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Missouri Bar President Reuben Shelton Featured at May 13 Meeting

Missouri Bar President Reuben Shelton will speak at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime Wednesday, May 13. Shelton has served as a Missouri Bar delegate to the American Bar Association, a member of the ABA Commission on Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Profession, the Urban League of Metropolitan St. Louis, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Missouri Lottery Commission, the Bi-State Development Agency, Children's Hospital, Saint Louis University Board of Regents and the University City School Board. He was president of the Lincoln University Board of Curators, as well as past president of BAMSL, the Saint Louis Bar Foundation and the Mound City Bar Association.

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 payable to Bleu.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary Chrissy McCartney at 886-8913 or christina@mccartneylawoffice.com by 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 12. RSVP's are important for Bleu to provide sufficient food and adequate seating.

Date Set for 2015 Annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic

The 2015 Annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic will take place on Friday, September 11, at Twin Lakes Park. A social hour will begin about 5 p.m., followed by dinner about 6 p.m. Smoked ribeye, bratwurst, hot dogs, and traditional side dishes, and beverages including beer, wine and soft drinks will be served. The picnic will substitute for the meeting in September.

Jim Butcher organized our annual picnic for many years before his untimely death in the late 1980s. After his death, the event was renamed the Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic in his honor, and we have invited his widow Joan to attend as our guest every year since. Mrs. Butcher has graciously accepted our invitation to attend again this year.

The Picnic Committee consists of **Mark Langworthy**, Chair, **Stan Clay**, **Christina Devine**, **Jason Simmons**, and **Sander Sowers**. The picnic is free to all members and their families/significant others, and RSVP's are not required.

Elwood Thomas Inn of Court is Accepting Applications for Membership

The Elwood Thomas Inn of Court is accepting applications for new members. The Elwood Thomas Inn is a legal organization which meets approximately seven times each year (September to April) alternating between Columbia and Jefferson City. The members meet at the United States Courthouse in Jefferson City, the University of Missouri School of Law and at the Missouri Supreme Court. Included in the membership are Judges from the United States District Court, Missouri Supreme Court, and the Circuit Courts of Boone and Cole Counties. In addition, there are many outstanding and experienced litigators in the Inn. The Elwood Thomas Inn is a litigation-based Inn with a focus on mentoring less experienced lawyers. This year's Inn President is Professor Larry Dessem of the University of Missouri School of Law.

Inn membership consists of Pupils (3d year law students), Associates (lawyers with 0 to 5 years in practice), Barristers (lawyers with 6 to 15 years in practice), and Masters (15 years or more in practice). The Inn has a dinner before each meeting and it is an informative, fun, and professional experience for all. 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 applying please complete the attached form and email to: Matt_Whitworth@mow.uscourts.gov or James.Layton@ago.mo.gov. The application deadline is June 30. Click her on the web version of this *Newsletter* for an application.

University of Missouri School of Law Presents Distinguished Recent Graduate Award to Jennifer K. Bukowsky

On April 17, 2015, the University of Missouri School of Law presented the Distinguished Recent Graduate Award to **Jennifer K. Bukowsky**, a graduate of the Class of 2006.

The award, which recognizes contributions made to the university, the law school, the legal profession and the individual's community by graduates of ten years or less, was presented at the Reynolds Alumni Center on the university campus. Bukowsky was introduced by Nicole Volkert.

In her career as a criminal defense attorney, Bukowsky has handled more than 1,400 cases ranging in seriousness from speeding to first degree murder. She learned trial practice from late Mizzou Law Professor Gregory J. Scott, Class of 1988, and has used those skills in 22 jury trials to date. One of her jury trials resulted in the only not guilty verdict on a Boone County, Mo., murder case in the last 50 years.

Arguably the best decision Bukowsky made in her entire life, she says, was to quit her job as a CPA at a big accounting firm and to attend law school at the University of Missouri School of Law. She loved law school. During law school, Jennifer was on the *Missouri Law Review* (two articles published) and she won first place in the Mock Trial competition, "Top 10 Oralist" in the Moot Court competition, the Wallace Walter Prize for being first in the class after first year, and numerous other awards for academic achievements in specific courses. She worked as a summer associate for Armstrong Teasdale in 2004 and 2005. In 2006, she graduated cum laude from the School of Law and received Order of the Coif. She then spent a year clerking for The Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell, Class of 1983, at the Supreme Court of Missouri. After that she spent a little more than three years at the trial office of the Missouri State Public Defender in Columbia.

