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MoBar President Joe Whisler to speak at March 9 meeting

Missouri Bar President Joe B. Whisler will be the featured speaker at the next regular BCBA meeting at noon on Wednesday, March 9, at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Linda Harris** at 449-3874 or lindah@tranquility.net by 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 8.

Meal service will begin at noon March 9 in the large basement meeting room at Boone Tavern. The lunch price will be \$9.

Whisler will discuss several issues the Missouri Bar is confronting this year, including maintaining adequate funding for the courts in a difficult budget year, threats to the Non-Partisan Court Plan, judi-

cial system independence, and availability of the bar's durable power of attorney for health care form.

Whisler will point out that while Gov. Blunt's budget proposal would maintain full funding for the courts, the General Assembly may be tempted to make cuts because the budget appears to be out of balance by about \$240 million.

A shareholder in Cooling & Herbers, P.C. of Kansas City, Whisler focuses on business and commercial litigation, with an emphasis on environmental and aviation matters. He is a 1972 graduate of Southern Methodist University Law School and has been active in bar and civic activities his entire career.

Treasurer's Report by Amy Markel

Account balance as of 1/28/05	\$7,336.19
Receipts 1/28/05 - 2/25/05	
Dues	+2,280.00
Interest	+0.49
Disbursements 1/28/05 - 2/25/05	
Accent Press (Newsletter printing)	-77.99
Midwest Mailing Service (Newsletter mailing)	-101.64
Account balance as of 2/25/05	\$9,437.05

From the BCBA President

Please plan to attend the annual Bench/Bar Dinner April 5 at the Reynolds Alumni Center. **Gretchen Rogers** chairs the planning committee, made up of Young Lawyers Committee members. It is a great

opportunity for all Boone and Callaway County bar members and judges to visit.

Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** will have surgery March 22. During his six-week recuperation, retired Judge **Frank Conley** will handle the Division I docket, and Judge **Ellen Roper** will be the Acting Presiding Judge.

BCBA Vice President **Pat Eng** is planning programs for our May, June, July and August meetings. We have discussed possible programs on the Drug and Mental Health Courts, the Missouri Lawyer's Assistance Program (MOLAP), and Supreme Court rule changes. If you have ideas for programs of interest to our members, please call Pat at 874-4190 or me at 886-4050.

—Jodie Capshaw Asel

Court approves 'party information sheets' for case filings

At its Feb. 7 meeting the 13th Judicial Circuit Court en Banc approved the use of Party Information Sheets designed by the Office of State Court Administrator to comply with Supreme Court Operating Rule 4.07.01.

Bar members can obtain the forms from the Circuit Clerk's office. The forms also are avail-

able in electronic format on the BCBA web site.

The court encourages bar members to begin filing the forms when filing new cases and will soon make them mandatory. The clerk's office plans to issue a memorandum explaining the use of the forms.

The forms indicate that Social Security Numbers are mandatory, but the clerk's office will not reject filings if SSNs are not available.

In other action, the court:

* Approved Administrative Order 01-05 amending court costs to correct two errors in the court costs set out in Administrative Order 08-04. The fee for each additional defendant in civil actions was amended to \$20 (from \$21), and the fee for Alcohol and Drug commitment petitions in Boone County was amended to \$75 (from \$95).

* Approved new procedures for handling after-hours filing of petitions for commitment (mental health and drug and

alcohol). The new procedures closely follow the procedures already in place use for after-hours filing of petitions for orders of protection.

* Appointed an ad hoc committee to study a proposal from Westlaw for an expanded electronic library. The court has Lexis/Nexis through a state contract.

(Summary provided by **Joy Rushing**, Assistant to the Court Administrator. For more information, call her at 886-4059.)

Comment sought on GAL fees rule change

Bar members are asked to comment on a proposed change to Local Rule 68.3 which would mandate that parties be required to deposit a sum certain for guardian ad litem fees when a GAL is appointed in family law and juvenile cases.

The change was proposed by the BCBA's Juvenile Law and Family Law committees. The Juvenile Law Committee has

recommended that each party be required to deposit \$750.

Family Court Presiding Judge **Cary Augustine** and Family Court Commissioner **Sara Miller** have asked for comments from bar members before submitting a rule change to the court en banc. Comments should be emailed to Cary.Augustine@courts.mo.gov by March 15.

118 still owe dues

Of 309 dues-paying BCBA members, 191 had paid 2005 dues of \$40 by Feb. 25, leaving 118 unpaid, according to Treasurer **Amy Markel's** records.

