



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## Ray Lewis 1926-2004

**Raymond C. Lewis, Jr.**, a founding member of **Smith Lewis LLP**, died on Saturday, Jan. 31. Funeral arrangements are pending.

Ray was born in 1926, received his law degree from MU, and was admitted to the bar in 1954. He was the recipient of many awards and was recognized as one of the outstanding trial lawyers in the U.S.

### Comments requested on child support rules

The Missouri Supreme Court's Family Court Committee is undertaking the required triennial review of child support guidelines and is seeking feedback from bar members.

Interested BCBA members can send their comments to Sherri Paschal, Office of the State Courts Administrator, 2112 Industrial Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65110, fax 573-522-5961, email [Sherri\\_Paschal@osca.state.mo.us](mailto:Sherri_Paschal@osca.state.mo.us) no later than Feb. 15.

Comments are requested on the successes and failures of the current guidelines, as well as thoughts for changes in the directions, comments for use and Form 14.

## Corrigan to speak at Feb. 11 meeting

State court funding problems and the Missouri Bar's efforts to increase the number of lawyers in the General Assembly will be among topics addressed by Missouri Bar President William Corrigan Jr. at the next regular BCBA meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

The meeting will start at noon on Feb. 11 at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St. The lunch price will be \$9, payable to the restaurant.

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

Corrigan recently embarked on a statewide campaign to bring court funding problems to the

### Mentoring committee still seeks applicants

**Ron Smull**, chair of the BCBA Mentoring Committee, says the committee has had limited response but stands ready to connect mentors and mentees if there is any interest.

Lawyers interested in serving as mentors or receiving mentoring services should contact Ron at 443-3136.

Other committee members are **Liz Magee**, **Mal Mayse**, **Susan Ford Robertson** and **Ron Sweet**.

attention of the media and to encourage lawyers to run for the legislature. He was in Columbia last week to discuss the funding issues with media representative.

Corrigan notes that in 2001, Missouri courts handled about 879,000 cases, directly impacting on about 15.5% of the state's 5,672,000 population and indirectly affecting as much as 50% of the populace.

He points out that state funding of the court system has dropped by \$10 million, or 10%, since 2001. In 1985 the judiciary accounted for 2.09% of the state budget, whereas this year it has dropped to 1.66%.

Corrigan says the previous 10% cut in court funding cut 92 positions from circuit courts, reduced education budgets by 60%, and cut \$7 million from court automation.

Meanwhile, he notes, the courts' overall caseload has increased more than 35% during the past 20 years—and 59% when traffic ticket cases are excluded.

This year a further 10% cut in funding has been proposed, which likely would result in laying off about 500 court personnel statewide, including 22% of non-statutory positions in clerks' and juvenile offices.

### Bench-Bar Dinner scheduled March 8

Mark your calendar now for the annual Bench-Bar Dinner, which has been scheduled March 8 at the Fulton Country Club.

The event will begin with a question-and-answer session at 6 p.m. and continue with a cash bar at 6:30 and dinner at 7:15. The meal charge will be \$20 per person.

The Boone and Callaway bars will submit proposed questions to the court before the meeting. BCBA members wishing to suggest questions should send them to Steve Scott (see contact information on back).

RSVP information and more details will be published in the next *Newsletter*.

### 2004 dues are payable

BCBA dues for 2004 were payable starting Jan. 1 and should be sent to Treasurer **Rachael Kennedy** using the coupon below. Those who have not paid by April 30 are subject to being stricken from the rolls.

Dues are waived for sitting and retired judges and for members who have been licensed in Missouri for at least 50 years or who have reached the age of 75.

## 2004 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form

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## Around the Bar . . .

A record 95 members attended the Jan. 14 BCBA meeting to hear a CLE-credit program by MU Law Prof. Phil Peters on "Getting Behind the Rhetoric of the Malpractice Debate." Thanks to Prof. Peters for an enlightening and thought-provoking program.

**Michael R. Tripp** has become a partner and principal in the firm of **Smith Lewis LLP**. He has been with the firm five years and concentrates his practice in both plaintiff and defense civil litigation. He previously practiced with Lathrop & Gage in Kansas City and the Tom Strong firm in Springfield.

Thanks to the following local lawyers who served as judges and evaluators for the high school mock trial competition on Jan. 17: **Susan Decker**, **Bruce Farmer**, **Jason Glahn**, **Lori Green**, **Drew Hilpert**, **Phebe LaMar**, **Brad Lear**, **Emily Little**, **Chrissy McCartney**, **John Murray**, **Betty Parrigin**, **Gretchen Rogers**, **Brian Sleeth**, **Garrett Taylor**, **Scott Washburn**, **John Whiteside**, **Mick Wilson** and **Steve Wyse**. Also, the following served as judges and evalua-

tors at the high school mock trials on Jan. 31: **Bob Aulgur**, **Melissa Aull** (clerk at Smith Lewis), **Mike Blum**, **Susan Decker**, **Bruce Farmer**, **Diana Farr**, **Larry Ferguson**, **Susan Glass**, **Janice Harder**, **Jeff Kays**, **Phebe LaMar**, **Betty Parrigin**, **Phil Sachs**, **Kim Schwartzkopf**, **Brian Sleeth**, **Todd Werts**, **Scott Wilson** and **Paul Yarns**. And special thanks to **Gerald Mueller** for coaching one of the Hickman High School teams this year.

**Jeffrey R. Kays** has rejoined the BCBA and opened an office at 717 Cherry St., Suite B, Columbia 65201-4878, phone 256-4500, fax 449-6117. His areas of practice are family law, criminal law, workers' compensation and personal injury.

**Brett Papendick**, an associate at **Faber & Brand LLC**, 3901 S. Providence Rd., Suite D, Columbia 65203-7109, phone 449-3141, fax 442-1072, since early 2003, recently joined the BCBA. He received a B.S. in biology with a minor in chemistry from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1996 and a J.D. from the MU Law School in May 2002. He concentrates in the area of creditors' rights and is also a registered patent attorney with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

**Christina McCartney**, whose association with the **Law Office of Daniel S. Simon, P.C.** was announced in last month's *Newsletter*, also recently joined the BCBA. The office is at 3610

Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 886-8989, fax 886-8981.

**Sarah Read** has arranged a phone hook-up at her office, 1705-C N. Stadium Blvd., Columbia 65203, for up to 10 lawyers to attend several one- and two-hour courses to be offered this year by the American Arbitration Association. BCBA members who want to attend must still register with the AAA and pay the applicable fees, but can pick up the materials and attend the course at Sarah's office. AAA courses have been approved for Missouri Bar CLE credit. For details, contact Sarah at 447-2349 or [sjr@readadr.com](mailto:sjr@readadr.com).

The Voluntary Action Center has thanked women members of the bar for toiletry items and cash collected for teenage girls at the eighth annual BCBA Women's Holiday Party on Dec. 15.

**Dave Evans** will have a turn-key office space available at 717 Cherry St., Columbia, on March 1. Included are secretarial/receptionist services, supplies, postage, copier and fax. Call Dave at 449-8430.

<b>Treasurer's Report by Rachael Kennedy</b>	
Account balance as of 12/31/03.....	\$5,144.86
<b>Receipts 12/31/03 - 1/30/04</b>	
Interest.....	+0.32
Dues.....	+4,145.00
<b>Disbursements 12/31/03 - 1/30/04</b>	
Accent Press ( <i>Newsletter</i> printing).....	-67.62
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