



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## Ethics CLE Credit Available at November 18 Meeting

Anne Chambers, Director of the Missouri Lawyers' Assistance Program for the Missouri Bar will be the presenter at the next BCBA meeting on November 18. The title of the presentation is "Doing What a Lawyer Does Best: Helping Others." The program has been approved for 1.2 hours 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 **Jennifer Riedy** at 882-0940 or [riedyj@missouri.edu](mailto:riedyj@missouri.edu) by Noon, Tuesday, November 17. RSVP's are important for this meeting because there may be a large turnout in light of the Ethics CLE credit, and management at Bleu want to prepare sufficient food and seating.

## BCBA Annual Chipping in for Charity Golf Tournament a Success

The 9th Annual Chipping in for Charity Golf Tournament held on October 12th at Columbia Country Club was a resounding success. It is estimated that the tournament raised \$11,856.80 for Mid-Missouri Legal Services, which provides pro bono legal services for low income clients in central Missouri. Since its inception, the Chipping in for Charity golf tournament has raised just shy of \$80,000.00 for charity.

Congratulations to the Bush & Patchett, LLC team which successfully defended their 2013 victory (note: 2014's tournament was rained out) by again winning Championship Flight this year by shooting a scorching nineteen under par score of 52. Other winners were: A Flight – McCausland, Barrett & Bartalos, P.C. team; B Flight – **Eric Wilson** and **Stephen Wilson** team; and C Flight – Evans & Dixon, LLC team. Congratulations are also in order for the Veterans United Home Loans team for winning the consolation prize for last place/highest score in the tournament and, in doing so, dethroned a Lear Werts LLP team which has historically won this prize.

The BCBA would like to thank all of the generous sponsors, participants, and volunteers who helped make this year's tournament such a success. Please mark your calendars for the 2016 tournament which is scheduled for Monday, October 10th (Columbus Day) at Columbia Country Club.

## MMLS Thanks BCBA for Funds Raised through Golf Tournament

Mid-Missouri Legal Services thanks everyone who attended the BCBA Young Lawyers' Committee Golf Tournament on Columbus Day, October 12. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day to play golf, and everyone had a wonderful time. Congratulations to all of those who won prizes in their special categories! This year's Tournament raised more than \$11,500 for MMLS's Veteran's Law Project that will be used to provide legal services to veterans in 2016. MMLS extends thanks to all of the sponsors who made this event possible. Special thanks go to **Sander Sowers** and the YLC Golf Tournament Committee for their great work in coordinating another spectacular tournament. MMLS is grateful to all of you for your ongoing support in helping us serve our community's veterans.

## Judge Gary Oxenhandler Honored With Award

On October 8, Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Patricia Breckenridge honored Judge Oxenhandler with the annual Circuit Judge Excellence Award for his work promoting fairness and leading judicial committees. Judge Oxenhandler was recognized for his years of work promoting fairness in sentencing and racial and ethnic issues in the criminal justice system.

The Columbia Daily Tribune's Article can be found here: [http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/local/state-chief-justice-honors-local-circuit-judge/article\\_caaeffdb-377b-5a8c-b415-960cf00a7b64.html](http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/local/state-chief-justice-honors-local-circuit-judge/article_caaeffdb-377b-5a8c-b415-960cf00a7b64.html).

## **BCBA Holiday Party set for Tuesday, December 8**

The BCBA Holiday Party has been set for Tuesday, December 8, from 6-8 p.m. This is an enjoyable annual social gathering for members to mingle with other lawyers and judges and their spouses and dates.

The party will be at a new venue this year; the Broadway Hotel, 1111 East Broadway. Spouses and dates are invited and welcome. The menu and other details will be available soon.

## **Jeff Harris to be Appointed Circuit Judge Upon Judge Oxenhandler's Retirement**

Former State House Minority Leader Jeff Harris has announced that he will accept Governor Nixon's appointment to fill the vacancy left when Judge Oxenhandler reaches the mandatory retirement age in April 2016. Harris has served for seven years as the Policy Director in the Missouri Governor's Office, and will continue in that capacity until next year. He represented Boone County in the Missouri Legislature from 2003-2009. Prior to his election to the House, he served as an Assistant Attorney General, and as a private sector attorney at Atwill & Montgomery in Columbia and at Bryan Cave LLP in Kansas City.

## **Casey Clevenger Appointed Drug Court Commissioner**

On Tuesday, October 27, the 13th Judicial Circuit Court en Banc unanimously appointed Casey Clevenger as the Drug Court Commissioner. Clevenger, currently serving as Assistant Prosecutor in Callaway County, will begin her appointment on November 30. This will be the new Division 12 for the circuit.

