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RSVPs due April 20 for Bench-Bar Dinner on April 26

The annual Thirteenth Circuit Bench-Bar Dinner will be held at the MU Reynolds Alumni Center on Wednesday evening, April 26. A social hour (cash bar) will begin at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30.

RSVP: If you plan to attend, you must RSVP by 5 p.m. Thursday, April 20, by contacting **Gretchen Rogers** at 443-3134 or grogers@owwlaw.com.

The dinner price is \$30, payable at the door. Checks should be made out to "Boone County Bar Association."

Entertainment before and after dinner will be provided by the Joel Anderson Jazz Ensemble.

Dinner selections include Caesar or spinach salad, bowtie pasta

salad with lemon pesto, carved whole roast pork loin, baked rainbow trout filet, Potatoes Anna, broccoli with lemon butter, baked tomato, and fresh rolls and butter.

A variety of desserts will be offered. Each table will have an individual dessert sponsored by a local law firm. (Firms interested in sponsorship should contact Gretchen by April 14.)

The Bench-Bar Dinner is co-sponsored by the Boone and Callaway bar associations and alternates two years in Boone County and one year in Callaway. Next year is Callaway's turn.

BCBA President **Pat Eng** urges all members to put the event on their schedules and to attend. "Like the picnic and Holiday Party, this is a real good time for us to get together and visit."

Treasurer's Report by Josh Oxenhandler

Account balance as of 2/24/06	\$10,346.64
Receipts 2/24/06 - 4/7/06	
Dues	+2,000.00
Interest	+2.43
Disbursements 2/24/06 - 4/7/06	
Accent Press (Newsletter printing)	-119.95
Midwest Mailing Service (Newsletter mailing)	-108.80
Editor/Webmaster (January-March)	-375.00
Boone Tavern (2/8/06 meeting)	-72.00
Account balance as of 4/7/06	\$11,673.32

Thank-you's from Hamilton, Eng

Thirteenth Circuit Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** and BCBA President **Pat Eng** have issued "thank-you's" to bar members and others for helping to pass the courthouse expansion proposal.

From Judge Hamilton:

"On behalf of the court, I want to thank all of the members of the Boone County Bar for their tremendous support in passing the courthouse expansion sales tax issue on the April 4 ballot. Without the bar's help, the proposition would never have passed.

"We look forward to the renovation taking place. I would not expect work to begin prior to next May or June, but keep in mind that we can expect some

disruptions when it does occur. The end result will justify the noise and inconvenience we will have to endure.

"Thanks again to all members of a great bar association."

From Pat Eng:

"It wasn't exactly a landslide, but the courthouse expansion proposal passed!

"A big thank you to retired Judge **Frank Conley** and Joe Moseley and the other campaign committee members for all their hard work and time, as well as to Judge Hamilton and Kathy Lloyd and other courthouse staff members. There can be little doubt that without everyone's efforts, improvement of the courthouse would have been a long time down the road."

Thanks to mock trial volunteers

On behalf of the BCBA Partners in Education Committee, chair **Todd Werts** thanks everyone who helped make the State High School Mock Trial Competition a success. The state finals were hosted at the Boone County Courthouse Friday and

Saturday, March 31 and April 1.

Mike Tripp coached a local team that went to the finals and was involved in planning the finals. **Liz Magee** helped with planning. **Brad Lear** coached a team that went to finals. **Dan Pingelton** coached a team at the regional level and helped recruit judges and evaluators.

Participating as judges or evaluators were: **Bob Aulgur**, **Andrew Bach**, **George Batek**, **Kim Burton**, **Deborah Daniels**, **Aimee Davenport**, **Kristen Dickenson**, **Dan Dunham**, **Bill Ellis**, **Richard Holtmeyer**, **Lorna Horton**, **Max Lewis**, **Michael McCrary**, **Amy O'Keefe**, **Anthony Phillips**, **Joy Rushing**, **Leslie Schneider**, **Andy Schulz**, **Kimberly Shaw**, and **Rose Wibbenmeyer**.

The committee also thanks the Courthouse security and janitorial staffs for their help.

April 30 dues deadline

2006 BCBA dues of \$40 per member are now due. Members who have not paid by April 30 will be removed from the rolls and will no longer receive the *Newsletter* or email alerts.

Dues payments payable to "Boone County Bar Association" should be sent to Treasurer **Josh Oxenhandler**, 224 N. 8th St., P.O. Box 1404, Columbia, MO 65205.

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.

Judicial system primary election slates set

Primary election slates for the local judicial system are set now that the filing deadline has passed.

Incumbent **Gene Hamilton**, a Democrat, is unopposed for Division I Circuit Judge, as are **Jodie Asel**, a Republican, for the new Division IV Circuit Judge seat, and **Larry Bryson**, a Democrat, for the Division V Associate Circuit Judge seat.

Boone County Prosecutor **Kevin Crane**, a Republican, has no opposition for the Division III Circuit Judge seat, from which **Ellen Roper** is retiring at the end of the year.

