



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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RSVP by April 4 for April 9 Bench-Bar Social in Fulton

Make your reservations now for the annual Thirteenth Circuit Bench-Bar Mixer to be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, at Auto World Museum in Fulton. Attendees will be able to wander among the dozens of cars on display as they enjoy the appetizers catered by Sir Winston's and a cash bar, featuring beer, wine and mixed drinks. Fulton businessman Bill Backer of Backer's Potato Chips and his family acquired so many antique and classic cars that they turned the hobby into the Auto World Museum in 1996.

Reservations are due no later than Noon on Thursday, April 4, so an accurate count can be given to the venue. The cost is \$25 per person. **Payment by Thursday, April 4**, is requested, but will be accepted at the door if necessary. If you RSVP but do not attend, you will be expected to pay \$25 anyway because the Fulton County Bar Association will be charged based on the number of reservations.

For reservations and payment Callaway County lawyers should communicate with treasurer Carol England. Boone County lawyers need to communicate with Boone County Bar Association secretary **Casey Berndt**, 1020 E. Walnut St., Ste. 200, Columbia, MO 65201-4941, phone 449 2740, casey@markelandlingolaw.com.

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, the event is not open to spouses and dates. The mixer is designed to allow lawyers, judges and courthouse personnel to mingle and talk in an informal, relaxed atmosphere and get better acquainted. No formal program is planned. Callaway County Bar Association President Casey Clevenger will take time at about 6 o'clock to welcome and introduce Presiding Judge **Jodie Asel** for any remarks.

The museum operates off U.S. 54 at 200 Peacock Drive on Fulton's northwest side. From U.S. 54, exit at State Route HH, go southeast on William Woods Avenue to the east outer road (Cardinal Drive), on which you turn left. Continue on this outer road, and turn left onto Peacock Drive to reach the museum.

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 Boone County next year.

Executive Committee making plans for BCBA's future

by **Steve Scott**, 2012-13 President

The Executive Committee recently has been brainstorming about how the BCBA can better serve its members, the court system and the public.

Because there were only positive comments about the proposal mentioned in the March Newsletter to end the unwritten tradition of offering the BCBA presidency to the most senior lawyers, the Executive Committee has now finally approved that decision. When the Nominating Committee is formed in the near future, all members who would like to be considered as candidates for any office will be invited to contact the Nominating Committee. And let me know if you would like to serve on the Nominating Committee.

The Executive Committee also has committed to moving ahead with a major revision of our bylaws, which have never been revised to comply with Chapter 355 RSMo. since the BCBA became a non-profit corporation in 1989. We anticipate drafting streamlined bylaws that will allow our leaders to quickly adapt to changing conditions. Members interested in helping with the project should contact me. *[This Article is continued on Page 2]*

Final BCBA Dues Deadline is April 5

The final deadline for paying 2013 BCBA dues is April 5. 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 Michael Foster, P.O. Box 10110, Columbia 65205-1010. See the website for a payment coupon.

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Another plan is to seek additional opportunities for bar members to mingle in more casual social settings. Ideas being considered are occasional pizza parties and tailgating at MU football games. Let us know if you have additional suggestions.

To better serve our community, the Executive Committee's ideas include providing more opportunities for members to contribute money and time to local causes and establishing a call-in radio show to answer questions from the public. What ideas do you have?

Finally, to establish a better on-going connection with our local court system, the Executive Committee has endorsed the formation of a Court Liaison Committee which would send a representative to observe all Court En Banc meetings and serve as a permanent communication link. Contact me if you would like to serve on this committee.

We already have an excellent bar association. We maintain a website and keep the bar informed with a monthly Newsletter. For the price of lunch once a month, we provide up to about 10 hours of CLE credit opportunities every year, including the required ethics/professionalism credits. But we can always improve, and we welcome your suggestions for how to better serve our members, the court system and the public.

Send your thoughts to me at sscott@scottlawfirm.com.

