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Ethics CLE Credit Available at June 11 Meeting

Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Mary Russell will speak at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime Wednesday, June 11. The presentation is entitled “Stand By Your Man and Other Ethics Lessons from the Classics.” The presentation has been approved for 1.2 hours of Ethics CLE credit.

Justice Russell was appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court in 2004. Prior to that, she served as a judge on the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District, from 1995 to 2004. Before she became a judge, Justice Russell was a partner Clayton & Rhodes Law Office in Hannibal.

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, June 10. RSVP's are important for this meeting because a large crowd is expected, and management at Bleu want to prepare sufficient food and seating.

Nominating Committee Appointed; Apply for Positions

Marvin Tofle is chairing this year's Nominating Committee to select next year's officers and Executive Committee members. Other members are **Sander Sowers** and **Christina Devine**.

BCBA members interested in being an officer or Executive Committee member for 2014-15 should contact any one of the Nominating Committee members. Their contact information is:

Marvin Tofle: marvin@toflelaw.com [phone 228-9768]

Sander Sowers: sowers@learwerts.com [phone 875-1991]

Christina Devine: cdevine@harlan-still.com [phone 874-2402]

The former system of selecting the next Vice President on a seniority basis no longer applies. Normally the Vice President is nominated to be the following year's President. Other positions available are Secretary, Treasurer and two at-large members of the Executive Committee. The election will be held at the annual meeting/picnic in September.

Court en Banc Expected to Pass Revised Local Rules on June 10

The Court en Banc will be discussing and voting on the updated Local Court Rules at its monthly meeting on June 10. After the passage of the rules, the bar will have 60 days to comment before the rules become effective.

The new rules will be sent to the BCBA to post online. Any comments or questions regarding the rules may be sent to Assistant to the Court Administrator Mary Epping at mary.epping@courts.mo.gov.

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

The email distribution list and membership directory has been updated. Members who have not paid dues have been removed from the rolls. 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 future *Newsletters* or announcements, please contact **Thad Taylor** at thad@midwestelderlaw.com or **Clark Jones** at clj@11-7law.com. You may have been removed from the distribution list by mistake.

BCBA Scholarships Presented at Seven Area High Schools

Every year the Boone County Bar Association presents scholarships to students at the Boone County public high schools to students who have demonstrated interest in governmental, political, or civil affairs. The scholarships at each of the Columbia schools are for \$1,000, and at the outlying county schools are for \$500. The scholarships are administered by our Partners in Education Committee, chaired by Sarah Read. This year the scholarships were awarded to the following students.

Douglass: Bradley Hardaway. Bradley was active in the Minority Achievement Committee Scholars, Freshman Academy and the Street Law mock trial program at Douglass High School. Bradley is also a youth leader at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, where he pursues civic and community work. Bradley Hardaway plans to attend Moberly Area Community College and pursue studies in mortuary science. **Mary E. Carnahan** presented the scholarship at the Douglass graduation.

Hickman: Ashwath Kumar. Ashwath Kumar was the team captain for the mock trial team and has won multiple awards including the Top Attorney Award and the National AP Scholar's Award. He also won the, American Legion National Oratorical Contest, and was a National Merit Semifinalist. He volunteers for a variety of community services such as Special Olympics, Central Missouri Food Bank, and Beat the Heat. **Russ Still** presented the scholarship at the Hickman awards ceremony.

Rock Bridge: Whitney Cravens. Whitney Cravens served as the captain of the debate team and many other leadership positions in Student Coalition and Student Council. Whitney has also interned in the Missouri House of Representatives, been a member of Model United Nations, and actively volunteers for the Humane Society. She was appointed the Chief Justice of the American Legion Missouri Girl's State Supreme Court. Whitney plans to study political science and business administration as she pursues a career in law. **Chris Slusher** presented the scholarship at the Rock Bridge awards ceremony.

Ashland (Southern Boone): Madeline Cornell. Madeline worked part time for a law office in Jefferson City and a state representative where she gained experience in campaigning and politics. In addition, she participated in many leadership roles and programs such as Youth Tour, Girls State, and Student Government. She plans to attend St. Louis University where she will study Business Economics through the honors program. **Mick Wilson** presented the scholarship at the awards ceremony.

Centralia: Sydney Creel. Sydney served in many leadership positions such as treasurer of SKRUBS (Society of Kids Relating, Understanding, and Believing in Science) and member of National Honors Society. Sydney also served in many athletic activities such as softball and track. She has also worked as an Athletic Director's Aide and gained invaluable experience as a leader. **Jason Shackelford** presented this award at the school's awards ceremony.

