



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## Notes from the BCBA President

The January BCBA meeting will feature Missouri Bar President William M. Corrigan, Jr. as our guest and speaker.

We have received from Bill Corrigan a letter encouraging members of the bar to consider running for seats in the Missouri General Assembly. The letter has been posted on the BCBA web site for our members to review.

At present we have fewer members of the bar serving in the legislature than at any time in recent history. All of us are affected by the legislative process and the lack of lawyers in the General Assembly to help guide that process.

We have had many fine lawyer/legislators from Boone County, and I hope we can increase the number of lawyers in the General Assembly in the 2004 election.

On another matter, BCBA committee assignments are now posted on our web site. If you want to serve and have not yet volunteered, or if your name was inadvertently omitted from a committee, please let me know.

- Elton Fay

## Holiday Party on Dec. 11, RSVPs due by noon Dec. 9

All BCBA members and their spouses or dates are invited to the annual Holiday Party from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Missouri Manor, 1121 Ashland Rd., Columbia (see map).

**Reservations must be made by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 9** by contacting BCBA Secretary Steve Pratte at 442-0116 or [scpratte@yahoo.com](mailto:scpratte@yahoo.com). Nametags will be pre-printed for those making reservations.

There will be a **\$15 charge** for each person attending, **payable at the door**. The additional cost of about \$10 per person will be paid from the BCBA treasury.

As was the case for previous gatherings at Missouri Manor, the event will be a mixer-type affair with plenty of food and a host bar. Catering will be done by Jack's Restaurant.

2000-01 BCBA President **Ron Bartlett** and his wife Lyria are donating the use of Missouri Manor, and Ron is providing his own home-cured country hams. The Bartletts renovated Missouri Manor in 1999 as a reception/party venue and hosted the BCBA Holiday Party in 1999, 2000 and 2001.



## Women's party set on Dec. 15

Women lawyers of the BCBA will gather for their eighth annual holiday party on Monday, December 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at **Mary Carnahan's** home, 2304 Topaz Dr. The hostesses are **Mary, Betty Wilson, Amy Markel and Anna Lingo**.

As in past years, the women lawyers will be collecting gifts for young girls to be distributed through the Voluntary Action Center and Boone County 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 at 443-3134.

## Docket schedules to change again on Jan. 1, 2004

The 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit has announced docket schedule changes effective Jan. 1, 2004. The changes have been posted on the BCBA web site and are summarized as follows:

- Boone County**
- Division I (Judge Hamilton):* Monday, Week 4—add a 10:30 a.m. Not-in-Custody Criminal Docket.
- Division VII (Judge Augustine):* Monday, Week 3—add a 1:30 p.m. Juvenile Docket (General).
- Division VIII (Commissioner Miller):* Tuesday, Week 1— remove 9 a.m. Un-

- contested Dissolutions Docket and add 9 a.m. Juvenile Docket (General); Wednesday, Week 1—add 9 a.m. Contested Dissolutions Docket and remove 1:30 p.m. Juvenile Docket (General); Tuesday, Week 2—remove 9 a.m. Uncontested Dissolutions Docket; Monday, Week 3— remove 9 a.m. Juvenile Docket (General); Tuesday, Week 3—remove 9 a.m. Uncontested Dissolutions Docket.
- Division IX (Judge Carpenter):* Tues-

- day, Week 1 through Week 5—remove 4 p.m. Juvenile Drug Court Docket; Tuesday, Weeks 1, 2 and 3—add 9 a.m. Uncontested Dissolutions Docket.

- Callaway County**
- Division VII (Judge Augustine):* Thursday, Weeks 1 and 3—add 1 p.m. Settlement Conference Docket.
- Division IX (Judge Carpenter):* Tuesday, Weeks 1 and 3—remove 9 a.m. Settlement Conference Docket.

## Bill Atkinson: 1944-2003

Long-time Columbia lawyer **Bill Atkinson**, 59, died of a heart attack on Nov. 15, 2003. Among the survivors is his wife **Charlotte Atkinson**, who was his law partner in the firm of **Atkinson & Atkinson**.

Bill was born Feb. 24, 1944. He attended Normandy High School and received a bachelor's degree from MU in 1968,

the same year he helped organize the Boone County Ambulance Service. He was awarded his law degree from MU in 1971. He was BCBA President in 1996-97. Bill is also survived by two daughters, his mother and a brother.

About 30 BCBA members attended a memorial service for Bill on Nov. 20.

