



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

Attorney General Chris Koster to Speak at January 8 Meeting

Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster is the featured speaker at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, January 8. The program has been approved for 1.2 hours of 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 **Marjorie Lewis** at 442-3181 or mlewis@bwsplaw.com by **Noon**, Tuesday, January 7. RSVP's are important for this meeting because a large crowd is expected, and management at Bleu want to prepare sufficient food and seating.

E-Filing Starts Feb. 3 – Training Available in January

By Steve Scott, Past President

In a little less than a month, on Monday, Feb. 3, 2014, e-filing will become mandatory in Boone County for almost everything lawyers now file with the court on paper. Four training sessions will be offered in January to help lawyers and their staff members get ready.

Lawyers will be required to e-file new filings and additions to pending cases in circuit civil, associate civil, small claims, domestic relations and probate cases. For juvenile cases, additions to pending cases will have to be e-filed, and the initial filing will need to be e-filed if filed by an attorney. Criminal cases will continue to be paper-filed initially, but subsequent pleadings will have to be e-filed. Only non-lawyer self-represented parties will be allowed to make paper filings in these cases.

Training sessions will be conducted on a space-available basis in the Jury Assembly Room at the Boone County Courthouse from 3 to 5 p.m. on consecutive Thursdays, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Both lawyers and their staff members who will be dealing with e-filing are welcome to attend.

The training will include step-by-step instructions on how to file new cases and how to file new documents in existing cases, as well as a demonstration of how judges will be dealing with electronic case files on the bench.

There are five crucial steps you need to take to get ready for e-filing:

1. Consider setting up a special email address for electronic notices concerning your cases so you can keep notices separate from your regular email. When e-filing starts, all notices will be sent by email.
2. If you have not already done so, go to <http://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=46542> and click the log-in link to obtain your log-in credentials (a username and password) for e-filing. These credentials also are necessary to log-in to Case.Net so you can view documents associated with cases. You'll be asked, among other things, for the email address to which you want notices sent.
3. You will need to acquire one or more high-speed, sheet-fed document scanners to scan pleadings and other documents to PDF format so they can be e-filed. Scanners made by Fujitsu and Canon have earned high marks from lawyers already doing e-filing. [Article Continued on Next Page]

2014 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form

(Make checks payable to "Boone County Bar Association, Inc.")

To: Clark Jones, Treasurer

Boone County Bar Association

11 N. 7th St.

Columbia, MO 65201-4423

Enclosed is payment of \$_____ for 2014 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)

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4. You will also need capable PDF software to manage the documents you plan to e-file. Most scanners come with Adobe Acrobat Standard, which should meet all your needs. Even more capable is the more expensive Acrobat Professional. There are also a number of lower-cost alternatives, but test them first to make sure they will suffice. The court system itself is using a program called CutePDF, the professional version of which is available for about \$50. Most of these programs also allow you to create a PDF file directly from your word processor so you don't have to scan the document.

5. Plan how you will pay filing fees and how that will interface with your accounting system.

- You can set up a debit account with the court to which you can deposit money. Filing fees will be deducted from the debit account. There are no fees associated with using a debit account. A form to set up the account is at

<http://www.courts.mo.gov/file.jsp?id=55741>.

- You can pay filing fees by "eCheck," which will result in an ACH transfer of funds from the checking account you specify to the court. Your bank account number and bank routing number can be saved in your online e-filing account so you won't have to re-enter those each time you file. Each eCheck transaction will cost 60¢.

- You can charge filing fees to a credit card (Mastercard, Visa, Discover and American Express). Your credit card information can be stored in your e-filing account so you don't have to re-enter it for each filing. Using a credit card will result in a fee of 3% of the transaction amount, with a minimum charge of \$1.

If you have questions or concerns about e-filing, let me know so I can bring them to the attention of the Boone County E-Filing Committee, of which I am a member.

Time to Pay 2014 Dues

Lawyers and firms wishing to expense 2014 BCBA dues in 2013 may begin sending \$50/lawyer dues to Treasurer **Clark Jones** at 11 N. 7th St., Columbia, MO 65201-4423. Make checks payable to "Boone County Bar Association." Dues become payable January 1, and members will be removed from the rolls if they have not paid dues by April 1, 2014. Dues are waived for sitting and retired judges, and members who have reached 75 years of age, or have been licensed for 50 years.

