



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

## Missouri State Auditor Tom Schweich Featured at March 12 Meeting

Missouri State Auditor Tom Schweich will speak at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime Wednesday, March 12. Tom grew up in St. Louis and graduated from Yale and Harvard Law School. Tom began his career at Bryan Cave, where he practiced over 20 years. Among his many accomplishments, he has served as Chief of Staff for the Danforth Special Counsel Investigation into the U.S. government’s conduct during the 1993 siege of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco. He has served as Chief of Staff to three U.S. Ambassadors to the United Nations; as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State and Acting Assistant Secretary of State at the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs in the State Department; and as the U.S. Coordinator for Counternarcotics and Justice Reform in Afghanistan. As State Auditor, Tom and his staff work to ensure the proper use of public funds and to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Missouri government.

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](mailto:mlewis@bwsplaw.com) by **Noon**, Tuesday, March 11. 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 Has Begun in Boone County

E-filing has become mandatory in Boone County for almost everything lawyers now file with the court on paper. The Boone County Circuit Clerk’s Office will accept and process any pleadings received Monday and Tuesday from the US Postal Office, then starting Wednesday any pleadings received through the US Postal Service will be returned.

Four training sessions were provided in January to help lawyers and their staff members get ready. New Local Court Rule 20 has been enacted effective January 7, a link to which can be found on the BCBA website at <http://bocomobar.org/rules.htm>.

A new webpage has been added to the BCBA website at <http://bocomobar.org/E-Filing.htm>, which has links to relevant correspondence from the Boone County Circuit Clerk, and Practice Tips and a PDF version of the Powerpoint slides provided by **Steve Scott** in his January training programs.

## Time to Pay 2014 Dues

The BCBA is one of the most active and connected local bar associations in Missouri. We provide our members with nearly all the required annual CLE requirements for the price of lunch, reach out to make our community better, and provide opportunities to keep up on our practice areas and local issues, as well as to socialize with each other outside of the courtroom. All of this for the reasonable fee of \$50 per attorney/\$25 for public service attorneys.

If you have not already done so, please send in your annual dues ASAP to replenish the operating budget and keep the BCBA thriving. You can either print out this page and use the dues coupon below, or print it off the website’s dues page, to send in with your payment.

### 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. 7<sup>th</sup> 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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## **Samantha Folkemer Memorial 5K Run/Walk/Dog Walk Scheduled for March 29**

The Mid-Mo Young Lawyers Association (in conjunction with the Columbia Track Club) is hosting the second annual Samantha Folkemer Memorial 5K Run/Walk/Dog Walk at Stephens Lake Park in Columbia on Saturday, March 29, 2014. The 5K is in honor of Samantha Folkemer who passed away from colon cancer in September 2012. Samantha was an Assistant Attorney General in Jefferson City in the Consumer Protection Division. Mid-Mo YLA is seeking sponsors and participants for the event. All net proceeds will be donated to genetic cancer research in Samantha's honor. Attached is a flyer with the details of the event and the information on sponsoring and participating.

## **CLE Credit Available for GAL Training in Jefferson City on March 7**

The 19th Judicial Circuit is providing GAL Training for attorneys who would like to be considered for GAL cases for the Juvenile Court.

This training will fulfill the requirement of the eight (8) hours mandated by the Supreme Court of Missouri for new GAL's. It will also fulfill the mandated three (3) hours for those individuals already providing GAL services. One (1) hour of Ethics training will also be provided. We will be submitting this training for CLE approval by the Missouri Bar.

This free training will be held on Friday, March 7, 2014, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, with lunch being provided. It will be held at the Coca Cola Building at 605 Washington Street, Jefferson City, MO.

If interested in attending, please contact our office at the above number no later than February 28, 2014. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michael Couty, Juvenile Court Administrator, at the same number from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

## **Reminders for Service Through the Boone County Sheriff's Department By Christy Blakemore, Circuit Clerk**

The Clerk's Office is still collecting the fee for service for the Sheriff. You need to send service fees electronically with the request for service to the clerk. This is the same for garnishments. We have received several garnishments with no fees that we have had to return to the filer.

