



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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Next BCBA Meeting/CLE Set For February 11

The next regular BCBA meeting/CLE will be at lunchtime on Wednesday, February 11. The program is entitled “*The E Felony: A Presentation about Missouri’s Revised Criminal Code*” by Bill Tackett, former Cole County Prosecutor and presenter for the Missouri Bar. The program will take a broad look at the changes both within the Code and its impact for those who don’t practice in the criminal arena. The program will qualify for 1.2 hours of CLE credit.

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, February 10, 2015.

Judge Christine Carpenter Elected Presiding Judge

At its January 6, 2015, Court en Banc meeting, the judges of the 13th Judicial Circuit elected Judge **Christine Carpenter**, Circuit Judge, Division I, to serve as Presiding Judge effective Friday, January 30, 2015.

Judge Carpenter will succeed Judge **Jodie Capshaw Asel**, who has served as Presiding Judge since January 31, 2013.

Judge Carpenter was first appointed to the court in 1999 as a Drug Court Commissioner, and in 2001 she was appointed as an associate circuit judge.

She was re-elected to that position three times before being appointed circuit judge in 2010. She has been elected as a circuit judge since that time. Division I handles general civil and criminal dockets and is the Administrative Judge for the Alternative Sentencing Courts, presiding over Boone County Drug Court. Judge Carpenter is a 1980 graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, with an undergraduate degree in Art History and Archaeology from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Prior to her appointment to the court, Judge Carpenter was a Boone County assistant prosecuting attorney and was in private practice. Judge Carpenter is a member of the National Drug Court Association and is on the faculty of the National Drug Court Institute. She is a member of the Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Alternative Treatment Courts and formerly served on the Board of the Missouri Association of Drug Court Professionals. She has been an Advanced Science and Technology Adjudication Resource Center (ASTAR) Fellow since 2009. Judge Carpenter is married to Assistant Attorney General Joe Bindbeutel. They have four adult sons.

For additional information, please contact **Mary Epping** at (573) 886-4060, or mary.epping@courts.mo.gov.

Mizzou Law School to Host Symposium on Ferguson February 26-27

The University of Missouri School of Law is hosting about the events in Ferguson at the end on February 26-27. There will be a range of speakers coming to discuss perceptions, policing and protesting, including keynote speaker Marc Mauer from The Sentencing Project. All presentations are free and open to the public.

No registration is required and CLE credit is offered. A total of 6.4 credit hours are available. If you have any questions or would like a .pdf of the brochure, you may contact **Casey Baker**, Director of External Relations, at 884-7833 or bakercd@missouri.edu. A link to the symposium webpages can be found at: <http://law.missouri.edu/faculty/symposium/lawreview2015/index.html>.

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.

Job Opening at Missouri State Teacher's Association

The Missouri State Teachers Association is a state-wide organization with over 45,000 educator members. MSTA provides a variety of services to members including assistance with employment-related legal issues through in-house legal staff and a network of attorneys across the state. We are currently seeking a Staff Attorney to operate out of our Columbia, MO headquarters. You will work with two other attorneys and a legal assistant to answer member's questions on public sector collective bargaining, FMLA, ADA, EEO, and MCHR. You will also field questions concerning education law under the Teacher Tenure Act, IDEA, FERPA, etc. In addition, you will help create and provide training on these topics to members and coworkers. You will also provide assistance to local units on labor issues, negotiation of contracts and the bargaining process.

Minimum requirements include:

- License to practice law in MO
- Approximately 3-5 years' experience in employment and/or education law with experience in public sector collective bargaining preferred
- Must be able to work independently and juggle a demanding workload
- Excellent communication and presentation skills
- Must be flexible, creative and patient when responding to member and coworker inquiries
- Available for occasional statewide travel

This is a full-time benefits eligible position. Benefits include: medical, dental, generous 401(k), paid holidays, paid vacation and sick leave as well as other voluntary benefits.

Those interested should submit a resume with references and a brief letter explaining why you are interested in the position to hr@msta.org. Deadline to apply is February 16, 2015.

Missouri State Public Defender Director's Job Opening

The Missouri State Public Defender System (MSPD) is seeking a Department Director responsible for the overall operation and administration of the system. The Director is appointed by a seven-member Commission to a four-year term. Work requires exercising oversight of a statewide indigent defense system to ensure quality legal representation of eligible persons.

The State Public Defender Director is responsible for oversight of an annual budget of approximately \$39 million and direction of 587 employees in 44 offices across Missouri. The Director testifies before legislative bodies regarding legislation that impacts the system and in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Commission. This position works out of Columbia and Jefferson City, Missouri, and reports to the Public Defender Commission.

QUALIFICATIONS: The Director must be an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Missouri or have the qualifications to become a member of the Missouri Bar. Individual must have substantial experience in the area of criminal law; be dedicated to the goals of providing quality legal representation; possess leadership experience within a large, diverse organization staffed with professionals; have strong organizational, analytical, and writing skills; have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with government officials, judiciary, Commission members, employees, media, and the general public; have the ability to interpret, evaluate, and apply laws and policies relating to MSPD and to adapt existing programs to meet new and changing requirements; and possess the highest degree of integrity. The Director must devote full-time to the duties of the office and may not otherwise engage in the practice of law.

BENEFITS: Starting salary range \$133,716 - \$145,343/year contingent upon experience. In addition to salary, the State of Missouri offers an excellent benefits package including retirement; health, life, and long-term disability insurance; deferred compensation plan; paid holidays; vacation and sick leave; and excellent training opportunities.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must complete the Director Application to be eligible for employment consideration. Applications must be received no later than February 27, 2015. Visit the MSPD website at www.publicdefender.mo.gov for more information and to obtain an employment application.