Hallsville: Tonia Bartlett. Tonia was involved in many leadership roles such as Student Council and National Honors Society. Tonia plans to major in political science and communications in college. Her interest and skill in communication is evidenced by her membership in multiple speech clubs. **Thad Taylor** traveled to Hallsville to present this scholarship at the school's awards ceremony.

Harrisburg: Harrisburg did not nominate a student this year, although it was eligible to do so.

Sturgeon: April Smith. April was an active member of several clubs, including the Explorer program through the Boone County Sheriff's Department, and participated in law enforcement trainings and competitions. She also volunteered in many community service projects. April plans to attend Missouri Western University this fall. **Elton Fay** traveled to Sturgeon to present this award at their graduation ceremonies.

This was a great group of scholarship recipients this year and we wish them all well in their future careers! We also want to thank all of the presenters who took the time to represent the BCBA at the ceremonies and graduations. These events provide an important connection with the community and appearing is an excellent service to the bar. Thank you to all.

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: July 9- A candidate forum of the candidates for Division 5 Judge, moderated by **Jennifer Bukowsky**, September 2014 Bar Picnic. Additional programs will be announced as they are lined up.

Diane Begemann Recognized by 13th Circuit for Years of Service

Boone County Circuit Clerk and the 13th Circuit Staff would like to recognize and congratulate Diane Begemann in grateful appreciation for her 25 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Circuit Clerk's Office. She puts a great amount of effort into her job and she is greatly appreciated. Diane is an important member of our office and her abilities and contributions will be an important part of our continued success.

Please join the Court staff on June 5, 2014, 3:30-5:00 for cookies and punch to celebrate these years of service. This will be held on the 2nd floor in the Circuit Clerk's Office conference room. Best wishes to Diane on her 25th anniversary of employment with the Circuit Clerk's Office.

Message to Family Court Practitioners from Family Court Clerks.

All family court practitioners: Please do NOT file multiple count pleadings in family court cases. For example, if you planned to file a Response, Counter-Motion to Modify, and Counter-Motion for Contempt as ONE pleading with three counts contained within the pleading, you must file that claim as three SEPARATE pleadings. Therefore, you will file a Response as one pleading, a Counter-Motion to Modify as a separate pleading, and a Counter-Motion for Contempt as another separate pleading. If you wish to ensure that Motions for Contempt filed in pending modification cases are filed in THAT case (e.g. -01, -02, -03, etc.) instead of in the initial or prior case, you must specify that in the Notes section of your eFiling menu. You may still file initial pleadings and initial responsive pleadings in Paternity cases as multiple count pleadings.”

Mid-Missouri Legal Services Launches New Website

Mid-Missouri Legal Services is proud to announce the launch of its website, providing information on applying for services, volunteering, and our mission to increase access to justice for low income Missourians. We would like to offer a special thanks to the Young Lawyers Committee of the Boone County Bar Associate for their generous fund-raising and donations used in creating the website. <http://www.mmls.org>.

We are also expanding our Judicare program to cover more clients and areas of law and are seeking attorneys to assist these clients. MMLS provides Judicare attorneys with a reduced fee for this representation. As always, we welcome those attorneys willing to provide pro bono representation. Please see our new website for more on volunteering.

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 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, 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.

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 or toll-free at (888) 541-4894.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, June 7: Steve Scott invites bar members to a “solar open house” at his home/office, 201 Westwood Ave., Columbia 65203, from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 7, to see and learn about the photovoltaic solar panel system he and his wife Gena had installed on their roof. The open house is co-sponsored by the installer, Dogwood Solar, which says that at 34 panels, it is the largest residential solar project to date in Columbia. Steve hopes other bar members will be motivated to install solar systems.

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Tuesday, June 17, 5:00 p.m.: Young Lawyers Committee happy hour with Special Guest **Kim Shaw**: The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for happy hour at Bleu Restaurant & Wine Bar, 811 E. Walnut. **Kim Shaw** will be in attendance to visit with the YLC and to discuss her candidacy for the Division 5 Associate Circuit Judge position. For more information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com. The committee will also begin planning for the annual Chipping in for Charity golf tournament fundraiser benefitting Mid-Missouri Legal Services.

NEW MEMBERS

Aaron Mutnick, Shelter Mutual Insurance Company, 1817 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65218-0001, phone 573-214-4163, Fax 573-446-7315, email amutnick@shelterinsurance.com.