If you are requesting service by the Sheriff, we will fill in at the bottom of the document showing amount paid and clerk initials, (something along those lines) before we send the document back to you. This is the indicator to the Sheriff's Dept. the fee has been paid to us. The Sheriff's Department has requested you include a cover letter when you send the documents to them for service. It just needs to be the standard information like "summons attached to be served at, fee has been paid to clerk, etc." Any information that you have that would be helpful to them for service. You also have to include the original and 2 copies of the summons.

When we return the garnishment back to you for service you will also receive a sheet that will have some instructions on it, and on there will be the indicator to the Sheriff the fee was paid to us. So you want to be sure that sheet goes to the Sheriff as well so they are aware the service fee was paid.

As of right now there are two options to get paperwork out to the Sheriff, mail or drop off at their facility. They will accept filings from 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday. There were discussions about having a drop box here at the courthouse so that attorneys could drop their pleadings for service and they would go to the Sheriff via the county interoffice mail service. At this time the Sheriff is concerned about that process. This may be considered at a later date.

Please make sure that you have ALL the correct paperwork (right amount of copies, cover letter, showing fee was paid to clerk). If the Sheriff's Department does not the correct information they will return everything to you.

## **Special Thanks to Volunteers at High School Mock Trial Competition**

Thank you to the Bar for the support provide as Judges for the High School Mock Trial Competition that took place at the law school on 2/21 & 2/22.

Special thanks goes to **Dan Pingleton**, **Gary Stamper** and **Tanya Alm** who were attorney coaches to teams. Both Boone County Teams; Hickman and Tolton are advancing to the State Competition.

## U.S. Attorney's Office Seeking Special Assistant U.S. Attorney

The Western District of Missouri is currently accepting applications for a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Jefferson City Office who will be responsible for narcotics prosecution under the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). The successful candidate will be offered a one year contract (subject to annual renewal based upon performance and availability of funding).

Applications are due by March 7. Any interested applicants send their resumes to me at either [larry.miller@usdoj.gov](mailto:larry.miller@usdoj.gov) or send to Larry Miller, U.S. Attorney's Office, 80 Lafayette Street, Suite 2100, Jefferson City, MO 65101. The full Job Announcement can be found online on the 'Other News' page of the BCBA website: [http://bocomobar.org/other\\_news.htm](http://bocomobar.org/other_news.htm).

## Columbia City Prosecutor Has Part-Time Attorney Position Available

The City of Columbia Prosecutor is seeking a part time, temporary Attorney. If interested, please contact **Steve Richey** at [swrichey@gocolumbiamo.com](mailto:swrichey@gocolumbiamo.com).

## MO-AFCC & MARCH Mediation Annual Spring Conference April 3-4

'Understanding Parenting in the Context of Coercive Control', by Kristine Lizdas, JD, will be held at the Sheraton St. Louis City Center, 400 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St., St. Louis, 63103, on Thursday, April 3, and Friday, April 4.

Coercive controlling violence, a predominant issue for many families seeking child custody resolutions, and eludes identification and understanding by family court practitioners for many reasons. Through large group presentations and small group discussions, participants will better understand how coercive control impacts families, and learn how, in ways that account for coercive control, to manage dispute resolution processes for parents and children, and find ways to make recommendations, structure parenting time arrangements, and advocate for parents and children.

Email **Rachael F. Kennedy** (President of MO-AFCC and Treasurer of MARCH), [rkennedy@rkennedylaw.net](mailto:rkennedy@rkennedylaw.net) for more details or a flyer.

## Mid-Missouri Blue Goose Chapter is Opening in Columbia

The Honorable Order of the Blue Goose, [www.bluegoose.org](http://www.bluegoose.org), an international insurance industry fraternal organization, is expanding to Columbia. The Mid-Missouri Blue Goose Chapter is open to anyone affiliated with the insurance industry from adjusters and agents to in-house or external counsel. The next informational meeting is scheduled for February 20, from 5-7 PM at Grand Cru. Please contact **Jim Howard**, [jhoward@rewhlaw.net](mailto:jhoward@rewhlaw.net), for more information.

## 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: April 9, 2014- Bench Bar Dinner, May 14, 2014- Secretary of State Jason Kander, June 11, 2014- Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Russell, September 2014 Bar Picnic. Additional programs will be announced as they are lined up.

