



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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Next BCBA Meeting/CLE Set For January 14

The next regular BCBA meeting/CLE will be at lunchtime on Wednesday, January 14. More details regarding the program will be provided once they become available.

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

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Chrissy McCartney** at 886-8913 or christina@mccartneylawoffice.com by Noon, Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

Mary Epping Appointed 13th Circuit Court Administrator

The 13th Judicial Circuit is pleased to announce that Mary Epping has been appointed to the position of Court Administrator effective January 5, 2015. Mary has served as Assistant to the Court Administrator in our circuit since June 16, 2010 and also assumed the Coordinator of Specialty Courts and Dockets position on October 8, 2012.

Mary has a Juris Doctorate from The University of Nebraska College of Law and previously worked for Supreme Court of Missouri.

Time to Pay 2015 Dues

Lawyers and firms wishing to expense 2015 BCBA dues in 2014 may send \$50/lawyer dues to Treasurer **Jason Simmons** at P.O. Box 7068, Columbia, MO 65205-7068. 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, 2015. 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 the 2015 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form with your payment or exemption. This is especially important if you would like your areas of practice listed with your name in the Membership Directory. On the form, each attorney may list up to two areas of practice. The form can be found at http://bocomobar.org/PDF/Enrollment_form_2015.pdf.

MMLS Thanks BCBA for Funds Raised through Golf Tournament

Mid-Missouri Legal Services was surprised and delighted to receive a check for \$8,388.60 from the BCBA Young Lawyers Committee, even though the annual Chipping in for Charity Golf Tournament was rained out in October. With an inch and a half of rain falling between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. that day, and 8 inches during the prior 10 days, we assumed that the tournament would be completely doomed for 2014! But, of course, the YLC wouldn't let a little rain get in the way and made it possible for golfers to play on fair weather days instead.

The BCBA-YLC has donated all or a portion of its annual golf tournament proceeds to MMLS for several years, and the funds have been used to initiate new projects, most recently the Veterans Law Project at the Truman V.A. Hospital. MMLS has a dedicated office at the V.A. Hospital two days per week and meets with veterans and/or their household members, many of whom are referred to MMLS by V.A. Hospital staff.

The Veterans Law Project started in mid-2013, so 2014 was its first full year of operation. In 2014, MMLS provided free legal services to 78 veterans and veteran household members, and 21 additional veteran cases are pending final resolution. In addition to providing free legal services to those clients, we met with 71 other veterans and made referrals to appropriate legal aid programs in other parts of Missouri and in other states, where the veteran's problem needed to be litigated. YLC funding also has enabled MMLS to participate with the Missouri Bar in planning and executing veteran clinics across the state, staffed by pro bono attorneys, that have addressed and resolved legal problems of many veterans.

MMLS is very grateful to the Young Lawyers Committee for its commitment to our veterans and for making it possible for MMLS to serve them at the V.A. Hospital.

Mid-Missouri Estate Planning Council Offering a CLE Program on January 22

The Mid-Missouri Estate Planning Council has a great program coming up on January 22. We have applied for 1.0 hour CLE. The program is entitled 'How to Make Trusts Less Taxing' and will be presented by Steven B. Gorin, JD, CPA, AEP of Thompson Coburn LLP, St. Louis.

The CLE will be at the Columbia Country Club, 2210 N. Country Club Drive, Columbia, on January 22. Check-in begins at 11:30, buffet lunch at 11:45, program begins at noon, adjourn at 1 pm. The cost is \$25 for non-members, \$20 for members, and \$15 students. The cost includes lunch and the CLE.

Please RSVP to **Greg Jones** 573-876-7000, gregj@thetrustco.com or Deb Harrington 573-499-6807, debra_harrington@msn.com. Only RSVP if you are sure you can attend, because no-shows will be billed.

Applications Being Accepted for Court-Approved Family Court Mediators

The 13th Judicial Circuit is now accepting applications for their 2015 list of Court Approved Family Court Mediators. Supreme Court of Missouri Rule 88.05 requires a mediator in a contested child custody matter to be an attorney or to possess graduate degree in a field that includes the study of psychiatry, psychology, social work, counseling or other behavioral science substantially related to marriage and family interpersonal relationships. This rule also mandates that a mediator has received a minimum of 20 hours of child custody mediation training in a program approved by the court. Local Court Rule 68.12(C) requires mediators to obtain an additional 6 hours of mediation-related training every two years, using The Missouri Bar's reporting period.