"I am pleased to announce on behalf of the 13th Circuit that Casey Clevenger will be the new Drug Court Commissioner," Presiding Judge Christine Carpenter said. "Our circuit has grown from one treatment court in 1999 to six in 2015. The addition of the Commissioner to oversee the treatment courts will ensure those courts continue to grow and improve. I know Casey will excel in this position and I look forward to see what impact she will make in Boone and Callaway counties."

The circuit worked with local legislators, primarily Senator **Kurt Schaefer** and Representative **Chris Kelly**, in a two year process to change statutory authority to allow the circuit to request a commissioner, and then to fund the commissioner. Clevenger was one of 70 applicants for the position.

"I am honored and humbled to have been selected by the Court en Banc for this position," Clevenger said. "I know that I have big shoes to fill as the new Drug Court Commissioner. I am looking forward to working closely with Judge Christine Carpenter and Judge Carol England as I transition into this position. Their knowledge and experience have made these programs the success they are today. I became a prosecutor to improve the quality of life for the members of my community, and I hope to continue that mission as the drug court commissioner. I have a solid foundation to start the ground running as commissioner due mostly to my professional mentors Bob Sterner and Chris Wilson. What they have taught me over the past nine years at the Callaway County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has been extraordinary, and I thank them for everything."

Clevenger has been assistant prosecutor in Callaway County since December 2006, has served as the New Bloomfield municipal judge since January 2010.

Clevenger graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, IN with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice and political science; and earned her juris doctor degree from the Thomas Jefferson School of Law in San Diego, CA. She is currently the chair for the state Committee for Best Practices on Driving While Intoxicated Enforcement; is a member of the state Crime Lab Working Group (2011-present); is a board member for the Callaway County Coalition Against Rape and Domestic Violence (2010 to present); a member of the Fulton Rotary Club; and is the former president of the Callaway County Bar Association.

## **MATA Offering Free CLE Opportunity Thursday, November 12**

The Missouri Association of Trial Attorneys (MATA) is presenting a FREE CLE on Thursday, November 12, 2015, from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at Bleu restaurant in Columbia, Mo. This CLE is open to all local new attorneys who are interested in or currently do plaintiff's work.

Every fall, MATA offers free CLEs throughout the State of Missouri focused on its New Lawyer's membership. This particular CLE will offer three hours of Missouri CLE Credit and is focused on cross-examination. The presenters at this year's Columbia CLE are local attorneys Jay Benson of the Benson Law Firm, **Mike Campbell** of the Law Office of Mike Campbell, and **Thad Mulholland** from Eng and Woods.

Following the CLE, you are welcome to join MATA members for a happy hour at Bleu from 4:30 - 6:30. If you are interested in or currently do plaintiff's work, you do not want to miss this CLE. Spaces are limited, so please contact **Mike Campbell** at "mike@mikecampbelllaw.com" to RSVP for either (or both) the CLE and the happy hour if you are interested in attending.

## Law School Offering Two Symposia in November

The Mizzou Law School is offering the following two symposia next week which provide free CLE credit. They are as follow:

“Traumatic Brain Injury: Lessons Learned from Our Nation’s Athletes and Military”

November 11, 2015

This symposium, hosted by the School of Law’s Veterans Clinic, focuses “on the legal and practical issues arising from traumatic brain injury, a very real concern for athletes and our military.”

This program is actually broken into two parts: The morning is the symposium, which features four individual sessions and a keynote presentation, and offers 4.0 hours of CLE credit. The afternoon is “Call to Action for Attorneys: You Can Make a Difference for a Veteran,” which features three sessions focused more on technical matters (how to appeal a denial, what to argue when you appeal, the ABCs of a disability claim) and offers 3.0 hours of CLE credit.

Registration is not required but is requested. Early registration is appreciated. (There’s a registration form on the web – link to everything, including the form, is here: <http://law.missouri.edu/faculty/category/veterans-clinic/15-symposium-veterans/>)

Parking is not a problem, as Missouri Orthopedic Institute is providing free shuttle service between the Hearnes parking lot and the Law School. Details, and the super-quick, easy to do, registration can be found at [www.law.missouri.edu/veteransclinic-symposium](http://www.law.missouri.edu/veteransclinic-symposium).

The law school thanks the sponsors of the program- Platinum Level Sponsors: the A.W. Smith Law Firm, Blue Goose of Mid-Missouri, and Gilmore & Bell and our Silver Level Sponsors: Eng & Woods and the Veterans Consortium Pro Bono Program!

The second program is:

“Beyond the FAA: Arbitration Procedure, Practice and Policy in Historical Perspective”

November 13, 2015

“The purpose of this symposium is to explore the broader histories of arbitration in America, considering not only what arbitration procedure, practice, and policy looked like in early America (and in the earlier legal, cultural, or religious systems from which American arbitration was adopted), but also how those broader histories might contribute to important discussions and developments in arbitration procedure, practice, and policy today.” 4.2 total hours of CLE credit

Registration is not required. More information can be found at <http://law.missouri.edu/faculty/event/overview-25/>

## Guardian ad Litem Training on Veteran’s Day, November 11

On the morning of Tuesday, November 11, from 8:30 to 12:20, the 13th Circuit is hosting a 3.6 hour Advanced Guardian Ad Litem Training. The cost is \$10.00. Please see the attached form for details, and please return the form and payment to Cindy Garrett at the Courthouse by November 6 for those planning to attend.

