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Warren Welliver 1920-2007

Long-time local lawyer, former state senator and former Missouri Supreme Court Judge **Warren Welliver** died at home Oct. 29 at the age of 87.

After serving in the Navy in World War II, he received his law degree from MU in 1948. He was a state senator 1977-79 and Missouri Supreme Court Judge 1979-1989. He was active in many civic, educational and law-related organizations.

From BCBA President Jeff Parshall

The Boone County Bar lost a long-time member with the death last week of Warren Welliver. Many of our younger members did not have the chance to know Warren. I feel very fortunate that I had that opportunity.

If you read Warren's obituary, you noted how his life and career demonstrated a commitment to the bar, to justice, and to his community. Warren was active in many civic organizations and bar-related activities, including being President of the Missouri Bar Association. He was a distinguished practicing attorney, and then served on the Missouri Supreme Court from 1979 until 1989. He is best known for authoring *Gustafson v. Benda*, 661 S.W.2d 11 (Mo. Banc. 1983), which established comparative fault in Missouri. This was one of the most significant decisions to come out of the court in the last 25 years.

Warren's life should serve as an example to us all. It's important for members of the bar to serve the community and the bar. Warren demonstrated such a commitment, and we should all try to follow his lead. He will surely be missed.

2007-08 committees appointed

President **Jeff Parshall** has announced the following BCBA committee assignments for 2007-2008:

Practice, Procedure & Judiciary: **Wally Bley**, chair, and **John Roark** and **Jeff Blaylock**.

Family Law: **Helen Wade**, chair, and **Melissa Faurot**, **Tonie Martin** and **Dan S. Simon**.

Juvenile Law: **Janet Bezler**, chair, and **Anna Lingo** and **Amy Markel**.

Criminal Law: **Randall Johnston**, chair, and **Kimberly Shaw**,

Rusty Antel and **Dan O'Hearn**.

Bar-Schools Partnership: **Todd Werts**, chair, and **Zach Bickel** and **Cassandra Rogers**.

Public Relations: **Josh Oxenhandler**, chair.

Legal Aid: **Chris Schappe**, chair, and **Ben Nelson**.

Program & Entertainment: **Melissa Faurot**, chair, and **Linda Harris** and **Betty Wilson**.

Young Lawyers: **Gretchen Yancey**, chair, and **Jared Vessel**, **Kimberly Force** and **Sander Sowers**.

Web site updates, new Case.Net feature

Recent updates to the BCBA web site include:

* Changes to the courthouse phone list have been posted on the "Phones" page (under "Court Info").

* The Boone County Prosecutor's caseload list has been updated on the "News" page.

* A new schedule of filing fees

and court costs has been posted on the "Fees/Costs" page (under "Court Info").

In other web-related news, a new feature on Case.Net when viewing particular case records is a "Garnishments/Execution" tab. However, the money amounts shown on this tab are only for the most recent 90 days.

Associate civil practice CLE at Nov. 14 BCBA meeting

A one-hour CLE-credit program on civil practice before associate circuit judges will be the program at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St.

As usual when CLE programs are presented, meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. on Nov. 14 in the County Room on the lower level of Boone Tavern. The lunch price will be \$9, payable to the restaurant.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Joy Ahern** at 445-8990 or

jahern@harrismccausland.com by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13.

The program will be presented by **Steve Scott**, whose practice focuses on evictions and other associate civil cases. He presented on the same topic at the Missouri Bar's Solo and Small Firm conference last June. Titled "Another World: Civil Practice Before Associate Circuit Judges and the Differences You Should Know About," the program will include discussion of the types of civil cases heard by associate circuit judges and how procedure differs from circuit court procedure.

Upcoming events, programs

GAL Training: Registration has been extended to Nov. 7 for the 13th Circuit Family Court's annual Guardian ad Litem Training to be held Nov. 12 at the Tiger Hotel. A flyer describing the program and including a registration form is posted at the top of the "News" page on the BCBA web site.

Young Lawyers: The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will hold its November meeting, a happy hour, at 5 p.m. Nov. 20 at Booches, 110 S. 9th St. For more information, contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or sander@dansimonlaw.com.

Special Courts CLE: On Dec. 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., the BCBA will sponsor a presentation by Associate Circuit Judge Christine Carpenter on the Drug, Mental Health and Reintegration Courts programs. The program will be held in the County Commission Chambers at the County Government Center. There will be no charge for the program, and pre-registration is not required. Lawyers may bring lunch and drinks to the program.

Holiday Party: The BCBA's annual Holiday Party will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 12 at the MU Alumni Center. More details will be published in the next *Newsletter*. Desserts for the party will be provided by lawyer/firm sponsorship, with two desserts for each table of 10 people. To sign up as a sponsor, contact **Kim Force** at 573-239-2179 or kforce@iland.net. Dessert options are: Key lime pie, \$15; chocolate pecan pie, \$15; pumpkin pie, \$12; French chocolate tart, \$18; Alsacienne apple tart with vanilla ice cream, \$15; orange Bavarian Cream Charlotte with chocolate cognac sauce, \$21; and sweet potato pie, \$15.

