4061, fax 234-4400, email Gretchen@TheYanceyLawFirm.com.

The BCBA is subsidizing about 75% of the cost of the mixer, but those attending will need to pay \$10 per person. Payment may be made at the door, and checks should be payable to the BCBA. If you RSVP but do not attend, you will be expected to pay \$10 anyway because we will be charged based on the number of reservations.

The event is open to members of the Boone County Bar Association, the Callaway County Bar Association, and all Thirteenth Circuit judges and courthouse staff members. Unlike the annual picnic and Holiday Party, spouses and dates are not invited. The mixer is designed to allow lawyers, judges and courthouse personnel to mingle and talk in an informal, relaxed atmosphere and get better acquainted.

Special guests will include Missouri Bar President Lynn Whaley Vogel, Executive Director **Keith Birkes**, and Deputy Executive Director Sebrina Barrett.

As was the case last year, the event will be a mixer-style affair instead of a formal dinner. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, including sesame chicken tenders, crab rangoon, sweet-and-sour meatballs, bacon-wrapped water chestnuts, dollar roll sandwiches, international and domestic cheeses, and fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables, along with sauces, dips and condiments.

Soft drinks, wine and beer will be provided at no charge, and mixed drinks may be purchased.

This annual bench-bar gathering 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 Callaway County next year.

Ethics CLE Credit Available at May 9 BCBA Meeting

Missouri Ethics Counsel Sara Rittman will present an ethics credit program at the next regular meeting, lunchtime at Bleu/Boone Tavern on May 9. This will be the last available CLE Ethics program provided by BCBA before the June 30 reporting deadline. Additional details will be provided in next month's *Newsletter*.

Final BCBA Dues Deadline is April 1

The final deadline for paying 2012 BCBA dues is April 1. 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 Julia Grus, P.O. Box 977, Columbia 65205-0977. See the website for a payment coupon.

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>.

6th Annual Mizzou Baseball / Softball Clinic set for April 9 and 16

Heart of Missouri CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), an organization that trains and supports community volunteers to be the voice of abused / neglected children in protective custody in Boone County Family Court, is presenting its 6th annual Mizzou Baseball and Softball Clinic on April 9 and 16 at the Dan Devine Indoor Practice Facility for boys and girls ages 5 through 12.

The cost of the Clinic is \$25 for one night or \$35 for two nights and includes instruction by members of the Mizzou baseball and softball teams, a complimentary t-shirt and light snack. Family and friends are welcome to watch and enter a raffle for prizes. Truman the Tiger will be at both sessions.

Please call 573-442-4670 to reserve your child's space. Entry forms may also be found online at www.heartofmissouricasa.com. For more information you can also contact **Mike Holder**, Board Member, at 573-499-1700 or mholder@midmissourilawyers.com.

Partners In Education (PIE) Committee Seeks Volunteers to Present Scholarships

The BCBA *Partners In Education* (PIE) 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 are recruiting volunteers to appear and give the BCBA scholarships to the selected student at each school listed below. Below are the dates of the High School Awards Ceremonies. The committee needs a representative at each school on these dates to present the awards.

Hickman- May 15th, 7pm

Rock Bridge- May 14th, 7pm

Douglass- Unknown at this time.

Centralia- May 11th, 7pm

Sturgeon- May 11, 7pm

Harrisburg- May 8th, 6:30pm

Hallsville- May 10th, 6pm

Ashland- May 2, 6:30

If you wish to present a scholarship or would like more information, contact Chair **Sarah Read** at sjr@readadr.com or by phone 447-2349. The presenters must be selected soon so the schools will have time to publish their names in the programs.

Additional Volunteer Opportunities Offered by the PIE Committee

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**.

* 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.

Assistant Probate Clerk Lori Jones Recognized for Years of Service

Lori Jones has celebrated huge milestone with the Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office. In December of 2011 Lori Jones was here 26 years. Lori has provided many of you with great service over the years in the Probate Division. Her service over the years has been an example of hard work and dedication. She has a wealth of knowledge and is truly appreciated!

Feel free to stop by or send her a note acknowledging her years of service.

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.hiKRL9POLtF/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.