In the fall of 2010, Bukowsky left the public defender's office and opened her own law firm in Columbia. The Bukowsky Law Firm team has grown to three attorneys, two paralegals, two clerks and two interns. The firm focuses exclusively on criminal law.

The highlight of Bukowsky's career to-date was on July 3, 2014, when she won the release of Anthony Williams, who was only 14 years old when he was arrested and subsequently spent more than 20 years wrongfully incarcerated prior to his release. He now works full time as a clerk at the Bukowsky Law Firm. Next week, Bukowsky and Williams are serving on the training faculty of the Missouri State Public Defender's Conference, where she has the honor of both giving the keynote address and receiving the Director's Award.

Unfortunately, Bukowsky has yet to win the release of Jessie McKim -- her other actual innocence habeas client -- despite more than two years of litigating on his behalf. As of today, McKim has spent 18 years and three days incarcerated for a murder that never happened. In 2013, The Missouri Bar honored Jennifer for her pro bono service by awarding her their Young Lawyers Section Pro Bono Publico Award.

Bukowsky is currently the president of the Boone County Bar Association and she is told that she is the youngest person to ever hold that position. She previously served as vice president and Criminal Law Committee chair for that organization.

Bukowsky served on The Missouri Bar Criminal Code Revision Subcommittee, where she assisted in revising Missouri's criminal code. The criminal code revision was passed by the Missouri Legislature in 2014. After the legislative session ended in 2014, she was one of five criminal defense attorneys appointed (along with five prosecutors) to the drafting subcommittee of The Missouri Bar's Criminal Law Committee. At the request of the state legislature, that subcommittee drafted an expungement bill which will hopefully be passed by the Missouri Legislature in 2015.

Bukowsky has been a weekly guest on "The Gary Nolan Show" on 93.9 the Eagle for more than three years. She has served on the boards of directors for the Columbia Chamber of Commerce and the Heart of Missouri United Way. She lives in Columbia with her husband Brant and their two sons, Blake and Gus.

Other University of Missouri School of Law's 2015 Law Day Awardees include:

Husch Blackwell Distinguished Faculty Award: Ben Trachtenberg, Associate Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of Law;

Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP Excellence in Research Award: Martha J. Dragich, James S. Rollins Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of Law; and

Loyd E. Roberts Memorial Prize in the Administration of Justice: Philip G. Peters Jr., Ruth L. Hulston Professor of Law, University of Missouri School of Law

13th Circuit Awarding GAL/IP Contract

The 13th Circuit is renewing its Guardian ad Litem and Parent Attorney contracts for the 2015-2016 contract year. All contract attorneys must meet the qualifications of the 13th Circuit, the Missouri Supreme Court and the state statutes for serving as a Guardian ad Litem. Attorneys interested in a GAL or Parent Attorney contract in Boone County and/or Callaway County must turn in an interest form to the Court Administrator's Office no later than 5:00 pm Friday, June 5. If you have questions or would like an interest form, please call or e-mail the newly appointed Deputy Court Administrator Cindy Garrett at 573-886-4059 or Cindy.L.Garrett@courts.mo.gov.

Retirement Reception to Honor Loretta Gilman, BC Family Court, 5-29-15, 4:00 PM

Boone County Family Court Supervisor Toni Kardon warmly invites you to a cake and punch reception honoring Loretta Gilman for her 15 years in the Family Court Division office where Loretta performed duties involving the juvenile caseload all 15 years. Loretta's loyal service, commitment to her work, and faithfulness to the office will be missed. The reception will take place on the 3rd Floor Jury Assembly Room at 4:00 pm on May 29, 2015. Please join the Family Court Division in wishing Loretta the best in her new adventures.

Notes from the 13th Circuit

Every Friday at 8:30 a.m., one of the 13th Circuit Judges is scheduled to hear, among other things, a video docket with the Boone County Jail. Private defense counsel should be aware that their clients may be on the Friday video docket as opposed to Monday law day. They will receive notice, but it may not be given until Thursday.

Please remember the deadlines to file motions/certificates following about Settlement Conferences is no later than 4:00pm on Wednesday, as stated in Local Court Rule 68.12, which states in part:

When all parties agree that the length of trial shall not exceed 3 hours and all parties desire to opt out of the settlement conference pursuant to paragraph A, above, the joint certification required by said Rule shall be filed no later than 4 PM on the Wednesday before the date of the settlement conference. At noon on the Thursday before the settlement conference, the Court shall post by email or through the Clerk's office the specific time of each conference.