Applicants must submit an application form and certificate of completion of hours taken. Please submit your completed application by January 30, 2015, to **Mary Epping**, Court Administrator, 13th Judicial Circuit, Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia, MO 65201. Application forms are available by calling Mary at 886-4060, e-mailing her at mary.epping@courts.mo.gov, or by going to the BCBA website at http://bocomobar.org/other_news.htm.

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 16 and Saturday January 17, 2015. 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 case involving a shooting in a private residence. Judges are needed for any and all rounds, which are as follows:

Round 1 – Friday, January 16

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Round 2 – Friday, January 16

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Round 3 – Saturday, January 17

9:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Round 4 – Saturday, January 17

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Food and ample non-alcoholic beverages will be provided for judges. Those interested in judging may contact Professor Barry Langford at Columbia College at brlangford@ccis.edu.

Mizzou Law School's Small Firm and Public Interest Expo on February 24

Mizzou Law School would like to extend a personal invitation to your organization to participate in the University of Missouri School of Law Career Expo to be held Tuesday, February 24, 2015 in the Columns Ballroom and Great Room located in the Reynolds Alumni Center on the University of Missouri campus. The Expo will enable representatives from law firms, public interest, governmental organizations, corporations and other legal employers to meet with current J.D. students for informational interviews and networking.

This free event is scheduled from 11:30 to 2:00 and will include a light lunch. Beginning at 2:30, employers are invited to a complimentary Ethics CLE Workshop (2.2 hours) to be held in the Courtroom in Hulston Hall.

The law school will also provide:

- Ability to post job openings and internships opportunities on our job board
- Resume collection in advance of the Expo
- Private rooms to conduct interviews

Mizzou Law School's Small Firm and Public Interest Expo on February 24 (cont.)

We hope you will consider attending the Career Expo and take advantage of this opportunity to network with our law students. To reserve your spot, you may download the form from http://bocomobar.org/other_news.htm. Send the completed registration form to the attention to **Jennifer Riedy**, riedyj@missouri.edu, fax number 573-882-9625. Space is limited!

If you have any questions regarding this event or would like to reserve an interview room, have resumes collected or post a position, please feel free to contact Jennifer.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENT

Tuesday, January 20, 5 p.m.: The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for happy hour at Chris McD's, 1400 Forum Boulevard. For more information contact Sander Sowers at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com.

TRANSITIONS

Brian Baehr and Scot Wiggins are pleased to announce that they have moved the Columbia office of Baehr Wiggins PC to 1900 N. Providence #205, Columbia, 65202. The new office is located in the Kelly Plaza office building. All phone/fax numbers remain the same.

NEW MEMBERS

Steven D. Graham, Missouri REALTORS, 2601 Bernadette Place, Columbia, MO 65203, Phone: 573-445-8400, x136, email steve@morealtor.com, website www.missourirealtor.org.

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OTHER NEWS

The Boone County Associate Court's current list of conflicts to the regular docket schedule has been updated effective January 1, 2015. The updated list can be found on the website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/docket.htm>.

About 120 members and guests attended the BCBA holiday party at the Broadway Hotel on December 16.

DECEMBER 2014 TREASURER'S REPORT BY JASON SIMMONS

Account balance as of November 30, 2014		\$3,762.09
		Receipts 11/30/14 to 12/31/14
11/30	Interest	\$0.11
12/8	Reverse Mid-Missouri Legal Services payment (Incorrect amount)	\$8,338.60
12-16	2014 Dues	\$12.50
12/16	2015 Dues	\$2,725.00
12/17	Holiday Party receipts	\$2,680.00
12/17	2015 Dues	\$150.00
12/31	Holiday Party receipts	\$60.00
12/31	2015 Dues	\$2,550.00
12/31	Interest	\$0.11
Total Receipts		\$16,516.32
		Expenses 11/30/14 to 12/31/14
12/8	Mid-Missouri Legal Services- Donation	(\$8,388.60)
12/16	Alan Oxenhandler – Holiday Party Entertainment	(\$1,200.00)
12/29	The Broadway – 2014 Holiday Party balance	(\$2,585.00)
Total Expenses		-\$12,173.60
Account Balance as of December 31, 2014		\$8,104.81

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