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Conley retirement dinner Sept. 27

A retirement ceremony and dinner for 13th Circuit Presiding Judge **Frank Conley** is being planned for Friday evening, Sept. 27, at the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center. There will be a cocktail hour at 6 p.m., a dinner at 7, and a program at 8.

Bar members and their spouses or dates are invited. Guests will also include members of the community. Tickets for the event will cost \$35 per person. The tickets will be available soon, and further information will be published in the *Newsletter* before the event.

The planning committee, headed by BCBA President **Dan Atwill**, includes judges, lawyers, and members of the community.

'State of Court' program on Sept. 18

Mark your calendar now for the annual "State of the Court" program planned for the Sept. 18 BCBA luncheon meeting at Boone Tavern. This will be Presiding Judge **Frank Conley's** last such talk before retirement, and both he and Judge **Gene Hamilton**, the next Presiding Judge, will speak.

Note that the meeting date will be the third Wednesday of September instead of the usual second Wednesday. The meeting had to be rescheduled because the judges will be at the Judicial Conference on Sept. 11.

Atwill ending term as President

Closing out his term as 2001-2002 BCBA President, **Dan Atwill** writes: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of people who have helped handle the business of the Association this past year.

"**Jim Powell**, our Vice President, has done an excellent job arranging programs, making it possible for members to obtain 8 hours of CLE credit simply by attending our regular meetings.

"**Ed Orr** has done an outstanding job as Treasurer. In addition to his regular duties, he spent countless hours organizing and coordinating the preparation of a new bar composite.

"**Phebe La Mar** deserves our gratitude for keeping track of our membership and handling all the reservations for the numerous events that have occurred.

"**Steve Scott** has been invaluable

in providing me with important historical information about the conduct of bar activities and, of course, taking back the responsibility of publishing the *Newsletter*.

"I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the Association more than I ever expected. I encourage all members to make more of an effort to participate in our local activities. I think it is important that, as lawyers, we become acquainted with each other on more than a case-by-case basis, and we need to do more to welcome younger lawyers to the practice of law."

Composite orders still being accepted

Orders are still being accepted for the 2002 Boone County Bar Association photo composite, which is available in 12"x18", 16"x24" and 20"x30" sizes.

Picnic on Aug. 23

Ribeye roasts, bratwurst and hot dogs are once again on the menu for the annual Jim Butcher Memorial BCBA Picnic and election of officers scheduled Friday, Aug. 23 at the Harris Shelter at Cosmopolitan Park (see map).

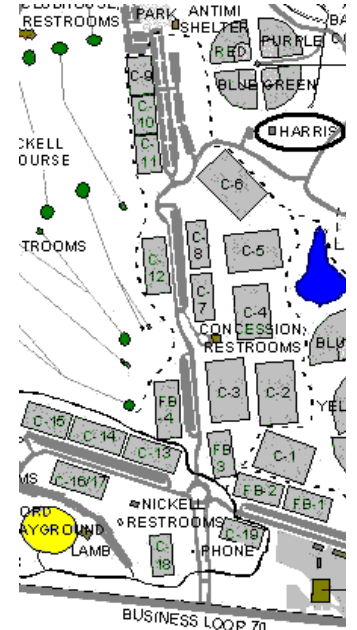
BCBA members, spouses, children and/or dates are invited to the annual event, which is paid for by the association.

RSVP: Let us know if you plan to attend so the appropriate amount of food can be ordered. Contact BCBA Secretary **Phebe La Mar** at 443-3141 or lamar@smithlewis.com by 5 pm on Wednesday, Aug. 21.

As in past years, the event will feature lots of good food and beverages, including catered side dishes, soda and beer.

Dinner will be served about 6 p.m., but people can begin gathering any time after 5 p.m. The election of 2002-2003 officers will follow the meal.

The Picnic Committee will begin cooking and other preparations in mid-afternoon and will welcome anyone who wants to help. Committee members are **Roland Walker**, **Bill**



(**Wm. D.**) **Powell**, **Mark Langworthy** and **Ron Sweet**.

The BCBA extends special thanks to Mid-City Lumber, which has allowed us to use its large grill for the past several years and is doing so again.