Effective May 1, 2015, Divisions V and IX (Judges **Kimberly Shaw** and **Michael Bradley**) will no longer schedule "Counsel Status" hearings after arraignments. Instead, after arraignment, defendant and counsel (if any) will receive notice of the date for a "Case Review" hearing. This is an effort to move cases more efficiently, and to make the title of the scheduled event more closely match what parties can expect to happen in court that day.

Fingerprints costs for the probate division have gone down to \$33.50 per person printed effective immediately. Additionally, the Caregiver Background Screening Form that is out on the 13th Judicial Website has been updated. Probate Supervisor Sandra Oswalt asks that attorneys please dispose of previously made copies and begin using the new form immediately. The Highway Patrol has been accepting the old form thus far, but that is likely to change.

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 just over 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. There is a chance you will have been mistakenly removed from the distribution list.

BCBA Upcoming CLE Programs Announced

Mark your calendars! BCBA Vice President Josh Oxenhandler has tentatively lined up the following programs for the upcoming fiscal year: **June: Ed Orr, Helen Wade, Josh Oxenhandler** and Judge **Leslie Schneider**, Ethics in Divorce Discovery; **July: Judge Christine Carpenter**, current developments in alternative sentencing; **Aug: Justice Paul Wilson**, MO Supreme Court; **Sept.:** 2015 Bar picnic at Twin Lakes shelter, 9-11-15. Additional programs will be announced as they are lined up.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 13, 5:30 p.m.: The Blue Goose of Mid-Missouri will be hosting a social event/happy hour on May 13 at Grand Cru for current and prospective members. The speaker for the event will be Professor Angela Drake from the MU Law School's Veterans Clinic. Professor Drake will be talking about the work her clinic does for Veterans, as well what we can do to help. All are encouraged to attend. Please contact **Jim Howard** (jhoward@rewhlaw.net) for more information or to RSVP.

Tuesday, May 19, 5 p.m.: The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for a joint happy hour with the Mid-Missouri Young Lawyers Association at Logboat Brewery, 504 Fay Street. The Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Section Council and Midwest Litigation Services are sponsoring the happy hour. Food and drink will be provided while funds last. All are welcome to attend this fun-filled event. For more information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com.

TRANSITIONS

No transitions reported this month.

NEW MEMBERS

No new members this month.

OTHER NEWS

Pat Eng has two newly remodeled offices available, storefront and about 1100 sq. feet. Contact Pat at 874-4190 or peng@engandwoods.com for more information

Don Weaver announces that Jeff Nichols has started a professional investigations firm (jeff@yourpi.co/573-864-7402). Don worked with Mr. Nichols for many years at CPD and can discuss his reputation, skill and work quality with anyone interested.

Office share available in Guitar Building. Great location across from Boone County Courthouse. Includes paralegal, receptionist, office supplies, internet, Westlaw access, fax and utilities. Contact **Jenny Young** at 573-442-1646.

The Boone County Associate Court's current list of conflicts to the regular docket schedule has been updated effective April 30, 2015. The updated list can be found on the website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/docket.htm>.

The Boone County Circuit Court's current list of conflicts to the regular docket has been updated effective March 3, 2015. The updated list can be found on the website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/docket.htm>.

MAY 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT BY JASON SIMMONS

Account balance as of March 20, 2015	\$12,234.95
Receipts 3/21/15 to 4/30/15	
3/31 Interest	\$0.09
4/14 2015 Dues	\$987.50
4/15 Bench/Bar Mixer Receipts	\$2,625.00
4/21 Bench/Bar Mixer Receipts	\$70.00
4/21 2015 Dues	\$987.50
4/30 Interest	\$0.11
Total Receipts	\$4,176.45

Expenses 3/21/15 to 4/30/15	
4/8 Thad Taylor – 1 st Quarter 2015 Newsletter Editor	(\$750.00)
4/14 Gabe Meyer – Bench/Bar Mixer Entertainment	(\$150.00)
4/21 The Broadway – Bench/Bar Mixer	(\$3,720.00)
Total Expenses	(\$4,620.00)
Account Balance as of April 30, 2015	\$11,791.40

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