Joel Poole, 1304 Old Hawthorne West, Columbia, MO 65201, email joel.poole@ago.mo.gov. Joel currently serves as Chief Counsel in the Litigation Division at the Missouri Attorney's General Office in Jefferson City. He joined the BCBA in April at the Bench/Bar Mixer.

Mary Therese 'Terry' Poole, 1304 Old Hawthorne West, Columbia, MO 65201, email M.T.Poole@thehartford.com. Mary also joined the BCBA at the Bench/Bar Mixer in April.

Drew Veatch, Eng & Woods, 903 E. Ash St., Columbia, MO 65201 Director of Community Services, Boone County Missouri, 615 E. Walnut, Ste. A, Columbia, MO 65201, phone 573-874-4190, fax 573-874-4192, email dveatch@engandwoods.com, website engandwoods.com.

TRANSITIONS

Eng & Woods is pleased to announce the hiring of **Drew Veatch** as associate attorney. Drew will focus his practice on personal injury, auto accident, workers' compensation, wrongful death, and slip and fall cases. Drew was raised in Jefferson City, Missouri, and graduated from Jefferson City High School. He received his undergraduate degree from Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri, and his JD/MBA from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Prior to joining Eng & Woods, Drew regulated Missouri's securities industry as Chief Registration Counsel of the Missouri Securities Division. He lives in Columbia, Missouri, with his wife, Ashley.

Nathan Jones of Barchet Law Office has been named a partner effective June 1. The firm, now called Barchet & Jones, focuses on estate and tax planning, probate and trust administration, elder law, and business law. **Cynthia Barchet** and **Nathan Jones'** contact information will remain the same: 1203 W. Broadway, Columbia; 573-441-9000; Cynthia@BarchetLaw.com & Nathan@BarchetLaw.com.

Smith Lewis, LLP announces that **Amanda "Mandy" Allen Miller** has become a partner effective January 1, 2014. Mandy graduated from the University of Central Missouri in 2001 and the University of Missouri School of Law in 2005. From 2005-2013, she worked as an Associate for Smith Lewis, LLP.

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M.A.R.C.H. Mediation offers free mediation to never-married or divorced parents who are receiving any state aid (TANF, Medicaid, etc.) or for whom child support payments are going through Child Support Enforcement. Call 800-595-9750 to clarify eligibility.

Senator McCaskill's office space is available. Her office space is beautiful, and a rental agreement can include parking. For more information, please contact **Pat Eng** at 874-4190 or peng@engandwoods.com.

The BCBA Probate Committee has completed a sample Medical Affidavit that can be used to obtain a Physician's evidence of incapacity and/or disability in Guardianship/Conservatorship cases. It can be found in both Word and PDF versions on the website at <http://bocomobar.org/forms.htm>. Other probate forms can be found on the 13th Circuit's website at <http://www.courts.mo.gov/hosted/circuit13/forms/forms.htm#Probate>.

There will be limited availability of the City Prosecutor's office on June 5 and 6 as they train on a new case management software system. Arraignment dockets will not be affected on those days. Please continue to call and leave a message or send an email and they'll get back to you as quickly as possible.

Marla Gunn has taken on a new position as Jury Supervisor in the Boone County Circuit Court. Attorneys are now instructed to forward their online conflict reporting Microsoft Word Tables to Susan Tatters, Secretary to the

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Presiding Judge, at susan.tatters@courts.mo.gov. A link to the Word Table for online conflict reporting can be found on the website at <http://bocomobar.org/conflicts.htm>.

The Boone County Associate Court's current list of conflicts to the regular docket schedule has been updated effective May 30, 2014. The updates can be found on the website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/docket.htm>.

TREASURER'S REPORT BY CLARK JONES

Account balance of as March 31, 2014	\$11,536.57
Receipts 3/31/14 to 5/30/14	
3/31 Interest Payment	\$0.09
4/17 Bar Dues - 2014	\$812.50
4/17 Bench/Bar Mixer	\$2,025.00
4/30 Interest Payment	\$0.11
5/30 Bar Dues – 2014	\$1,675.00
5/30 Bench/Bar Mixer	\$50.00
Total Receipts	\$4,562.70
Expenses 3/31/14 to 5/30/14	
4/17 Check #1541 – Betty Wilson (reimbursement for Mixer)	\$3,393.23
4/17 Check #1542 – Karen Steinbeck (reimbursement for Mixer)	\$21.58
5/6 Check #1543 – Thad Taylor (Webmaster services for 1 st Quarter 2014)	\$750.00
5/14 Check #1544 – Bleu (unpaid lunches at May meeting)	\$20.00
Total Expenses	\$4,184.81
Account Balance as of May 30, 2014	\$11,914.60

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