



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander Featured at May 14 Meeting

Missouri Secretary of State Jason Kander will speak at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime Wednesday, May 14. Jason graduated from American University and Georgetown Law School. He is a veteran of the war in Afghanistan, and prior to his election as Secretary of State, he practiced law, served as a State Representative from Kansas City, and served on the Missouri Veteran's Commission. As Secretary of State, Jason and his staff work to ensure access to the ballot for eligible voters, protecting Missourians from fraud, and helping small business owners succeed.

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, May 13. RSVP's are important for this meeting because a large crowd is expected, and management at Bleu want to prepare sufficient food and seating.

## Volunteers sought for Nominating Committee

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 contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or [sowers@learwerts.com](mailto:sowers@learwerts.com), or **Marvin Tofle** at 228-9768 or [marvin@toflelaw.com](mailto:marvin@toflelaw.com). Per the BCBA Bylaws, the President has until June 1st to appoint the members of the Nominating Committee. Members of the committee will be announced in an upcoming newsletter, and members interested in serving as an officer of the BCBA or member of the Executive Committee can then express their interest to committee members.

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.

## Applications Being Accepted for New Members for Elwood Thomas Inn of Court

The Elwood Thomas Inn of Court is a legal organization which meets approximately 6 times a year (September –April) alternating in Columbia and Jefferson City. It consists of lawyers- Associates (0-5 years of experience), Barristers (6-15 years of experience) and Masters (over 15 years of experience), and Pupils (law students).

The group has a dinner each meeting followed by a short program (for CLE credit) presented by the members or by an outside speaker. It also has a banquet each year and it is a very nice professional and social experience for all. The dues are \$225 for Masters, \$155 for Barristers, and \$125 for Associates.

Barristers serve a three year term and Associates serve a two year term. There is no set term for Masters. If you are interested in joining, please complete the application, which can be found on the website at [http://bocomobar.org/other\\_news.htm](http://bocomobar.org/other_news.htm) and email it to Larry Miller at [larry.miller@usdoj.gov](mailto:larry.miller@usdoj.gov), and James Layton at [james.layton@ago.mo.gov](mailto:james.layton@ago.mo.gov). The application deadline is May 30.

## 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 almost 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 June 1, please contact **Thad Taylor** at [thad@midwestelderlaw.com](mailto:thad@midwestelderlaw.com). There is a chance you will have been mistakenly removed from the distribution list.

## Notes from the 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit

1) Notice to Withdraw: The 13th Circuit encourages defense counsel to withdraw from a criminal case immediately after the case is disposed. If counsel does not withdraw, they will continue to receive electronic notices (eNotices) with regard to the case. If an attorney receives eNotices on a case from which they no longer need notice, they may send an request to be removed through the eFiling system.

2) eFiling Update: As a reminder, both counties in the 13th Circuit are now on eFiling.

Therefore, all documents must be eFiled. The court will accept paper documents in the courtroom only if the documents could not have been eFiled and they pertain to the specific hearing/trial. For example, it would not be acceptable to file an Entry of Appearance in court at a counsel status hearing since this could have been filed electronically.

3) GAL/IP Contract Meeting: The 13th Circuit invites interested attorneys to attend a brown bag lunch on May 30, at noon, in the 3rd Floor Jury Assembly Room for those interested in applying for a Guardian ad Litem or Indigent Parent Contract for Boone and Callaway County. Those interested in applying who are unable to attend may contact **Mary Epping** for information at 886-4059, or [mary.epping@courts.mo.gov](mailto:mary.epping@courts.mo.gov).

## More E-Filing Training Opportunities Offered Through OSCA

To prepare attorneys for the implementation of the electronic filing system, attorney training webinars have been scheduled for May 13 and 21, 2014, and June 2 and 24, 2014. Attorney webinars can be accessed by clicking on this link or going to <http://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=48921>.

To help guide attorneys as to what documents should be filed electronically, each court has adopted an administrative order to assist with filing cases. You may access the orders by directly accessing each court's website or by going to <http://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=46524> and clicking on the county name next to the implementation date.

If you are not able to access the link, go to [www.courts.mo.gov](http://www.courts.mo.gov), click on Electronic Filing and then click on Implementation Schedule. <http://www.courts.mo.gov/page.jsp?id=46526>. To begin filing electronically, an attorney must register for a free account by going to [www.courts.mo.gov/efilingaccount](http://www.courts.mo.gov/efilingaccount).

If you have any question, concerns or constructive comments about the Missouri eFiling System, contact the OSCA Help Desk by e-mail at [OSCA.Help.Desk@courts.mo.gov](mailto:OSCA.Help.Desk@courts.mo.gov) or toll-free at (888) 541-4894.

