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90 turn out for judge's talk CLE credit for copyright program Nov. 12

A full house of 90 BCBA members turned out for the Oct. 8 meeting to hear the annual "State of the Court" presentation by 13th Circuit Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton**.

Judge Hamilton said the court will always give careful consideration to the bar's recommendations but may not always be able to follow them. He pointed out that a number of bar suggestions were implemented in the past year, including changes to docket schedules and adoption of new and changed local court rules.

He said that the state's budget crunch will affect our circuit in the future, with the real possibility of staffing cuts in the Circuit Clerks' offices, which may result in slowdowns in processing case files.

He pointed out that a bar committee has been appointed to review courthouse expansion plans, which likely will involve adding two stories to the addition. Funding for the project is uncertain, however.

Finally, he reviewed statistics on local case filings and dispositions which show that the caseload in Boone County continues to grow but is declining somewhat in Callaway County.

One hour of CLE credit will be awarded for a copyright and trademark program at the next regular BCBA meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at the Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St.

The speaker will be Shelter Insurance Companies staff attorney David Van Dyke.

As usual when CLE-credit programs are given, lunch service will start at 11:30 a.m. and the program will begin by 12:10 p.m. after a brief business meeting. The lunch price will be \$9, payable to Boone Tavern.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Steve Pratte** at 442-0116 or scpratte@yahoo.com.

The program will not deal with the complexities of copyright practice but will focus on the numerous copyright issues that lawyers face in their own offices and which may exist in their clients' businesses, such as the legality of copying an arti-

cle or case or using an image from the Internet.

Copyright topics will include what is protected (and not protected), when copyright attaches, what rights a copyright entails, and the "fair use" doctrine.

Also included in the program

will be a broad overview of trademark law and its practical application.

Thanks to BCBA Executive Committee member **Leslie Clay** for suggesting and helping arrange this program and to BCBA Vice President **Jodie Asel** for obtaining CLE credit.

BCBA President's notes

Committee assignments have been made and the chairpersons are actively engaged in furthering the work of our bar association. I thank everyone who volunteered to serve on a committee.

If any bar members would like to serve on a committee and have not already volunteered, please let me know and I will be glad to assign you to the committees of your choice.

At our next monthly meeting on Nov. 12 you will be able to obtain one hour of CLE credit at no cost except for the \$9

lunch charge at Boone Tavern. Please join us for what promises to be an enlightening program.

During the fall and winter we have numerous opportunities to assist the MU Law School in judging various student moot court events. Please volunteer as often as possible to assist in training future lawyers.

— **Elton Fay**

Holiday events

Women lawyers of the BCBA will gather for their eighth annual holiday party on Monday, Dec. 1 at **Mary Carnahan's** home, 2304 Topaz Dr.

As in past years, the women lawyers will be collecting gifts for young girls to be distributed through the Voluntary Action Center and the Drug Court. Suggested gift items include soaps, creams, lotions, powders, nail polish, hair products, hair dryers and curling irons. Cash gifts also are appropriate. Questions about the event can be addressed to **Mary** at 442-3181 or **Betty Wilson** at 443-3134.

The annual BCBA Holiday Party will return to the Missouri Manor this year from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11. More details will be published in the next *Newsletter*.

This will be a mixer-type event. Bar members and their spouses or dates are invited.

Juvenile Court policy changed

The 13th Circuit is reducing the time before Juvenile Court dockets in Boone County when Juvenile Office representatives will be available to confer with attorneys, says Bob Perry, Director of Court Services.

Several months ago the court announced that Juvenile Office representatives would be made available to confer with attorneys on scheduled cases one hour before each juvenile docket.

Because that time has not been fully utilized, effective Nov. 1 the Juvenile Office representatives will be available one-half hour before each Boone County juvenile docket, the same as in Callaway County.

In response to a bar recommendation that parents be required to file a written answer in juvenile cases, the court has determined that Supreme Court Rule 114.03 does not permit such a requirement.

