



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

CLE Credit Available for June 13 BCBA Presentation

Boone County Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore will present the CLE program “Navigating the Labyrinth of the Circuit Clerk’s Office – How To Get Things Done” at the next regular meeting, lunchtime at Bleu on June 13. This program is co-sponsored by BCBA’s Commercial Law, Family Law, and Civil Procedure committee’s and has been approved for 1.2 hours of CLE credit.

Christy will talk about how the Circuit Clerk’s office operates in general, and the various departments. Then she will answer questions pre-selected by the three committees. The pre-selected questions can be found on the website at http://www.bocomobar.org/cle_materials.htm. The presentation will be limited to civil matters due to time constraints.

Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the lower level of Bleu, 811 E. Walnut. The presentation will begin about noon. A brief business meeting will precede the program. Lunch will be \$10, with checks made out to Bleu.

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, June 12**. RSVP’s are necessary so Bleu can prepare sufficient food and seating.

Pro Bono Volunteer Opportunities Available Now Through MMLS

Mid-Missouri Legal Services (MMLS) seeks volunteers to assist pro se litigants in drafting Supreme Court-approved Pro Se Dissolution of Marriage forms at its Uncontested Divorce Clinic. An MMLS attorney conducts the clinics, and volunteers do not provide legal advice. Clinics are held on Friday afternoons between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at MMLS, 205 East Forest Avenue, Columbia. For more information, contact Tabatha at 573-442-0116.

MMLS is running short on volunteers because many of the law students who normally help out are studying for the Bar.

Legal Aid Committee Seeks to Increase Awareness of Pro-Bono Opportunities

The Legal Aid Committee of the BCBA seeks to increase awareness of pro bono opportunities and promote participation of BCBA members in local pro bono activities. The Legal Aid Committee created the attached Pro Bono Recruitment Form to determine what types of areas of service BCBA members would be interested in participating.

Please complete the form and scan and email to **Kelly Mills** at klm@lawam.com. The form will also be available at the next lunch meeting for completion. We urge members interested in providing pro bono services to contact Mid Missouri Legal Services (MMLS) for pro bono opportunities. MMLS may be reached at 573-442-0116.

BCBA Awards Scholarships for Students at 8 Area High Schools

The BCBA Partners In Education (PIE) Committee awarded scholarships to 8 local high school students during graduation ceremonies this past month. The students honored with the scholarship at each school are named below. More information on each student can be found by clicking here on the web version of this *Newsletter*. Special thanks to the BCBA members who served as presenters to the recipients.

HIGH SCHOOL	RECIPIENT	PRESENTER
Centralia	Alexandra Marie Smith	Jill Jackson
Harrisburg	Hunter Gash	Christopher Slusher
Hallsville	MaLee Crouch	Kristen Dickinson
Southern Boone County	Megan Kelly	Keith Brunstrom
Sturgeon	Sam Pollock	Sarah Read
Hickman	Mark Won	Dan Pingelton
Rock Bridge	Casey Wright	Rob Harry
Douglass	Octavia Stewart	Mary Carnahan

YLC Thanks BCBA Attorneys for Their Support of Big Brothers/Big Sisters

The Young Lawyers Committee participated in the annual 'Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake' fundraiser on May 5th. The Young Lawyers team, the Mid-Missouri Legal Services team, and the three Bassett Law Firm teams raised more than \$3,000 for the event. The Young Lawyers committee would like to thank the many BCBA members who generously donated and supported this fundraising effort.

2011-12 BCBA CLE Programs Listed

For the convenience of BCBA members completing their CLE reports due July 31 for the year ending June 30, all the CLE credit programs presented by the BCBA from July 2011 through June 2012 are listed on the website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/cle.htm>. The listing may make the *Newsletter* itself next month.

Omnibus Judicial Bill Likely to be Signed into Law

Submitted on behalf of **Norm Lampton**:

This bill unofficially referred to as the Omnibus Judicial Bill (not to be confused with the Court Plan bill) makes numerous changes to numerous sections of law regarding matters that may come before the courts and how the courts are administered.

A full copy of the bill can be found at this link <http://www.senate.mo.gov/12info/pdf-bill/tat/SB628.pdf>.

If signed by the Governor, the bill becomes effective August 28 unless a provision in the bill makes certain sections effective on a different date.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 14, 11:45 a.m.: The BCBA Criminal Law Committee will meet at Room38. The speaker will be Sheriff Dwayne Carey. This will again be a joint meeting with the Family Law Committee. CLE credit pending. Please spread the word as this will be a great opportunity to hear from Sheriff Carey. If you have any questions that you would like to submit in advance, please email them to **Jennifer Bukowsky**, j@lawbuk.com.

Tuesday, June 19, 11:45 a.m.: The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at Sycamore, 800 E. Broadway. The committee will begin planning for its annual *Chipping in for Charity* golf tournament fundraiser. For more information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com.

Wednesday, June 20, 5:00 p.m.: The Commercial Law Committee will host the annual Central Division Bankruptcy Bar Picnic at Happy Hollow Shelter in Stephens Lake Park. The picnic has traditionally been for attorneys practicing bankruptcy in the Central Division, and the date was selected because it is the day before the Jefferson City monthly bankruptcy docket. Bankruptcy Judge Dennis Dow, and some of his staff plan to attend. The picnic is open to all BCBA members, their staff and families, and everyone is welcome. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Bankruptcy Chair **Janice Harder** at janice@harderlaw.com or **Michael McCrary** at whitehatmc@yahoo.com.