Please provide your Payment/Waiver form with payment or exemption. This is especially important if your contact information has changed, or if a firm is adding a new member. The form can be clipped from Page 1 of this *Newsletter* or downloaded from the BCBA website.

Message from Presiding Judge Jodie Asel Re: E-Filing

Happy New Year to the Boone County Bar! As you know, electronic filing (eFiling) officially begins on February 3, 2014, in the Boone County Circuit Court.

In order to ensure that all aspects of this transition go smoothly, effective December 16 the judges began receiving electronic notifications from Circuit Clerk regarding court files that required action in chambers.

Beginning Thursday, January 2, paper files will no longer be in the courtrooms as each judge will access the files and make docket entries electronically from the bench. This will give all of us the time and opportunity to get familiar with this entirely new way of conducting court dockets prior to the official live date.

Some divisions of the court have already handled a few dockets electronically in anticipation of our unofficial January 2 start date. We know from this experience that dockets may take a little longer and there may be a few glitches along the way. Your patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated as we transition to eFiling in February.

The Boone County eFiling Committee has met for many hours to address the numerous issues and concerns that have arisen as we convert to eFiling. A special "thank you" goes out to the members of that committee, the circuit clerks, and the Technology Services department for their hard work. It has taken a tremendous group effort to get us to this point: no paper files in the courtrooms as of January 2!

Boone County Prosecutor Caseload Assignment List Updated

The Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Caseload assignment listing has been updated on the BCBA website effective December 2013. A link to the listing can be found under the tab *Other Topics* at

<http://bocomobar.org/prosecutor.htm>.

Mid-Missouri Legal Services Seeks Mentors for New Attorneys

Mid-Missouri Legal Services is seeking attorneys to volunteer their time as mentors for pro bono attorneys new to the bar, serving low income clients. Time commitment is expected to be no more than a few hours spread over several months, generally no more than a phone call or two. Areas of law needed include family, consumer, and public benefits. Please contact **Michael Matthews** at (573)442-0116, or Matthews@mmls.org for more

information.

Final Numbers in for 7th Annual Chippin' in for Charity Event

The final numbers are in for the 7th Annual Chipping in for Charity Golf Tournament held on October 14, 2013 at The Club at Old Hawthorne. \$11,623.79 was the total raised and was donated to Mid-Missouri Legal Services, which provides pro bono legal services for low income clients. Mid-Missouri Legal Services intends to use the money to help expand the services it provides through its veterans clinic. The Young Lawyers Committee, which organizes the tournament, would again like to thank all of the generous sponsors, participants, and volunteers who helped make this year's tournament such a success and is looking forward to the 2014 tournament, which is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2014 at The Club at Old Hawthorne.

Attorneys and Law Students Needed January 17-18 for Mock Trial Tournament

Columbia College and the University of Missouri Columbia are hosting an Undergraduate Mock Trial Invitational Tournament competition at the University of Missouri Columbia on Friday January 17 and Saturday January 18, 2014. The tournament hosts need attorneys and law students to serve as judges for this four-round tournament, which serves as a forum for teams to practice their skills for the regional tournament held in Kansas City in February. Judges will score a printed ballot with established criteria and rule on evidentiary objections governed by an evidence code similar to the Federal Rules of Evidence.

This year's case is a civil wrongful death case involving a death during a scuba diving expedition. Judges are needed for any and all rounds, which are as follows:

Round 1 – Friday, January 17 - 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Round 2 – Friday, January 17 - 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Round 3 – Saturday, January 18 - 9:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Round 4 – Saturday, January 18 - 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Food and ample non-alcoholic beverages will be provided for judges. Those interested in judging can contact Professor Barry Langford at brlangford@ccis.edu. Information about intercollegiate Mock trial can be obtained at <http://www.collegemocktrial.org/>. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this competition!

Volunteer Opportunities Provided Through BCBA PIE and ADR Committees

Attorneys are needed to assist in the three Mock Trial Programs that take place here in Boone County. These programs, from whence come our future lawyers, cannot exist without volunteer lawyers to be evaluators and judges. Contact **Norm Lampton** at norm@normlamptonlaw.com or **Sarah Read** at sjr@readadr.com for more information or to announce your availability.

The three programs are:

- 1) Missouri High School Mock Trial Competition- high school students actually try a civil or criminal case under mock conditions. The competition will take place on a Friday and Saturday at the Law School- February 21-22.
- 2) Missouri College Mock Trial Competition- college students try a civil or criminal case under Mock conditions. Dates tba.
- 3) Law School Board of Advocates. Law students advocating in cases of all types. CLE credit and food provided! Current dates as follows: Mediation (January 25-26); 1L Moot Court (April 14-16, 21).

