



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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Ethics CLE Credit Available for BCBA Meeting May 1

The BCBA Legal Aid Committee will present "*Why Pro Bono? More Than Giving Back*" at the May 1 BCBA lunch meeting. This meeting is scheduled on May 1, Law Day, a week earlier than usual, because May 8 is Truman's Birthday. Pat Starke, President of the Missouri Bar, Judge **Leslie Schneider**, and attorneys from Mid-Missouri Legal Services will discuss the importance of pro bono, its impact on the court's docket, pro bono opportunities in Mid-Missouri, and the benefit that volunteering brings to your practice. The program has approval pending for 1.2 hours of Ethics CLE credit.

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

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Casey Berndt** at 449-2740 or casey@markelandingolaw.com by **Noon**, Tuesday, April 30, so Bleu can prepare sufficient food and seating.

Volunteers sought for Nominating Committee; CPA event planned

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

It's that time of year again when we need to start thinking about BCBA officers for next year, and the process starts with the appointment by the President of a Nominating Committee.

If you would like to serve on the Nominating Committee, please give a call at 442-7268 or send an email to sscott@scottlawfirm.com. Members of the committee will be announced in the June *Newsletter*, and members interested in being an officer or member of the Executive Committee can then express their interest to committee members.

This year, in a break from tradition, the Nominating Committee will be instructed not to follow past practice of trying to nominate the top officers in order of seniority in the bar.

In other news:

! Work is under way on drafting revised bylaws for the BCBA. Expect a proposal to be circulated in the next few months and a vote sometime this summer.

! We are working to set up a networking event between bar members and CPAs in September. More details will be provided when available.

Partners In Education Committee Seeks Volunteers to Present Scholarships

The PIE Committee needs you!! Each year the Boone County Bar Association gives out scholarships at each of the public high schools in Boone County - Douglass, Hickman, and Rock Bridge High Schools in Columbia and Centralia, Hallsville, Harrisburg, Southern Boone, and Sturgeon High Schools in the surrounding county. The PIE Committee is in need of scholarship presenters for each of the surrounding area schools and at Rock Bridge. In Columbia, Hickman and Douglass already have volunteer presenters.

As presenter you would be responsible for attending the relevant schools awards assembly and to present the award to the selected scholarship candidate. We will provide you with all the materials necessary, including the award, and a short speech about the scholarship winner. We know that Southern Boone's award ceremony will be Wednesday, May 1, at 6:30 p.m., and Sturgeon's award ceremony is scheduled for May 10th at 7:00 p.m. We are waiting to hear of the schedule at the other schools. If interested please contact the PIE Committee Chair, **Sarah Read** at sjr@readadr.com.

Editor's Note: E-Mail Distribution List to be Updated

The email distribution list and membership directory is being updated this month. Members who owe dues and have not paid will be removed from the rolls. There currently are over 400 people on the email distribution list. Some of you are included for reasons other than being members, and some of our members are exempt from paying dues. 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.

If you believe your membership is currently in good standing and you do not receive the June *Newsletter* to be published the weekend of June 1-2, please contact **Thad Taylor** at thad@midwestelderlaw.com. There is a chance you will have been mistakenly removed from the distribution list.

May 13 Set for National Drug Court Month Graduation/Rally in Boone County

Please join the 13th Circuit celebrate Alternative Sentencing Courts with the National Association of Drug Court Professionals' All Rise America! On the Road for Recovery during their stop in Columbia at the Boone County Courthouse to participate in a special National Drug Court Month Graduation/Rally on May 13, 2013. The 13th Circuit is one of only 26 stops All Rise America! will make along the 3,500 mile cross county trip from California to New York City. The event in Columbia will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Boone County Courthouse Plaza (weather permitting).

The event will include a graduation to honor individuals who have successfully completed one of the Alternative Sentencing Courts: Drug Court, DWI Court, Mental Health Court, and OnTrack Court. Other Mid-Missouri Alternative Sentencing Courts will also be recognized.