Young Lawyers: The committee will hold its annual holiday gathering at 11:45 a.m. Dec. 18 in the back room at Otto's, 38 N. 8th Street, on Dec. 18. Attendees are encouraged to bring a white elephant gift for the gift exchange. Contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or sander@dansimonlaw.com for details.

Treasurer's Report by Christina McCartney

Account balance as of 9/28/07.....	\$6,497.32
Receipts 9/28/06 - 10/18/07	
Dues	+10.00
Interest.....	+0.93
Young Lawyers golf tournament.....	+458.00
Disbursements 9/28/07 - 10/18/07	
Accent Press (<i>Newsletter</i> printing).....	-86.21
Midwest Mailing Service (<i>Newsletter</i> mailing).....	-109.02
Picnic expenses.....	-750.45
Boone Tavern (Executive Committee).....	-95.00
Boone Tavern (unpaid meal-regular meeting).....	-9.00
Account balance as of 10/18/07.....	\$5,916.57

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Around the bar . . .

A resolution recognizing and honoring the late **Betty Parrigin**, who died July 16, was adopted at the Oct. 10 BCBA meeting. The text, proposed by **Betty Wilson**, appears with this item on the BCBA web site.

Former associate **Robert Hollis** recently became a shareholder in the renamed firm of **Van Matre, Harrison, Volkert & Hollis, P.C.**, 1103 E. Broadway, Suite 101, P.O. Box 1017, Columbia, MO 65205.

Janet Bezler has become an associate at **Harper, Evans, Wade & Netemeyer**, 401 Locust St., Ste. 401, Columbia, 65201, phone 442-1660, fax 874-8961. She will focus on domestic relations practice.

Former Boone County assistant prosecutor **Connie Sullivan** has been appointed by Gov. Matt Blunt as Monroe County Prosecuting Attorney following the resignation of the former prosecutor there. Connie was an unsuccessful candidate for associate circuit judge in Boone County last November, and she was not retained in the Boone County Prosecutor's office in January. She plans to continue operating her own law firm in Columbia while serving in Monroe County.

Several local lawyers were honored at the Missouri Bar's Annual Meeting in Springfield in late September:

* **Marvin E. "Bunky" Wright**, the University's general counsel, and **Melody Daily**, clinical professor at the MU Law School, each received a Spurgeon Smithton award for "outstanding service toward the increase and diffusion of justice."

* **Steve Scott**, a Columbia lawyer, and **Randy Diamond**, director of library technology resources at the MU Law School, received a President's Award for their service as members of a statewide task force which led to the Missouri Bar providing Fastcase, a free online legal research tool, to Missouri lawyers.

* Recognized as "Senior Counselors" (75 years of age or 50 years bar membership) were retired Presiding Circuit Judge **Frank Conley**, retired Associate Circuit Judge **Joan Pinnell**, and local lawyers **Bob Hines**, and **Walter Ray Phillips**.

Several local lawyers taught segments of the Missouri Bar's annual Essentials of Missouri Practice CLE program Nov. 2-3 in Columbia. They were: **Keith Brunstrom**, **Janice Harder**, **Tim Harlan**, **Eliza**

beth Magee, **Steve Scott** and **Todd Werts**.

Stephen Owens, a partner at **Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP**, Kansas City, will become the University's new general counsel on Jan. 22, 2008, succeeding **Marvin E. "Bunky" Wright**, who plans to retire. Owens is a 1977 MU graduate.

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee's first annual "Chipping in for Charity" golf tournament on Columbus Day was a big success, raising over \$4,000, which was donated to Phoenix programs and the court-appointed special advocates program. The winning team was led by **Garrett Taylor** of **Van Matre, Harrison, Volkert & Hollis, P.C.**

Recent new BCBA members are:

* **Jaime Hoog**, a new associate at **Oliver, Walker, Wilson**, 401 Locust St., Suite 406, P.O. Box 477, Columbia 65205, phone 443-3134, fax 442-6323. She is a May 2007 MU Law School graduate and clerked for the firm for two years. She will focus on family law.

* **Spencer Throssell**, a new associate at **Smith Lewis, LLP**, 111 S. 9th St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 918, Columbia 65205, phone 443-3141, fax 442-6686. He graduated from Southern Methodist University Law School in May 2006. He then clerked for Missouri Supreme Court Judge **Stephen N. Limbaugh, Jr.** His focus will be on commercial and civil litigation and transactional work.

There is still time to register for the MU Law School's annual alumni homecoming and Law Day Nov. 9-10. Information is available at <http://law.missouri.edu>.

Carlyle Foley is still seeking a reasonably current set of Missouri Practice. Call him at 449-5316 if you have a set to sell.

Bill Rotts has a 517-square-foot suite including a reception area and three offices available for rent at \$600 per month, utilities included, on the terrace level of the Tenth & Walnut Building. Call 443-3463 for information.

About 70 BCBA members attended the regular meeting on Oct. 10 to hear Presiding Judge **Gene Hamilton's** annual State of the Court talk. Speaking of the courthouse renovation and addition project, he warned, "Folks, it's going to be a mess for the next couple of years."