## Treasurer's Report by Rachael Kennedy

Account balance as of 10/31/03 .....	\$3,628.08
<b>Receipts 10/31/03 - 11/26/03</b>	
Interest.....	+0.38
Dues .....	+40.00
<b>Disbursements 10/31/03 - 11/26/03</b>	
Accent Press (Newsletter printing).....	-66.64
Midwest Mailing (Newsletter mailing) .....	-72.38
Patricia's Flower Shop (Atkinson funeral).....	-84.01
Account balance as of 11/26/03 .....	\$3,445.53

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## Around the Bar . . .

**Ray Lewis**, a founding partner of **Smith Lewis, LLP**, is seriously ill. Bar members are encouraged to send cards to him at his home address, 1233 Sunset Dr., Columbia, MO 65203.

Another bar member who has been ill recently is **Tom Davis** of **Davis, Susan and Holder**. Tom recently completed a first round of chemotherapy for non-Hodgkins lymphoma and is back in the office and feeling well. Bar members wanting to wish him well may send cards to him at his office, 1001 Cherry St., Suite 207, Columbia, MO 65201.

About 40 BCBA members attended the Nov. 12 meeting to hear a CLE-credit program on copyright and trademark law presented by David Van Dyke, a staff attorney at Shelter Insurance Cos. David's materials have been posted on the CLE page on the BCBA web site.

Volunteers are needed by the Partners in Education Committee to coach local senior high school and junior high school mock trial teams. Regional mock trial competitions are scheduled in January. To volunteer contact **Liz Magee** at 256-2600 or [emagee@aol.com](mailto:emagee@aol.com) or Dan Dunham at 449-5316 or [drd@lawyersalliance.com](mailto:drd@lawyersalliance.com).

The BCBA Mentoring Committee is interested in hearing from local lawyers who want a mentor or who would like to serve as a mentor, says chairman **Ron Smull**, who can be reached at 442-3136.

**Brent Stewart** and **Jeff Keevil** have moved their firm, **Stewart & Keevil, LLC**, to 4603 John Garry Dr., Suite 11, Columbia 65203. Their phone and fax numbers remain 499-0635 and 499-0638, respectively.

**Sarah J. Read** recently was appointed to the National Roster of Neutrals of the American Arbitration Association. After receiving training she will begin hearing cases in January.

**Scott Kimsey** recently became an associate at **Jones, Schneider & Bartlett**, 11 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Columbia 65201, phone 449-2451, fax 443-8620. Scott is a 2000 MU Law School graduate and was an associate at Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin for three years. His practice areas are patent, trademark and copyright.

We had several new and returning members in the past month. In

alphabetical order, they are:

**Shari Weinman Crespy**, general counsel of Behavioral Health Concepts, Inc., 2716 Forum Blvd., Suite 4, Columbia 65203, phone 446-0405, fax 446-1816. After graduating from the MU Law School in 1991, she clerked for U.S. District Judge Scott Wright and then was an associate at Shook, Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City until 1998. She then worked as a claims counsel for an insurance company in Kansas before relocating to Columbia. Her work involves all aspects of business representation including employment and benefit issues, contract negotiation, government contracts, HIPAA and corporate governance.

**Mark Gutchen**, formerly of Mid-Missouri Legal Services, who rejoined the BCBA after a brief lapse in membership. His address is 209 S. Greenwood Ave., Columbia 65203.

**Bryan D. Lade**, an associate at Andereck, Evans, Milne, Peace & Johnson, LLC, P.O. Box 1483, Jefferson City 65102, phone 573-634-3422, fax 573-634-7822. He is a 2003 graduate of the MU Law School and focuses on telecommunications, corporate, business, administrative and insurance law.

**Michael McCrary**, a 2003 MU Law School graduate who previously clerked for **Mitch Moore**. Michael is now working for Jefferson City attorney Neil Bisges, phone 573-635-6850, and they are opening a Columbia office on Cherry St. between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> streets.

**Randa Rawlins**, who became Shelter Insurance Cos. General Counsel in April 2002 after practicing insurance defense law with Niewald, Waldeck & Brown in Kansas City for almost 20 years. She is a 1982 graduate of the MU Law School and serves on the Board of Governors at Truman State University from which she received her bachelor's degree in 1979.

**Lana Woolsey**, a claims attorney at Shelter Insurance Cos. After graduating from MU Law School in 1990, she worked two years for Carson & Coil in Jefferson City and one year as an assistant Boone County prosecutor before joining Shelter. She is rejoining the BCBA after a 2½-year stint as Shelter's State Claims Manager in Mississippi.