## 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

**Friday, May 9:** The Missouri Bar Committee Meetings will meet at the Capital Plaza in Jefferson City. There are many things on the agendas of the committees about the future of the law in the state. Many committees offer CLE presentations. There is no cost for attendance and there is a free lunch for attendees. Registration is suggested and available on the Missouri Bar Web Site.

**Tuesday, May 20, 11:45 a.m.:** Young Lawyers Committee Lunch with Special Guest **Finley Gibbs**: The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at Bleu Restaurant & Wine Bar, 811 E. Walnut. Special guest **Finley Gibbs** will be in attendance to visit with the YLC and to discuss his candidacy for the Division 5 Associate Circuit Judge position. Please RSVP by May 19th to **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or [sowers@learwerts.com](mailto:sowers@learwerts.com) so that appropriate accommodations for the meeting can be arranged.

## NEW MEMBERS

**Jay Ludlam**, 918 Martin Dr., Columbia, MO 65203-1428, Phone 573-823-1708, email [Jay.Ludlam@gmail.com](mailto:Jay.Ludlam@gmail.com).

**Kelly Wallis**, Director of Community Services, Boone County Missouri, 615 E. Walnut, Ste. A, Columbia, MO 65201, phone 573-886-4298, email [kwallis@boonecountymo.org](mailto:kwallis@boonecountymo.org). Kelly has been a member before and is returning to the BCBA after spending a couple of years in Jefferson City.

## TRANSITIONS

The Bukowsky Law Firm is pleased to announce the addition of another criminal defense attorney -Columbia native **Ben Faber**- to its team. Ben will be handling criminal, traffic, and student conduct matters. Contact information- [ben@lawbuk.com](mailto:ben@lawbuk.com), (573) 443-2288; <http://www.lawbuk.com>.

Rogers, Ehrhardt, Weber & Howard, LLC announces that **Andrew Bach** as joined the firm as a principal effective May 1, 2014. Andrew graduated from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in 2000 and the University of Missouri School of Law in 2005. From 2005-2010 he was an Associate for Harris McCausland, PC and from 2010-April 2014, was a partner in Ahern & Bach, LLC. Andrew's practice areas will continue to focus on personal injury, premises liability and insurance defense, as well as workers compensation, business and banking law. Andrew's new contact information is 302 Campusview Dr., Ste. 204, Columbia, MO 65201, phone 573-442-0131, fax 573-442-9423, email [abach@rewhlaw.net](mailto:abach@rewhlaw.net), website [www.rewhlaw.net](http://www.rewhlaw.net).

**Norman Lampton** has accepted the position as Of Counsel to Shurtleff, Froeshner and Harris, LLC, 25 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Columbia, MO 65201.

**Greta Bassett-Seymour** has accepted the position of General Counsel at MoDOT and Patrol Employees' Retirement System. Her new contact information is 1913 William St., Jefferson City, MO 65109, P.O. Box 1930, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1930, phone 573-298-6021, 800-270-1271, ext. 111, fax 573-526-5895, email [Greta.Bassett-Seymour@mpers.org](mailto:Greta.Bassett-Seymour@mpers.org), website [www.mpers.org](http://www.mpers.org).

**Douglas Bieller** has updated his contact information to HeplerBroom, LLC, 211 N. Broadway, Ste. 2700, St. Louis, MO 63102, Phone 314-480-4161, Fax 314-241-6116, email [Doug.Bieller@heplerbroom.com](mailto:Doug.Bieller@heplerbroom.com), website [www.HeplerBroom.com](http://www.HeplerBroom.com).

**Mihaela Britt** has updated her contact information to Britt Immigration Law, LLC, P.O. Box 30170, Columbia, MO 65205, email [miha@brittimmigrationlaw.com](mailto:miha@brittimmigrationlaw.com).

## OTHER NEWS

**Miha Britt** is looking to share/rent a conference room or office space. Miha is looking for a space to meet with clients, especially during evenings and weekends. If you have space available, please contact Miha at 573-289-1692, or email [miha@brittimmigrationlaw.com](mailto:miha@brittimmigrationlaw.com).

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 April 29, 2014. The Boone County Circuit Court's current list of conflicts to the regular docket schedule has been updated effective March 10. Both updates can be found on the website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/docket.htm>.

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

About 75 members and guests attended the April 9 BCBA Bench Bar Social.

## TREASURER'S REPORT BY CLARK JONES

<b>Account balance of as February 28, 2014</b>	<b>\$10,261.51</b>
<b>Receipts 2/28/14 to 3/31/14</b>	
2/28 Interest Payment	\$0.06
3/31 Bar Dues - 2014	\$1,275.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,275.06</b>
<b>Expenses 2/28/14 to 3/31/14</b>	
NONE	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Account Balance as of March 31, 2014</b>	<b>\$11,536.57</b>

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