Mid-Missouri Legal Services Expands Aid to Veterans, with Your Help

Mid-Missouri Legal Services is preparing to set in motion its Legal Aid to Veterans Program, which will offer free aid to impoverished veterans. With two wars winding down, and the current population of veterans drastically underserved, the need has never been greater. MMLS is seeking pro bono volunteers to assist in this effort. Malpractice insurance, training, and support will be given to all volunteers. The primary areas of legal need are family and municipal law. Any help is greatly appreciated. Please contact **Michael Matthews** at Matthews@mmls.org for more information.

Missouri Law School Symposium Rescheduled to Friday, April 5

The University of Missouri Law School's "*Promoting Sustainable Energy through Tax Policy*" symposium was scheduled originally for February 22 and we were snowed out. We have rescheduled this event for April 5. This event qualifies for 4.2 hours of CLE credit in Missouri and is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. A brochure is attached. The information is also available on our website at <http://law.missouri.edu/faculty/symposium/jesl2013/index.html>.

YLC to Participate in 'Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl For Kids' Sake'

The Young Lawyers Committee will be participating in the annual 'Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, May 4. 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. Over \$3,000 was raised last year. For more information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com.

Samantha Folkemer Memorial 5K Run/Walk/Dog Walk Scheduled for March 30

Samantha Folkemer was an Assistant Attorney General in the Consumer Protection Division. She passed away in September 2012 at the age of 31 after battling colon cancer. The Samantha Folkemer Memorial 5K been created as a way to remember Samantha and raise funds for research. As requested by her family, all proceeds from the 5K will be donated to the Washington University School of Medicine Genetic Research Division.

To see a flyer regarding the event, including information on prizes to be awarded, [click here](#). If you would like to volunteer the day before or day of the 5K, please contact Caroline Bhat at Caroline.Bhat@dor.mo.gov.

7th Annual Mizzou Baseball / Softball Clinic Set For April 15 and 22

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 7th annual Mizzou Baseball and Softball Clinic from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on April 15 and 22 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, and a complimentary t-shirt and light snack. Family and friends are welcome to watch and enter raffles for prizes. Truman the Tiger will be at both sessions. Register online at www.heartofmissouricasa.com or call 573-442-4670 to reserve your child's space or to sponsor a foster child's participation for only \$35. Individual and Firm Clinic

sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information you can contact **Mike Holder**, Board Member, at 573-499-1700 or mholder@midmissourilawyers.com.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 27, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.: The Women Lawyers' Association of Mid-Missouri (WLAMM) invites members and prospective members to "Skirts in the Courtroom," a presentation by Supreme Court Judge Mary Russell about the experiences of women attorneys in outstate Missouri, followed by a reception at the Supreme Court. CLE credit pending. Please RSVP by March 25 to **Tamara Kopp**, tamara.kopp@insurance.mo.gov.

Thursday, April 11, 11:30 a.m.: In honor of Parental Alienation Awareness month Knight & Salladay Law Offices will be hosting a lunch n' learn at Bleu. The speakers will be **Anna Lingo**, Markel & Lingo Law Offices who is a court appointed Guardian ad Litem and Mediator and **Lynne Harris**, Professional Counselor and also Mediator who will be discussing the ins and outs of Parental Alienation in Family Court. This program is eligible for 1.5 hours of CLE credit. Bring \$13 for lunch and RSVP to Knight & Salladay Law Offices at: secretary@columbiamolawfirm.com, or call 573-256-7205.

Tuesday, April 23, 11:45 a.m.: The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for a lunch meeting at Subzone, 916 E. Broadway. Finalizing plans, teams, and fundraising for the annual 'Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, May 4 will be a topic of discussion. For more information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com.

Friday, April 26, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Mark your calendars! The Juvenile Law Committee of the BCBA is pleased to announce an upcoming presentation on drug use in the community and the specifics of drug testing. The brown bag lunch presentation will be in the Jury Assembly Room at the Boone County Courthouse. A chemist from a local drug testing facility as well as an officer from the Columbia Police Department will be sharing information and answering our questions. The Committee will be applying for CLE credit. No need to RSVP. If you have questions, please contact **Casey Berndt** at 573-449-2740.