Pay Increase Considered for 13th Circuit GAL Contract Attorneys

The 13th Circuit has projected the anticipated caseload for contract attorneys for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. New contract rates have not been finalized, but a pay increase is being considered. If you have a current contract, or are interested in a contract, review, complete, and return the form entitled "Contract Attorney Rates" to **Mary Epping** or Joy Rushing by May 4, at 5 p.m. The form can be found by clicking here on the website version of this *Newsletter* at <http://www.bocomobar.org/newsletter.htm>. For more information, contact Mary or Joy at 886-4059 or Mary.Epping@courts.mo.gov.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 5, 11:45 a.m.: The Criminal Law Committee will meet at Room 38. The guest will be Columbia Police Chief Ken Burton. For more information, contact Chair **Jen Bukowsky**: j@lawbuk.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.

Tuesday, April 17, 11:45 a.m.: The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at Booches, 110 S. 9th St. For more information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com.

Thursday, April 19, 3:30-6:30 p.m.: **Sarah Read** invites BCBA members interested in learning how to cut travel time and costs without reducing client service to an open house in her conference room, 910 E. Broadway, Ste. 207.

Scott Christianson of Kaleidoscope Videoconferencing will provide a demonstration and discussion of how videoconferencing can help you work more productively. This will include how to bring video to your mobile devices, using cloud-based videoconferencing applications to make high definition videoconferencing available anywhere and anytime, and how to record and stream you videoconferencing depositions with a one button press. Lawyers who don't own VTC equipment can also reserve this conference room and videoconferencing system for an hourly fee.

Wednesday, April 25: SAVE THE DATE. The Women Lawyers Association of Mid-Missouri will be hosting its Spring Event in Jefferson City. For more information, contact **Gretchen Yancey**: Gretchen@theyanceylawfirm.com.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Dave Angle, Angle Wilson Law LLC, 920A E. Broadway, Stes. 205 & 206, Columbia, 65201-0419, phone 355-4065, fax 888-716-1999, website www.anglewilsonlaw.com, email dave@anglewilsonlaw.com. Dave recently joined forces with **Matt Wilson** in February, forming Angle Wilson Law LLC. The primary practice area of Angle Wilson Law is consumer protection - prosecuting debt collection abuses; automobile fraud; mortgage and foreclosure issues; and all manner of consumer protection cases. Dave has been a trial lawyer for 21 years, in the public and private sectors. His work has been recognized by many public interest groups across the country. Dave graduated from MU Law School in 1991.

Casey E. Elliott, Van Matre, Harrison, Hollis, Taylor, and Bacon, P.C., 1103 E. Broadway, Columbia, 65201, phone 874-7777, fax 875-0017, email casey@vanmatre.com.

Matt Wilson, Angle Wilson Law LLC, 920A E. Broadway, Stes. 205 & 206, P.O. Box 419, Columbia, 65201-0419, phone 355-4065, fax 888-716-1999, website www.anglewilsonlaw.com, email matt@anglewilsonlaw.com. Matt has litigated hundreds of cases throughout Missouri regarding debt buyer collection efforts. Prior to his merger with **Dave Angle**, Matt was the managing member of Sandberg Wilson Law LLC in Columbia, and specialized in consumer protection issues.

TRANSITIONS

Julia Bonham has launched her new law firm, Julia Bonham & Associates. After representing more than 1500 clients as a Missouri State Public Defender, Julia plans to put her skills and experience to use in the private sector. Focusing in criminal defense, traffic cases, family law and wills, Julia Bonham & Associates is located in the Guitar Building at 28 N. Eighth St., Suite 502 in Columbia, 65201, phone 449-9001, fax 449-4477, email Julia@Julia-Law.com, website www.Julia-Law.com.

TRANSITIONS (cont.)

Richard Thomas has updated his contact information to 302 Campusview Dr., Ste. 108, Columbia, 65201, phone 447-8000, fax 447-8010.

Michael R. Whitworth has joined the law firm of Ford, Parshall, and Baker, LLC, as of counsel, at 3210 Bluff Creek Drive, Columbia, 65201, phone 449-2613, fax 875-8154, email mwhitworth@fpb-law.com.

OTHER NEWS

Bill Brandecker is cleaning out his extensive legal library. He has nearly all of the South West Reports, many Missouri Law Reviews, Missouri Digests, Missouri Reports and Appeals, etc. For more information, contact **Rachael Kennedy**, who is assisting with this process: rkennedy@rkennedylaw.net.

Treasurer's Report by Julia Grus

Account balance of as 3/2/12	\$9,816.34
Receipts 3/2/12 to 3/23/12	
Bar Dues	\$1,325.00
Total Receipts	\$1,325.00
Expenses 3/2/12 to 3/23/12	
Total Expenses	\$0
Account Balance as of 3/23/12	\$11,141.34

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