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# Ethics CLE credit for Nov. 8 program by MU Law Prof. Easton

MU Law Prof. Steve Easton will present a one-hour ethics CLE credit program titled "Would You Like Fries with That?...and Other Sentences You Want to Keep Out of Your Professional Vocabulary" at the Nov. 8 BCBA meeting.

As usual when CLE programs are presented, meal service on Nov. 8 will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the large basement meeting room at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St. The program will begin by 12:10 p.m. after a brief business meeting.

**RSVP:** To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Amy Salladay** at 256-7205 or <a href="mailto:amy@knightslaw.net">amy@knightslaw.net</a> by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7.

The price for lunch will be \$9, payable to Boone Tavern. Last month the BCBA treasurer had to pay for seven meals, possibly because some of those who attended unwrapped more than one napkin-utensil roll. *The restaurant counts unwrapped napkin-utensil* 

rolls to determine the number of meals to charge. Please do not use more than one napkin and set of utensils or use a napkin if you are not eating.

Prof. Easton joined the MU Law School faculty in 1998 after a 15-year career in private practice and as U.S. Attorney in North Dakota. A graduate of the Stanford University Law School, he has received numerous teaching awards.

His program will focus on real-world ethical and malpractice issues faced by practicing lawyers. "The issues we will discuss will not be the esoteric issues that law professors seem to enjoy contemplating. Instead, we will be considering issues that actually come into play when you practice law," he said.

The interactive program will allow attendees to test their knowledge of ethical rules and other restrictions on lawyer conduct. An extensive set of materials will be handed out.

# Hamilton discusses courthouse work, dockets, workload study

Short-term construction work has begun at the Boone County Courthouse to prepare for a new judge and an addition to the courthouse, 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton** told a record crowd of 105 at the Oct. 11 BCBA meeting.

The library is being renovated to accommodate offices for court reporters, and space previously used by two reporters will be the new judge's office.

The Public Administrator's Office has temporarily moved to

the Guaranty Land Title Building while its space in the court-house is being renovated and enlarged.

The Probate Clerk's Office is expanding into the former Counsel Chambers. New Counsel Chambers ultimately will be relocated, probably to a space near the present prosecutor's office.

Full-scale construction of two additional floors on the courthouse annex likely will begin next Fall, with completion projected by 2010.

Judge Hamilton also spoke about pending docket changes, noting there will be almost a 50% turnover in judges in January. The Court Administrator has interviewed all judges who will remain and all candidates to determine their preferences, and decisions on dockets will be made starting after the Nov. 7 election.

With four circuit judges, it is likely each will spend one week each month in Callaway County. All four circuit judges also will conduct civil and criminal law day dockets.

All the judges will be taking part in a workload study by the National Center for State Courts, keeping records of the time spent on various types of cases. The study was commissioned by the Missouri Supreme Court to determine the optimum allocation of judges throughout the state. The information ultimately may be used to reorganize the state's trial court system.

## Busy first week in December: Two receptions and Holiday Party

Mark your calendar now for three events during the first full week in December on Dec. 5, 6 and 7:

\* On Tuesday, Dec. 5, there will be a presentation to retiring Associate Circuit Judge **Chris Kelly** at 4:30 p.m. in the ceremonial courtroom at the Boone County Courthouse, followed by a reception.

\* The annual BCBA Holiday Party will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 6, at the MU Reynolds Alumni Center. More details will be published in the next Newsletter.

\* A retirement reception for Circuit Clerk Cheryl Whitmarsh and unit manager Linda Dolliver

### Nov. 1 RSVP deadline for Roper reception

Nov. 1 is the RSVP deadline for the Nov. 16 retirement reception for Circuit Judge **Ellen Roper**. Use the coupon in the Oct. 2 issue of the *Newsletter*. The reception will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 16 at the MU Reynolds Alumni Center.

is planned from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, at Boone Tavern.

Contributions are being sought to fund the reception for Judge Kelly and pay for a photographic portrait to be displayed in the ceremonial courtroom. Contributions payable to "Kelly Retirement Fund" can be sent to **Gary Stamper** at 700 E. Cherry St., P.O. Box 7686, Columbia 65205.

Judge Kelly, who will retire at the end of his term in December, became a judge in 1999. He previously served as Boone County Clerk, state representative, and Chairman of the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission. He is a member of the Supreme Court Family Court Committee and received a Judicial Conference Award in 1994.

Committee members planning

the event for Judge Kelly are Associate Circuit Judge Christine Carpenter, Court Administrator Kathy Lloyd, Assistant Court Administrator Joy Rushing, Joe Moseley, Gary Stamper, and County Clerk Wendy Noren.