About Drug Courts - Currently there are over 2,700 Drug Courts in the United States. Drug Courts combine rigorous drug treatment and accountability to compel and support drug-using offenders to change their lives. Over 75 percent of people who complete Drug Court are never arrested again. Drug Courts save up to \$13,000 for every individual they serve. Drug Courts refer more people to treatment than any other system in America, annually leading over 80,000 individuals to a life of abstinence and long-term recovery. Drug Courts demonstrate that we can reduce substance abuse, crime, and save money, by offering treatment instead of incarceration for those suffering with addiction. More information about the 13th Circuit's Alternative Sentencing Courts is available online at: <http://www.courts.mo.gov/hosted/circuit13/courtoffices/aschome.htm>.

AFCC Seeks Workshop Proposals for Conference This November

Rachael Kennedy is the president of the Missouri Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Rachael invites you to save the date for the AFCC Regional Training Conference, "*There's No Place Like Two Homes: The Complexities of Separation, Divorce and Co-parenting*". The conference will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 7-9, 2013, at the Westin Kansas City at Crown Center. The conference program brochure will be available in August 2013.

AFCC will accept proposals through May 16, 2013, for three-hour training workshops to be presented at the Regional Training Conference on complex issues related to separation, divorce and co-parenting, including: relocation, domestic violence, special needs children, same-sex parenting, abuse allegations and the child's voice. Please compile a panel of presenters who will present a balanced view of a complex issue. Workshop proposals should combine a focus on research and theory with skill development to incorporate into practice.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal you may find it helpful to look at the Call for Proposals at www.marchmediation.com, which includes instructions and lists the information needed to submit a proposal using the online form.

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. **Bob Buckley**, of Oliver Walker Wilson, who serves on the Big Brothers Big Sisters Board, will be assisting with fundraising efforts as he did last year.

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. Over \$3,000 was raised last year. For more information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 26, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.: 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 on April 26, 2013 from 11:30 – 1:00 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 program has been approved for 1.8 hours of CLE credit. If you have questions, please contact **Casey Berndt** at 573-449-2740.

UPCOMING EVENTS [cont.]

Wednesday, April 24, 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.

Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 p.m.: The Women Lawyers' Association of Mid-Missouri (WLAMM) invites its members and other interested people to sign up with The Canvas on Broadway to reserve space for Wednesday, May 29. Go to <https://www.thecanvasonbroadway.com/event/almond-blossoms/> or call 573-443-2222. You pay \$30 for a canvas and instruction. WLAMM will provide refreshments. Feel free to bring your daughters to paint and introduce them to some fantastic professional women.

Thursday, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.: Please join us for Parental Alienation Part 2: Case Analysis and a View from the Bench. This CLE will be held at Bleu Restaurant, 811 East Walnut. Lunch buffet opens at 11am with presentation to begin promptly from 11:30-1pm. The speakers will include **Anna Lingo** who will provide information regarding the most recent case law involving this topic and a roundtable discussion with Judge **Leslie Schneider**, Commissioner **Sara Miller**, and Judge **Robert Sterner**. Lynne Harris, LPC and mediator will be present to add comment from Part 1 of this program. The cost is \$15 payable at the door and this program is eligible for 1.5 hours of CLE credit. This program is sponsored by Knight & Salladay Law Offices. Please call 573-256-7205 or email legalassistant@columbiamolawfirm.com to RSVP.

TRANSITIONS

No attorney transitions reported this past month.

NEW MEMBERS

Sara Hall, Shelter Insurance, 1817 W. Broadway, Columbia, 65203, phone 214-6365, fax 446-7315, email shall@shelterinsurance.com.

Ryan Wiedmeyer, The Bank of Missouri, 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Ste. 100, Columbia, 65203, phone 874-4700, rwiedmeyer@bankofmissouri.com.

OTHER NEWS

The remodeling of the front wall of 5 North Ninth Street in Columbia, home of Shurtleff Froeschner Harris, LLC, is nearly complete. **Linda Harris** and **Gwen Froeschner Hart** continued to practice throughout the construction. Despite rumors to the contrary, the firm is not relocating and **Gwen Froeschner Hart** is not retiring.

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 April 15, and Circuit Court list of conflicts effective April 21, can be found on the website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/docket.htm>.

About 31 BCBA members attended the annual Bench-Bar Social at the Auto World Museum in Fulton.

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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