Those who have not already paid should send their payments to Amy at 503 E. Nifong Blvd., PMB 279, Columbia, MO 65201.

Members who have not paid by April 30 will be stricken from the rolls.

Dues are waived for sitting and retired judges and for members who have been licensed at least 50 years or who are at least 75 years old.

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Around the bar . . .

Dave Rogers is recovering at home after falling down some steps at home about three weeks ago and fracturing four vertebrae. He says he spent a week in the hospital and his recovery is going well, but slowly.

BCBA Publicity Committee chair **Joy Rushing** will help publicize bar activities through the local news media. Give information to her by calling 886-4059 or sending her an email message at Joy.Rushing@courts.mo.gov.

The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for a happy hour at 5 p.m. March 15 at Tellers, 820 E. Broadway. Photos will be taken for a committee directory. RSVP to **Brad Lear** at 875-1991 by March 11. Those who cannot attend can arrange for photos by calling Brad or **Amy Salladay** at 256-7205.

The ad hoc Collaborative and Cooperative Law Committee will meet again at 3 p.m. April 4 at co-chair **Mary Carnahan**'s home, 2304 Topaz Dr. RSVP to Mary at 443-3134. Topics will include training and publications. For information call Mary, or co-chair **Betty Wilson** at 442-3181.

Keith Brunstrom, whose law office is in Ashland, recently was elected to his third term on the board of directors of the Missouri Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Long-time BCBA member **David Gibbons** has opened a civil mediation practice at 2712 Vail Dr., Columbia 65203, phone 864-2161.

Kimberly Force has moved her office to 2306 Berryview Ct., Suite B, Columbia 65203, phone 234-1359, fax 234-1482.

Michael W. Blum has moved his office to 106 N. Garth Ave., Columbia 65203, phone 442-8552, fax 442-8669.

Sarah Read is coordinating and speaking at a Missouri Bar CLE on "Exploring Career Transitions" March 31 in Columbia. Other BCBA members participating in the program are **Kimberly Force** and **David Gibbons**. Sarah also will present on mediation advocacy April 1 at the Heartland Mediators Regional Conference in Kansas City.

Among recent new BCBA members are:

Timothy R. Gerding, associate at **Rotts & Gibbs**, 1001 E. Walnut, Suite 301, P.O. Box 7385, phone 443-3463, fax 443-7099. A Columbia native, he is a 2004 MU Law School graduate and focuses on criminal law, landlord-tenant, worker's compensation and personal injury.

Paul Ladehoff, training coordinator at the MU Law School Center for Dispute Resolution and director of the MU Campus Mediation Service. He is a 1994 graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law and previously worked at a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice.

Angelia Milliot, associate at **Ford, Parshall & Baker, LLC**, 609 E. Walnut, P.O. Box 1097, phone 449-2613, fax 875-8154. She is a 2004 MU Law School graduate and focuses on collection cases.

John Mollenkamp, who teaches legal research and writing, advocacy and research, and pretrial litigation at the MU Law School. He is a 1991 graduate of the University of Texas Law School, was in private practice in Joplin, and worked as an assistant Missouri attorney general. He occasionally consults on appellate briefs for practitioners.

Amy Davis Salladay of **Knight & Salladay**, 1203 W. Broadway, Columbia 65203, phone 256-7205, fax 875-5873. An MU Law School graduate, she previously worked at Carson & Coil in Jefferson City. She focuses on family law, probate, and business litigation.

Richard Wade, also an associate at **Ford, Parshall & Baker, LLC**. He is an 1996 University of Memphis Law School graduate and practiced in Memphis five years before relocating to Columbia. He focuses on medical malpractice, personal injury, worker's compensation, labor and employment, and health law.

Cecilia Young, 601 W. Nifong, Suite 5A, Columbia 65203, phone 442-4529, fax 876-6047. A 2001 MU Law School graduate, she previously clerked for an administrative judge, worked as a research attorney at the Missouri Public Service Commission, and was an associate at **Boul & Associates, P.C.** She focuses on bankruptcy and debt negotiation.

Dave Evans still has office space available at 717 Cherry St. for a single attorney to share a secretary. Included are supplies, postage, fax, copier, and Internet connection. Call Dave at 449-8430.

About 35 BCBA members attended the Feb. 9 meeting to see a presentation on Internet-based video-teleconferencing.

The complete resolution adopted at the Jan. 12 BCBA meeting honoring the late **Hilda Neihardt Petri** as a local trailblazer for women lawyers is posted on the BCBA web site.