TRANSITIONS

No attorney transitions reported this past month.

NEW MEMBERS

Joanna Lang Winslade Trachtenberg, Missouri Attorney General's Office, 207 W. High St., P.O. Box 899, Jefferson City, MO 65102, phone 573-751-8869, fax 573-751-9456, email Joanna.Trachtenberg@ago.mo.gov. Joanna is admitted to practice before the state and federal courts in Missouri and New York. Joanna is an Assistant Attorney General in the Litigation Division of the AGO. Joanna defends the state, state agencies, and state employees in civil matters including civil rights, employment, constitutional law, and contracts. Prior to joining the AGO, Joanna was a litigation associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkin, Wharton, & Garrison in New York City, where she handled securities litigation and white collar defense. Joanna is a former law clerk of Judge Faith S. Hochberg, United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. Joanna graduated cum laude from New York University in 2005. Joanna's husband, Ben, is a Professor at the University of Missouri School of Law.

Michael Matthews, Volunteer Lawyers Project Coordinator, Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corp., 205 E. Forest Ave., Columbia, MO 65203, phone 573-442-0116, 800-568-4931, fax 573-875-0173, email Matthews@mmls.org.

OTHER NEWS

Office Space Available: Highly visible, ground level, and newly renovated space for two or more attorneys. Located at 806 Locust Street between the Courthouse and the Law School. Utilities and some janitorial included. Referrals and support possible. For more information, contact **Carlyle Foley** cf@cfoleylaw.com or 573.449.5316

The Boone County Associate Court's current list of conflicts to the regular docket schedule has been updated effective March 12, and can be found on the website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/docket.htm>.

About 45 people attended the BCBA meeting and CLE program "*The Nuts and Bolts of Civil Practice in Associate Court*" presented by Judge **Larry Bryson**, **Michael Carney** and **Michael Foster**.

TREASURER'S REPORT BY MICHAEL FOSTER

Account balance as of 9/30/12	\$7,755.39
Receipts 10/01/12 to 02/28/13	
10/3/12 Bar Dues	\$125.00
10/31/12 Interest	0.05
11/15/12 Proceeds from 2012 Charity Golf Tournament	\$16,070.00
11/30/12 Interest	\$0.11
12/31/12 Interest	\$0.11
1/7/13 Deposit (2013 Bar Dues and Christmas Party Proceeds)	\$10,840.75
1/31/13 Interest	\$0.14
2/28/13 Interest	\$.03
Total Receipts	\$27,036.19
Expenses 10/01/12 to 02/28/13	
10/3/12 Thad Taylor (Webmaster/ Newsletter Editor stipend- 3 rd quarter)	\$750.00
10/11/12 University of Missouri (Mark Won)	\$1,000.00
10/30/12 Old Hawthorne (Golf Tournament Deposit)	\$500.00
11/15/12 Bleu Restaurant- (Executive Committee Meeting)	\$84.88
11/16/12 Bingham's- 2012 Picnic	\$180.00
11/19/12 Bleu Restaurant (November BCBA Meeting)	\$40.00
11/20/12 Hy Vee (2012 Picnic)	\$836.78
11/26/12 Columbia Utilities	\$100.00
11/29/12 Club at Old Hawthorne (2012 Golf Tournament)	\$6,977.90
11/14/12 University of Missouri (2012 Picnic)	\$650.53
1/10/13 Bleu Restaurant (January Executive Committee Meeting)	\$100.00
1/22/13 Thad Taylor (Webmaster/Newsletter Editor stipend – 4 th quarter)	\$750.00
1/23/13 Columbia Country Club (2012 Christmas Party)	\$6,310.48
1/24/13 Mid-Missouri Legal Services (Charity Golf Donation)	\$12,030.35
Total Expense	\$30,310.92
Account Balance as of 10/30/12	\$4,480.63

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