A copy of the GAL agenda and registration form can be found here: [http://bocomobar.org/other\\_news.htm](http://bocomobar.org/other_news.htm).

## Attorneys and Law Students Needed January 15-16 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 15 and Saturday January 16, 2016. 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 criminal bribery case. Judges are needed for any and all rounds, which are as follows:

Round 1 – Friday, January 15

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Round 2 – Friday, January 15

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Round 3 – Saturday, January 16

9:00a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Round 4 – Saturday, January 16

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Food and ample non-alcoholic beverages will be provided for judges. Those interested in judging or in need of further information may contact Professor Barry Langford at Columbia College at [brlangford@ccis.edu](mailto:brlangford@ccis.edu) or 875-7484.

## 13th Circuit Accepting Applications for 2016 Family Court Mediators

The 13th Judicial Circuit is now accepting applications for their 2016 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 68.16(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 December 30, 2015 to Cindy Garrett, Deputy Court Administrator, 13th Judicial Circuit, Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia, MO 65201. Application forms are available on the BCBA website at [http://bocomobar.org/other\\_news.htm](http://bocomobar.org/other_news.htm), by calling Cindy at 886-4059 or e-mailing her at [cindy.l.garrett@courts.mo.gov](mailto:cindy.l.garrett@courts.mo.gov)

## BCBA Upcoming CLE Programs Announced

Mark Your Calendars! BCBA Vice President **Marjorie Lewis** has lined up the following programs so far for the upcoming fiscal year: January 13, 2016- Sara Rittman; February 10, 2016- Professor David English, regarding current issues in guardianship/conservatorship law; March 9, 2016- Judge **Gary Oxenhandler**, regarding his years of service as a judge. Additional programs will be announced as they are lined up. Please mark your calendars now so we can have a great turnout for these special speakers.

## Around the bar . . .

### UPCOMING EVENT

**Thursday, November 12, 4:00 p.m.:** The Blue Goose of Mid-Missouri is the local chapter of an international fraternal organization made up of individuals affiliated with the insurance industry. [www.bluegoosemidmo.com](http://www.bluegoosemidmo.com). They will be holding a rush event at Logboat Brewery and invite all insurance defense counsel to attend. Please contact **Jim Howard** ([jhoward@rewhlaw.net](mailto:jhoward@rewhlaw.net)) for more information.

**Tuesday, November 17, 5:00 p.m.:** The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for happy hour at Booche's, 110 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. For more information contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or [sowers@learwerts.com](mailto:sowers@learwerts.com).

### TRANSITIONS

**Rodney Massman** has accepted the position of Assistant General Counsel with the Missouri Public Service Commission. His new contact information is 200 Madison St., P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65101, phone 573-751-7510, email [Rodney.Massman@psc.mo.gov](mailto:Rodney.Massman@psc.mo.gov).

**Adam Patchett** announces that the office of Bush & Patchett, LLC has moved to 4240 Phillips Farm Road Ste. 109, Columbia, MO 65201. The rest of their contact information remains: phone 442-7005, fax 442-7009, emails [adam@businesslawcolumbia.com](mailto:adam@businesslawcolumbia.com) and [kerry@businesslawcolumbia.com](mailto:kerry@businesslawcolumbia.com), respectively.

### NEW MEMBERS

Please note, when applying for membership for the BCBA, please complete the BCBA Enrollment form and forward it to BCBA webmaster/Newsletter editor **Thad Taylor** if you would like to be listed in the Membership Directory and to receive occasional announcements through the secure listserv.

### OTHER NEWS

The Boone County Associate Court's current list of conflicts to the regular docket schedule has been updated effective November 2, 2015. The updated list can be found on the website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/docket.htm>.

About 92 members and guests attended the regular BCBA meeting and Presiding Judge **Christine Carpenter**'s State of the Court Address.

## OCTOBER 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT BY JASON SIMMONS

<b>Account balance of as September 30, 2015</b>		<b>\$6,031.76+</b>
<b>Receipts 10/01/15 to 10/31/15</b>		
10/22	Golf Tournament Proceeds	\$13,850.00
10/22	2015 Membership Dues	\$31.25
10/31	Interest	\$0.09
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$13,881.31</b>
<b>Expenses 10/01/15 to 10/31/15</b>		
10/22	Columbia Country Club – Golf Tournament	(\$4,443.20)
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>-\$4,443.20</b>
<b>Account Balance as of October 31, 2015</b>		<b>\$15,469.90</b>

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