The Division X Associate Circuit Judge seat, from which **Chris Kelly** will retire at the end of the year, has three candidates. **Leslie Schneider** is the sole contender on the Democratic side, while Assistant Prosecutor **Connie Sullivan** and local attorney **Geoffrey Preckshot** will vie for the Republican nomination.

Five candidates are seeking the new Division XI Associate Judge seat. The three Democrats are **Deborah Daniels**, **C.J. Dykhouse** and **Cavanaugh Noce**. Contesting the Republican nomination will be **Richard Hicks** and **Dale Roberts**.

Assistant Prosecutor **Dan Knight** is running unopposed for the Democratic nomination for Prosecuting Attorney.

Finally, three Democrats will contest the nomination for Circuit Clerk. They are **Christy Blakemore**, **Missy Marlett** and **Beverly Steelman**.

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Around the bar

The next meeting of the Young Lawyers Committee will be at noon April 18 at Village Wine & Cheese. For information contact Gretchen Rogers at 443-3134 or grogers@owwlaw.com.

The Women Lawyer's Association of Mid-Missouri will hold its second annual legislative symposium at 6:30 p.m. April 25 at the Capitol Ritz in Jefferson City. Speakers will discuss pending legislation affecting the court system. RSVP by April 18 to Gretchen Rogers at 443-3134 or grogers@owwlaw.com.

Assistant Boone County Prosecutor **Merilee Crockett** recently received the Judith McDonald-Compere award from the Missouri Victim Assistance Network for her work in victim services. Selected from nominees around the state, she was lauded for her ability to obtain convictions without cooperating victims.

Anthony Phillips is the chair of a new Missouri Bar Lawyer Referral Service Committee, which will advise the Board of Governors on referral service policies. Other local members of the new committee are **Michael McCrary** and **Todd Werts**.

Chad Caraker has moved Caraker Law Firm, P.C. to 1310 Old 63 S., Suite 5, Columbia 65201, phone 875-2212, fax 875-2213.

Cynthia Barchet also has moved her office to 1310 Old 63 S., Suite 5, Columbia 65201, phone 441-9000, fax 875-2213.

Deborah Daniels left the Attorney General's office and may now be contacted at 1109 Canterbury Pl., Columbia 65203, phone 489-1248, fax 446-2884.

Kim Force has moved Force Law Office P.C. to 9687 U Highway, Prairie Home, MO 65068, phone 660-427-5193, fax 660-427-5794.

Michael Blum has moved the Blum Law Firm, LLC to 301 N. 9th St., Columbia 65201, phone 442-8552, fax 442-8669.

Recently rejoining the BCBA after a lapse in membership were **Mitch Moore**, 1210 W. Broadway, Columbia 65203, phone 449-3318, fax 875-0669, and Assistant Boone County Prosecutor **Richard Hicks**.

BCBA member **Jason Shackelford**, 1397 E. Highway 22, P.O. Box 142, Centralia 65240, phone 682-2501, fax 682-1906, an-

nounced that David Goring has joined him as an associate.

Recent new BCBA members, in alphabetical order, are:

* **Timothy R. Beard**, 510 W. Highway 22, Centralia 65240, phone 682-6868, fax 682-1082. He was raised in Centralia and previously practiced law in St. Louis for 15 years.

* **Robert Rinck**, Assistant Prosecutor, City of Columbia, P.O. Box 6015, Columbia 65205, phone 874-7229, fax 874-7533. He is a 2004 MU Law School graduate and previously worked in the general counsel's office at the Missouri Department of Revenue.

* **Cassandra A. Rogers**, a law clerk at the Missouri Supreme Court, P.O. Box 150, Jefferson City 65102, phone 573-751-7333, fax 573-751-7355. She is a 2005 MU Law School graduate and previously clerked for the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney, a private firm in Jefferson City, and the City of Jefferson.

* **Albert M. Swanegan** of the MU Law School, 203 Hulston Hall, Columbia 65211.

Terra Henry Sapp is offering a Kimball mahogany executive desk and credenza for sale. Call her at 268-2136 for details.

MU Associate Law Prof. **Stephen Easton** recently received a \$10,000 Kemper Fellowship for teaching excellence.

A two-hour CLE mediation workshop will be presented at the MU Law School from 3 to 5 p.m. April 21. Details are available at www.law.missouri.edu.

The second annual Tim Heinsz Memorial 5K Run/Walk, sponsored by the MU Law School Student Bar Association, will start at 9 a.m. April 22 in front of Hulston Hall. The event is in memory of the late Dean Heinsz, who died unexpectedly in 2004, and will benefit the Heinsz Memorial Fund at the school. Details and registration information are available at www.law.missouri.edu/sba/th5k.

Recent changes to the BCBA web site include a revised courthouse phone list and a local rules update (Rule 100.2 delaying the effectiveness of new rules for 60 days took effect April 7).

About 50 BCBA members attended the March 8 meeting to hear a program about the Boone County Courthouse expansion plan. The proposal narrowly won in the April 4 election.