The picnic is named in honor of the late **Jim Butcher**, who died in 1986. Jim organized the picnic for many years. A special invitation is being extended to his widow, Joan Butcher.

Wilson heads slate of officers

Betty Wilson has been nominated as 2002-2003 BCBA President.

Other nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee are: **Elton Fay**, Vice President; **Scott Wilson**, Secretary; **Bob Buckley**, Treasurer; and

Mariam Decker and **Colly Durley**, at-large members of the Executive Committee.

Under the bylaws, the Executive Committee will consist of the officers, the two at-large members, and current President **Dan Atwill**.

The election will be held after dinner at the annual picnic on Aug. 23.

Bill Rotts chaired the Nominating Committee this year. Other members were **Jeff Blaylock** and **Phebe La Mar**.

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Around the bar . . .

Daniel S. Simon, formerly of Tofle, Oxenhandler, Hajicek & Simon, recently opened a solo practice at 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia, phone 886-8989, fax 886-8981.

Emily W. Little, a new associate at Ford, Parshall & Baker, recently joined the BCBA. She graduated in 2000 from the University of Tennessee College of Law and spent two years working for the Missouri Attorney General. Her focus is insurance defense.

Also joining the BCBA recently were **Travis Jacobs** and **Greg Young** of the Public Defender's Office, 601 E. Walnut, phone 882-9701, fax 882-9147.

Dewey Crepeau recently was a co-recipient of the National Lawyers Association's Outstanding Member of 2002 Award at the group's annual meeting in Denver. He was recognized for his leadership in developing the NLA's Principles and Procedures for Accreditation of Law Schools.

Rachael Kennedy of Knight & Kennedy will be participating in the MS-150, a two-day, 150-mile charity bike ride to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society, in Kansas Sept. 21-22. Last year she and her husband raised \$2,400 for MS. Anyone interested in donating can send a contribution to "MS Society" c/o Rachael.

The office space at 609 East Broadway most recently occupied by Atwill & Montgomery is available for rent. Anyone interested may contact Allan Moore at 874-1207.

Susan Ford Robertson, who chairs the Missouri Bar Civil Practice and Procedure Committee, is seeking feedback from local attorneys regarding a 2003 legislative proposal to clarify witness fees and mileage for trials and depositions. Statutory changes several years ago resulted in no guidance on the amount of witness fees and mileage. The committee is proposing a \$25 witness fee for trials and depositions and mileage pursuant to §33.095 RSMo. (the rate approved by the Commissioner of Administration for state employees). The Missouri Bar Board of Governors will consider endorsing this proposal at its September meeting, and Susan needs feedback before then. Call her at 449-2613.

Law Day schedule change announced

The 13th Judicial Circuit has announced changes to the Law Day schedule effective Oct. 1, 2002.

The major change is switching the Division 1 and Division 2 Law Day schedules. That is, starting Oct. 1, Judge **Gene Hamilton** will have the Law Day schedule that Judge **Frank Conley** now has, and the new judge of Division 2 will have the Law Day schedule that

Judge Hamilton now has.

Judge Hamilton will be setting the docket and holding court in Boone County on the first Monday and will do the same in Callaway County on the third Monday.

The only other change is that Judge **Joe Holt** (Division 6) will be in Boone County on the second Thursday of each month for contested dissolutions (instead of Callaway County).

Interpreter service contract announced

The 13th Judicial Circuit has entered into an agreement with Culture Guides, Inc. to be a primary provider of foreign language interpreter services in the circuit, said Kathy Lloyd, assistant to the Court Administrator.

Scheduling of interpreting services for criminal cases is being centralized in the Circuit Clerk's office. Questions about procedures in the Circuit Clerk's office may be addressed to Melissa Stephens.

Treasurer's Report by Ed Orr	
Account balance as of 6/26/02.....	\$4,477.38
Receipts 6/26/02 - 7/29/02	
Dues.....	+150.00
Interest.....	+0.96
Disbursements 6/26/02 - 7/29/02	
Accent Press (Newsletter printing)	-62.68
Midwest Mailing (Newsletter mailing).....	-69.15
Dan Dunham (Partners in Education banquet)	-45.00
Boone Tavern (guest lunches)	-18.00
Account balance as of 7/29/02.....	\$4,433.51