The reception for Cheryl Whitmarsh and Linda Dolliver is being organized by employees in the Circuit Clerk's office.

Cheryl began her career in the clerk's office in 1980 and became the elected clerk in 1991. Linda started with the clerk's office in 1970 and left in 1985 as probate clerk. She returned to the clerk's office and has served as unit manager since 1991.

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# Around the bar . . .

The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for a happy hour at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21 at Addison's Grill, 709 Cherry St. For information, contact **Gretchen Rogers** at 443-3134 or grogers@owwlaw.com.

Gary Stamper and his wife Christine finished their first ironman distance triathlon, the Great Floridian, on Oct. 21 in Clermont, FL. Brutal heat prevented over 25% of the entrants from completing the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run. Gary's partner Marsha Fischer ran the Chicago marathon on Oct. 22.

**Phil Sachs** has moved his office to 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Suite 200, Columbia 65201. His mailing address remains P.O. box 7384, and his phone and fax numbers are unchanged.

**Drew Hilpert**, formerly an associate at Brandecker & Smull, is now with the Jefferson City Law Department, 320 E. McCarty, Jefferson City 65101, phone 573-634-6314, fax 573-634-6504.

Several BCBA members will present programs at the Missouri Bar's annual Essentials of Missouri Practice program Nov. 3-4 in Columbia. They are **Keith Brunstrom**, **Janice Harder**, **Emily Little**, **Liz Magee**, **Bob Murray**, **Susan Ford Robertson**, **Le Anne Wiseman**, **Steve Scott**, and **Ken Wright**.

Recent new BCBA members, in alphabetical order, are:

\* Amy Byrne, an associate of Ed Orr at 28 N. Eighth St., Suite 417, P.O. Box 7186, Columbia, phone 443-2828, fax 443-6876. She is a May 2006 graduate of the MU Law School and focuses on family law

and criminal defense.

- \* **Jason Matyas**, an associate at Rogers, Ehrhardt & Weber, LLC, 302 Campusview Dr., Suite 204, Columbia 65201, phone 442-0131, fax 442-9423. He is a May 2006 MU Law School graduate and focuses on insurance defense.
- \* **John Roodhouse**, an assistant Boone County Prosecuting Attorney, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 886-4105, fax 886-4148. He is a 2004 graduate of Stanford Law School and previously worked for the Missouri Attorney General's Office.
- \* **Brandi Smith**, an associate at the Copeland Law Firm, 900 E. Broadway, Columbia 65201, phone 874-3100, fax 874-3200, where she clerked before graduating from the MU Law School in May 2006. She focuses on family law, personal injury and criminal defense.

**Elton Fay** has two offices for rent at 11 N. Fifth St. Call 449-2969 for information.

Two seminars for lawyers are being offered locally on Friday, Nov. 10. The 13<sup>th</sup> Circuit's annual Advanced Guardian ad Litem Training will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Lenoir Community Center. Registration has been extended until Nov. 3. Complete details are at the top of the BCBA web site news page. Also, **Bob Murray** is hosting a presentation by Carl M. Ward on "Defending Your Client's Driver's License Following a DWI Arrest" at the Days Inn from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information, contact Bob at 442-1563 or <a href="mailto:dwww.dwi.ene.gov

#### Prosecutor's office caseloads announced

Boone County Prosecuting Attorney **Kevin Crane** has announced caseload assignments for his office as follows:

**Bail**: DWI, DoR license actions, DUS/DUR, traffic, delinquent taxes.

**Berry**: Felony drug offenses, vehicular assault, forfeiture actions, Drug Court.

**Burgess:** PCR, misdemeanor stealing, tampering, property damage, leaving the scene, unassigned misdemeanors and felonies, conservation violations, unconditional release.

Crane: Homicide.

Crockett: Offenses against females (A-L), misdemeanor assault, harassment, violation of order of protection, stalking, property damage, tampering, assigned felonies.

**Hicks**: Felony assault, robbery, resisting arrest.

**Gorovsky**: Offenses against children, interference with custody, kidnapping/felonious restraint, sexual offenses against adults.

Gunn: Misdemeanor drug offenses, bad checks, liquor violations, failure to return leased property, Mental Health Court, fugitives, peace disturbance.

Knight: Homicide.
Moore: Child support enforcement.

Roodhouse: Offenses against females (M-Z), misdemeanor assault, harassment, violation of order of protection, stalking, property damage, tampering, assigned felonies.

Scholz: Felony stealing, weapons, receiving stolen property, fraudulent use of credit device, forcery

**Sullivan**: Burglary, misdemeanor assault (male victims), trespass, arson, animal neglect.

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