Treasurer's Report by Rachael Kennedy

Account balance as of 9/23/03	\$5,620.05
Receipts 9/23/03 - 10/31/03	
Interest	+0.42
Dues	+70.00
MoBar Annual Meeting hospitality contributions	+50.00
Disbursements 9/23/03 - 10/31/03	
Accent Press (<i>Newsletter</i> printing)	-65.04
Midwest Mailing (<i>Newsletter</i> mailing)	-71.24
Picnic expense	-674.81
MoBar Annual Meeting hospitality reception	-926.30
<i>Newsletter</i> Editor/Webmaster (July-September)	-375.00
Account balance as of 10/31/03	\$3,628.08

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Around the Bar . . .

Several changes have been made recently to the BCBA web site at www.bocomobar.org. Updates include changes to the list of BCBA officers, local filing fees, and docket schedules. Also, a number of new members have been added to the members' page, and all email links on the members' page have been coded in HTML to thwart email address-harvesting programs used by spammers.

Retired Circuit Judge **Frank Conley** received a "Sunshine Award" from the Missouri Press Association in September for his work on implementing cameras in Missouri courtrooms in the mid-1990s.

Recognized as "Senior Counselors" at the Missouri Bar Meeting in early October were retired Silvey Companies General Counsel **Glenn Glasgow** and retired MU law professor **Ed Hunvald**.

Congratulations to **Scott Washburn** of **Grimes & Fay** and his wife Jessica on the Oct. 16 birth of their second child, Libby Elaine.

Pam Lambert has moved her office to 224 N. 8th St., Columbia 65201, where she will share space with **Betty Parrigin** and **Tonnie Martin**. Pam's phone number remains 499-4817, but her fax is now 256-4101.

With Pam's move, office-sharing space has opened up in Suite 300 at the Guitar Building. For information call **Stan Clay** at 442-1646 or **Gregg Hyder** at 449-6900.

Terra Henry Sapp, who previously shared office space with **Mal Mayse** in the Guitar Building, has moved to 16050 S. JD Sapp Rd., Hartsburg 65039, phone 657-4316, fax 653-4318.

We recently gained eight new members. In alphabetical order, they are:

Stephen T. Blower, 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 886-8930, fax 886-8901. He is a 2003 MU Law School graduate and concentrates in immigration, education and landlord-tenant law.

Melissa A. Faurot, who is a new associate of **Stan Clay, LLC**, 28 N. 8th St., Suite 300, Columbia 65201, phone 442-1646, fax

442-9932. She, too, is a 2003 MU Law School graduate. She worked as a paralegal before and during law school. She will focus on family, juvenile, criminal and tax law.

Barry A. Gilbert, an associate in the local office of Harris, McCausland & Schmitt, P.C., 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, phone 886-8990, fax 886-8991. He is a 1991 graduate of the MU Law School. He worked in private practice for one year and then joined the Attorney General's office where he spent the last eight years in the Environmental Protection Division. His practice areas are insurance defense and environmental law.

Bryan D. Lade, an associate with Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Johnson, 700 E. Capitol, P.O. Box 1438, Jefferson City 65102, phone 573-634-3422, fax 573-634-7822.

Bradford B. Lear of **Lear & Werts, LLP**, 910 E. Broadway, Suite B, Columbia 65201, phone 875-1991, fax 875-1985. He is a 2001 graduate of the MU Law School, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif, Order of Barristers and *Missouri Law Review*. He previously was an associate at Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale in St. Louis. He concentrates on commercial litigation and also represents brokerage firms and investment representatives in arbitration.

Donald Earl Seitz, a new associate at **Harper, Evans, Schneider & Netemeyer**, 401 Locust St., Suite 401, Columbia 65201, phone 442-1660, fax 874-8961.

Todd C. Werts of **Lear & Werts, LLP**, 910 E. Broadway, Suite B, Columbia 65201, phone 875-1991, fax 875-1985. He is a 2001 MU Law School graduate and was a member of the Order of Barristers and Managing Editor of *Missouri Environmental Law and Policy Review*. He previously worked in general practice in Kansas City. He focuses on personal injury, bankruptcy, workers compensation and criminal law.

Matt Wilson, a new associate at **Walther, Antel, Stamper & Fischer**, 700 Cherry St., P.O. Box 7686, Columbia 65205, phone 442-2454, fax 874-3332. He is a 2002 MU Law School graduate and concentrates on consumer fraud and junk fax cases.