



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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BCBA at The Broadway: Holiday Party Set For December 8

The 2015 annual BCBA Holiday Party will be from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8. The party will be held in The Katy Ballroom at The Broadway Hotel, 1111 East Broadway. This is an enjoyable annual social gathering for members to mingle with other lawyers and judges and their spouses and dates. The cost is \$30 per person.

The format will consist of a mixer with a lot of delicious appetizers, both omnivore and vegetarian. There will be free beer, wine, liquor, and soft drinks. A great band from St. Louis will be playing great music. A very brief program will take place about 7 p.m.

RSVP: Please RSVP for the Holiday Party by Noon on Wednesday, December 2 to ensure there will be sufficient food. You can RSVP by contacting BCBA Secretary **Jennifer Riedy** at 882-0940 or riedyj@missouri.edu.

Time to Pay 2016 Dues

Lawyers and firms wishing to expense 2016 BCBA dues in 2015 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 2016 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.

Casey Clevenger's Public Swearing-In Set For November 30

Commissioner **Casey Clevenger**'s public swearing in with the Court en Banc is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, in the ceremonial courtroom on the third floor of the Boone County Courthouse. All public and media are welcome to attend.

Commissioner Clevenger, Division XII, will preside over Boone and Callaway County Drug Courts, DWI Courts, 13th Circuit Veterans Treatment Court and Boone County Mental Health Court. The Court en Banc appointed Clevenger to the new position on October 27.

Before her appointment Clevenger served as Assistant Prosecutor in Callaway County, and the New Bloomfield municipal judge. 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.

Please contact **Mary Epping**, Court Administrator, at 886-4058 or mary.epping@courts.mo.gov if you would like to bring a camera to this event.

Opportunity to Help MMLS Through CoMoGives Campaign

Mid-Missouri Legal Services is participating in the 2015 CoMoGives campaign. In cooperation with the Community Foundation of Central Missouri, CoMoGives is an annual online giving event where individuals can donate to their charities of choice and help strengthen our community. It is easy to make your tax-deductible donation at CoMoGives.com and help MMLS get matching funds from the Community Foundation.

MMLS provides free legal assistance to hundreds of low-income families each year to secure safety for survivors of domestic violence, prevent homelessness and help the indigent receive public benefits. Help us move up the leaderboard at CoMoGives.com and brighten our community!

For more information, contact Executive Director **Susan Lutton** at 442-0116, or lutton@mmls.org.

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.

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 or 875-7484.

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.

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, by calling Cindy at 886-4059 or e-mailing her at cindy.l.garrett@courts.mo.gov

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENT

Friday, December 18th, 11:30 a.m.: The Young Lawyer's Committee will meet for its annual holiday lunch gathering at Umbria, 904 Elm Street. Those attending are asked to bring a gag/white elephant gift for the always entertaining gift exchange. Please RSVP by December 16th at 5:00 p.m. to **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991, or sowers@learwerts.com.

TRANSITIONS

City Prosecutor **Steven Richey** has announced he will retire from that position effective March 4, 2016. Steven intends to stay active in the Bar and concentrate in Veteran's Law matters.

NEW MEMBERS

Andrea Hayes, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut, Columbia, MO 65201, email ahayes@boonecountymmo.org.

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 16, 2015. The updated list can be found on the website at <http://www.bocomobar.org/docket.htm>.

About 53 members and guests attended the regular BCBA meeting and presentation by Anne Chambers, Director of the Missouri Lawyers' Assistance Program for the Missouri Bar, "*Doing What a Lawyer Does Best: Helping Others.*"

OCTOBER 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT BY JASON SIMMONS

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

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