Reminder Regarding Child Support

When child support is ordered we have to have the social security number for the custodial parent and child(ren), however it is even better if we have the non-custodial parent's as well. The order cannot be entered into the child support system until we have that information.

-If a family court order states a wage withholding to be put in place, the forms still need to be filled out and filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office. Even though the order states that, it is not an automatic process on our end. The forms still have to be filled out, filed, processed, etc.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Boone County Circuitry Clerk Christy Blakemore (phone 886-4041, fax 886-4095) or Toni Kardon.

Carol Rumble Thanked for Twenty Years of Service in Circuit Clerk's Office

Boone County Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore makes the following announcement:

We would like to recognize and congratulate Carol Rumble in grateful appreciation for her 20 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Circuit Clerk's Office. We know the amount of effort she puts into her job and we greatly appreciate her.

Over the past 20 years Carol has microfilmed approximately 322,125 files which equals to 4295 rolls of microfilm. She processes over an average of 200 rolls of microfilm a year.

Carol is an important member of our office and her abilities and contributions will be an important part of our continued success.

Best wishes to Carol on her 20th anniversary of employment with the Circuit Clerk's Office.

Retirement Announcement for Patty Alexander

It is with mixed emotion that the 13th Circuit announces that January 30th will be Patty Alexander's last day as Secretary for the Associate Circuit Court. Patty celebrated her 25th year with the Court in June 2014. She began her career in Adult Court Services in 1989 and then took the Secretary to the Associate Circuit Judges position in August of that same year. So, needless to say, Patty has earned the freedom she will hopefully find at the end of this month. Although we are happy for Patty, her gain will certainly be our loss. Patty has done a wonderful job for the 13th Circuit. Her knowledge, experience, and warm personality made her the perfect fit for this highly visible court position. We thank Patty for all she has done in service to our court and to the citizens of Boone and Callaway Counties.

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

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

Thursday, February 12, 5 p.m.: The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for happy hour at Top Ten Wines, 111 South 9th Street. For more information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com.

TRANSITIONS

Brown Willbrand, P.C., formerly Brown, Willbrand, Simon, Powell & Lewis, P.C., is pleased to announce the addition of **Karen Hajicek** and **Caleb Colbert** as shareholders of the firm. Karen, a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Law and also licensed as a certified public accountant, has significant experience assisting clients with estate planning, probate and trust administration and taxation matters. Caleb, a graduate of the University of Missouri School of Law and the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, practices in the areas of construction law, commercial transactions, land use and agricultural law.

Jennifer Bukowsky is looking for a sublesor to take over her space at 810 E Walnut Street. She will be moving her firm (with her associate **Ben Faber**) at the end of March to 217 N. 9th Street. She has until October of 2016 left on her lease for the space at 810 E. Walnut St. If you are interested in subleasing the space, please contact her at 443-2288.

TRANSITIONS (cont.)

Michael Byrne has taken a job with the Missouri Attorney General. Michael's new contact information is Office of Missouri Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Unit, P.O. Box 899, Jefferson City, MO 65102, phone 573-751-3007, fax 573-751-0207, email Michael.Byrne@ago.mo.gov.

NEW MEMBERS

John McManus, Missouri Attorney General's Office, 3391 Country Woods Road, Columbia, MO 65203, phone 573-751-1622, cell 573-864-7359, emails jack.mcmanus@ago.mo.gov and jkmcmanus@gmail.com. Jack was appointed Chief Counsel of the Agriculture and Environment Division of the Missouri Attorney General's Office in January 2009. Prior to joining the Missouri Attorney General's Office, Jack served in the Ohio Attorney General's Office for as Chief of the Tax Section. He also spent seventeen years in the Ohio AGO's Environmental Enforcement Section and served at various times as Assistant Chief, Hazardous Waste Program Supervisor, Air Program Supervisor and Bankruptcy Supervisor. He was an Assistant Disciplinary Counsel for two years in Ohio and served for four years on the Columbus (Ohio) Bar Association's ethics committee. Jack is a trainer for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and has run trial and deposition training programs for the Missouri and Ohio Attorneys General, training hundreds of attorneys.

Helene Fehlig Tatum, The Law Offices of Fehlig & Fehlig Tatum, 920 E. Broadway, Ste. 204, Columbia, MO 65201-4481, phone 999-4266, fax 888-892-7819, email tatumh@me.com, website www.fehlig.com, practice area Immigration.

OTHER NEWS

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.

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 90 members and guests attended the panel discussion: "Presentation and Analysis of the Missouri Sentencing Advisory Commission Report" Judge **Gary Oxenhandler** January 14.

JANUARY 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT BY JASON SIMMONS

Account balance as of December 31, 2014	\$8,104.81
Receipts 1/1/15 to 1/31/15	
1/21 Holiday Party Receipts	\$30.00
1/31 2015 Dues	\$1,100.00
1/31 Interest	\$0.08
Total Receipts	\$1,130.08
Expenses 1/1/15 to 1/31/15	
1/31 Thad Taylor- Webmaster/Newsletter stipend (4 th quarter 2014)	(\$750.00)
1/15 McCartney Law Office – Speaker lunch reimbursement	(\$20.00)
1/21 Ellen Gold- Holiday Party Receptionist	(\$60.00)
Total Expenses	-\$830.00
Account Balance as of January 31, 2015	\$8,404.89

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