## Around the bar . . .

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Thursday, March 6, Noon:** The Women Lawyers' Association of Mid-Missouri (WLAMM) will meet for lunch at Sze Chuan, 219 Madison Street, Jefferson City. RSVP to [tamara.kopp@insurance.mo.gov](mailto:tamara.kopp@insurance.mo.gov) if you can attend.

**Tuesday, March 18, 11:45 a.m.:** The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at International Café, 26 S. 9<sup>th</sup> St. For more information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or [sowers@learwerts.com](mailto:sowers@learwerts.com).

**Friday, May 2, 12 – 1:30 p.m.:** SAVE THE DATE: The Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers (MODL) cordially invite you to attend a Luncheon with other area MODL members to hear "Views From the Bench", presented by The Honorable **Paul C. Wilson**, The Honorable **Karen King Mitchell**, and the Honorable **Mark D. Pfeiffer**. The event has been approved for 1 hour of CLE credit, and will be held at Bleu Restaurant, 811 E. Walnut St., and cost \$45 per person. RSVP's are requested by April 28. A link to the Flyer for the event can be found in the 'Other News' page of the BCBA website.

### NEW MEMBER

**Robert L. Fleming**, TMO State Public Defender System, 12801 W. Hwy EE, Rocheport, MO 65279; phone 573-864-2154, email [robflaming@juno.com](mailto:robflaming@juno.com). Rob was a regular BCBA member for many years, and has lived in and around Columbia since 1974. Rob graduated from MU in 1982, and spent a total of four years working for the State Tax Commission both before and after graduation. He was an assistant Boone County prosecutor between 1984 and late 1986, before going into private practice. He has worked for the State Public Defender system since 1990. In addition to his formal employment, Rob has been of counsel to Community United Methodist Church for 30 plus years, and was an original incorporator of and counsel to PET of Columbia, Inc. and PET International, Inc., ([www.giftofmobility.org](http://www.giftofmobility.org)) two not-for-profit entities that make and distribute hand-cranked wheelchairs for the mobility impaired in Third World countries. Rob's wife Julie Again Fleming is a native Boone Countian, and works for the Missouri Conservation Department. They have three grown daughters, Dr. Jennifer Sturek, Dr. Laura Bergin, and Rae Elizabeth Fleming, who is a senior art major at MU and works for Midway USA, and four grand-kids scattered along Interstate 64, from St. Louis to Charlottesville, Virginia.

### TRANSITIONS

No transitions reported this month.

### OTHER NEWS

The former law office of **Dale Reesman** (deceased) is available for sale or lease. **Larry Tate**, Dale's former partner in Williams, Reesman and Tate, retired January 1, 2014. The building is on the National Historic Register and is located in High Street's Historic District, in Boonville. It is a one-story, 1430 square feet structure on a 45 X 147 ½ foot lot. There is plenty of off-street parking and it is within walking distance of the Cooper County Courthouse. Anyone interested should contact Phyllis Reesman at [pdrees@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pdrees@sbcglobal.net) for further information.

**Pat Eng** has 900 feet of storefront office space downtown with parking available. Contact Pat at 874-4190 or [peng@engandwoods.com](mailto:peng@engandwoods.com) for more information.

The Boone County Associate Court's current list of conflicts to the regular docket schedule has been updated effective February 28, and can be found on the website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/docket.htm>.

The Court's Phone Directory has been updated effective January 8, 2014.

About 78 members and guests attended the February 11 BCBA meeting and CLE Program "Affordable Care Act - Legal Challenges and Policy Discussion" - presented by MU Law Professors Phil Peters and Thomas Lambert.

## TREASURER'S REPORT BY CLARK JONES

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| <b>Account balance of as January 31, 2014</b> | <b>\$8,286.45</b>  |
| <b>Receipts 1/31/14 to 2/28/14</b>            |                    |
| 1/31 Interest                                 | \$0.06             |
| 2/28 Bar Dues - 2014                          | \$1,975.00         |
| 1/30 BCBA Lunch Payments                      | \$30.00            |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                         | <b>\$2,005.06</b>  |
| <b>Expenses 1/31/14 to 2/28/14</b>            |                    |
| 2/28 Check #1540 Bleu (Lunch payment)         | \$30.00            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                         | <b>\$30.00</b>     |
| <b>Account Balance as of January 31, 2014</b> | <b>\$10,261.51</b> |

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