NEW MEMBERS

Tom Luckenbill, Luckenbill Law Firm, LLC, 3610 Buttonwood Drive, Ste. 200, Columbia, 65201, phone 886-8940, fax 886-8901, email Tom@MissouriLegacy.com, website www.MissouriLegacy.com. Tom is a 1987 graduate of MU Law School and has practiced in Columbia for more than 22 years. He graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Missouri in 1983, and obtained an MBA, with an emphasis in Finance, in 1986. Prior to entering private practice, Tom served as Assistant General Counsel and Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge for the Missouri Public Service Commission, and as in-house counsel for Shelter Insurance. Tom practices estate planning and elder law.

Shelley Forrest, Boul & Associates, P.C., One E. Broadway, Ste. B, Columbia, 65203, phone 443-7000, fax 449-6554, email sforrest@mobankruptcy.com, website: www.mobankruptcy.com. Shelley received her J.D. degree in 1997 from the University of Missouri School of Law. She also received her B.A. in Political Science [with Honors] and a B.A. in English from the University of Missouri. Before entering private practice, Shelley was an Assistant Attorney General where she represented state entities in bankruptcy proceedings. She practices bankruptcy law with the law firm of Boul & Associates, P.C. Shelley is a member of the Missouri Bar and Commercial Law Committee.

Christopher R. Bickhaus, Barchet Law Office, LLC, 302 Campusview, Ste. 201, Columbia, 65201-7506, phone 314-441-9000, fax 314-441-0612, email Chris@barchetlaw.com, website www.barchetlaw.com. Chris graduated from Mizzou

Law School in 2011, cum laude, Order of the Coif. He graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in History from Aurora University in 2005. He is a member of the Mid-Missouri Senior Network.

TRANSITIONS

Thomas R.B. Ellis has opened the Law Office of Thomas Ellis, LLC to 211 Main Street, Boonville, MO 65233 , phone 660-882-3171, fax 660-882-3277, email trbelaw@gmail.com, website www.thomasellislaw.com. Tom continues to reside in Columbia and will continue to serve clients in Boone County. Tom practices in family law, criminal defense, traffic law and estate planning.

Karla Klingner Diaz has changed her contact information to Harbour Legal, LLC, 1123 Wilkes Blvd., Ste. 330, Columbia, 65201-5156, phone 443-1060, fax 355-5428, email kklingner@harbour-legal.com, website www.harbour-legal.com.

Veronica Manahan has replaced **Thad Taylor** as Chair of the BCBA Probate Committee. Veronica has a vision for the committee to make a significant contribution to the BCBA and already has assumed more and more of an active role on the committee this year.

James Putnam announces that the firm of Schreimann, Rackers, Francka & Blunt, LLC, has moved to 931 Wildwood Dr., Ste. 201, Jefferson City, MO 65109. The other contact information remains: phone 573-634-7580, fax 573-635-6034, email jsp@srfblaw.com.

OTHER NEWS

Susan Ford Robinson was recently elected to the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Membership in the academy is by invitation only and recognizes individuals who possess a reputation of distinction as an appellate lawyer. Susan is the first female attorney in Missouri to be accepted.

Rachael F. Kennedy of Kennedy Law has been appointed president of the Missouri Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Her one-year term began April 19, 2012. She has been on the board of directors for two years. AFCC is an interdisciplinary and international association of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through the resolution of family conflict. AFCC provides many exciting training opportunities for family law professionals on local, state, regional and international levels. For more information, see www.afccnet.org and www.moafcc.org.

Ken Jacob is running for the Missouri House of Representatives 44th District.

Kristen Dickinson and **Rachael Kennedy** have been added to the BCBA Probate Committee.

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.

As noted above, the cost of lunch at Bleu for the regular BCBA meetings is going up to \$10.00. It has been \$9.00 for quite a while, and has been due for an increase. Bleu was very reasonable when discussing the new price, and was willing to raise the lunch price only \$1.00 because they appreciate the members eating there at other times and want to continue a good, supportive relationship with BCBA members.

The Boone County Court's phone list has been updated on the BCBA website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/phone.htm>.

The Local Court Rules have been updated effective May 7, 2012, and can be found in Word and PDF formats at <http://www.bocomobar.org/rules.htm>

Renovations to the 13th Judicial Circuit's Alternative Sentencing Courts building are now complete. Effective June 1, 2012, Heart of Missouri CASA and Global Testing Services will be back in the Alternative Sentencing Courts building on Ash Street, and no longer in the Lifestyles building.

About 97 members and guests attended the regular BCBA meeting on May 9 to hear Missouri Ethics Counsel Sara Rittman present "Missouri Ethics and Professionalism Update". Included among the guests were Missouri Attorney General candidate Ed Martin from St. Louis and Cass County Prosecutor Teresa Hensley who is running for the 4th U.S. Congressional District.

Treasurer's Report by Julia Grus

Account balance of as 4/24/12	\$14,630.19
Receipts 4/24/12 to 5/25/12	
Bar Dues	\$912.50
Interest	
Bar Lunch	38.00
Total Receipts	\$950.50
Expenses 4/24/12 to 5/25/12	
Betty Wilson (reimbursement for Bench-Bar Social)	\$4,452.88
Bleu (Lunch payments)	36.00
Total Expenses	\$4,488.88
Account Balance as of 5/25/12	\$11,091.81

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