BCBA Upcoming CLE Programs Announced

Mark Your Calendars! BCBA Vice President **Jennifer Bukowsky** has lined up the following programs so far for the upcoming fiscal year: March 12, 2014- State Auditor Tom Schweich; June 11, 2014- Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Russell. Additional programs will be announced as they are lined up. Please mark your calendars now so we can have a great turnout for these special speakers.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, January 9, Noon: The Women Lawyers' Association of Mid-Missouri (WLAMM) will meet at Arris' Bistro in Jefferson City. RSVP to **Tamara Kopp** at tamara.kopp@insurance.mo.gov. WLAMM also thanks all who attended the Holiday Party at **Elena Vega's** home. WLAMM collected and donated over \$500 to a Boone and Cole County charitable organization.

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont.)

Tuesday, January 21, 5 p.m.: The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for a happy hour meeting at Tellers, 820 E. Broadway. For more information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com.

Friday, February 28, 2014, 11:30 a.m.: SAVE THE DATE- Mizzou Law School will hold its Small Firm and Public Interest Expo, at Reynolds Alumni Center. Set up and lunch will be from 11:30- 12:00; Networking will take place from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m., and a complimentary Ethics CLE will be provided from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. For more information, Public Interest Organizations should contact Linda Lorenz at lorenzl@missouri.edu or 882-0940, and Law Firms should contact **Kate Busch** at buschk@missouri.edu or 882-6444. A link to the Registration form can be found on the Other News section of the BCBA website.

NEW MEMBER

Benjamin Faber, The Bukowsky Law Firm, 810 E. Walnut St., Columbia, MO 65201, phone 573-443-2288, fax 573-443-2289, email ben@lawbuk.com.

TRANSITIONS

Daniel Dunham announces that he is ending his status as an attorney with Carlyle Foley, P.C., effective January 1, 2014. Dan's office address will remain 804 Locust, Columbia, MO 65201. His phone number will be 573-819-2466, fax 573-875-3100, and email dunhamlegal@gmail.com.

James Ballard has accepted an Associate Attorney position at Midwest Elder Law Firm. James' new contact information is 1121 Bus. 70 East, Ste. 2B, Columbia, MO 65201 phone 573-445-4755, fax 573-445-4756, email office@midwestelderlaw.com. James is a member of the Mid-Missouri Estate Planning Council and intends to focus on estate planning and business succession planning.

OTHER NEWS

The Boone County Associate Court's current list of conflicts to the regular docket schedule has been updated effective January 1, and can be found on the website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/docket.htm>.

About 95 members and guests attended the Holiday party on December 10.

TREASURER'S REPORT BY CLARK JONES

Account balance of as October 31, 2013		\$4,576.57
		Receipts 11/1/13 to 12/30/13
10/31	Interest	\$0.05
11/8	Bar Dues	\$50.00
11/8	YLC Golf Tournament	\$15,156.99
11/30	Interest	\$0.10
12/4	2013 Bar Dues Received	\$75.00
12/4	2014 Bar Dues Received	\$975.00
12/23	2014 Bar Dues Received	\$2,325.00
12/23	Holiday Party Receipts	\$2,425.00
12/23	YLC Golf Tournament Receipts	\$2,873.60
Total Receipts		\$23,880.74
		Expenses 12/1/13 to 12/30/13
10/16	Check #1530 Mark Langworthy [reimbursement for BCBA picnic expenses]	\$129.92
11/8	Check #1531 Old Hawthorne [golf tournament]	\$6,556.80
11/8	Check #1532 VOIDED	\$0.00
11/8	Check #1533 MO Dept. of Revenue	\$35.00
12/3	Check #1534 - Thad Taylor [reimbursement for toner for Attorney's printer in Courthouse]	\$52.90
12/3	Check #1535 VOIDED	\$0.00
12/20	Check #1536 – Columbia Country Club [Holiday Party]	\$6,177.37

12/23	Check #1537 – Mid-Missouri Legal Services [donation from golf tournament]	\$11,623.79
12/23	Check #1538 – Marjorie Lewis [Holiday Party reimbursement]	\$30.21
Total Expenses		\$24,605.99
Account Balance as of December 30, 2013		\$3,851.32

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