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RSVPs due by noon Friday, Dec. 7 for Holiday Party

RSVPs are due by *noon on Friday, Dec. 7* for the annual Boone County Bar Association Holiday Party to be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 12 at the MU Reynolds Alumni Center. Spouses or dates are invited and welcome.

Make your reservations with **Sander Sowers**, 2101 Corona Rd., Suite 201, Columbia 65203, phone 256-8989, fax 256-5044, email sander@dansimonlaw.com.

When making reservations, include the names of persons attending for nametags.

The event price is \$35 per person, payable to "Boone County Bar Association." Advance payment with RSVPs is requested, but payment also will be accepted at the door. We will have to pay for all who make a reservation, so those who RSVP but do not attend will be asked to

pay if they do not pay in advance.

The Dec. 12 event will begin with a social hour at 5 p.m. with a host bar including beer/wine/soda. Mixed drinks will be available on a cash basis. The buffet dinner will be served about 6 p.m.

An instrumental music group will play holiday music. BCBA President **Jeff Parshall** will make brief remarks before the

dinner. No formal program is planned, but there will be an opportunity to introduce new members and special guests.

Law firms sponsoring desserts are Abbott, Schappe and Francis; Ford, Parshall & Baker; Harper, Evans, Wade & Netemeyer; Knight & Salladay; Lear & Werts; Oliver Walker Wilson; Rotts & Gibbs; Scott Law Firm; Smith Lewis; and Wyse Law Firm.

Start paying 2008 BCBA dues of \$40

Lawyers and firms wanting to shift a 2008 expense into 2007 may begin sending dues payments to BCBA Treasurer **Christina McCartney** at 2101 Corona Rd., Suite 201, Columbia 65203.

Dues are \$40 per lawyer. Checks should be made payable to "Boone County Bar Association."

When paying, please note if your contact information has changed.

College mock trial contest judges sought

Local lawyers are being asked to serve as judges for the undergraduate mock trial regional tournament sponsored by Columbia College and the University of Missouri-Columbia at the Law School on Friday and Saturday Feb. 22-23.

The four-round tournament serves as a competitive forum for teams to

earn bids to the national championship tournament. The Missouri Bar will authorize up to six hours of self-study CLE credit for mock trial judging activity.

Those interested in judging or wanting more information may contact **Jared Vessell** at 442-3000 or jpv@lawam.com.

Upcoming events and programs

Settlement Conferences CLE: At noon Friday, **Dec. 14** at the Boone County Courthouse, the BCBA will sponsor a CLE titled "Settlement Conferences in Domestic Cases...They Are Your Friend." This bring-your-own-lunch Program will be moderated by Judge **Gary Oxenhandler** with a panel comprised of Judge **Leslie Schneider** and attorneys **Gary Stamper** and **Betty Wilson**. The program is directed at lawyers with domestic relations cases subject to Local Rule 68, the settlement conference rule. Space will be limited. RSVP to Susan Tatters at susan.tatters@courts.mo.gov or 886-4050. The program has been approved for 1.2 hours of CLE credit.

Young Lawyers Committee: The committee will hold its annual holiday gathering at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, **Dec. 18** at in the back room at Otto's Corner Bar & Trill, 38 N. 8th St. Those attending are urged to bring a white elephant gift for the gift exchange. For more information, contact Sander Sowers at 256-8989 or sander@dansimonlaw.com.

January BCBA meeting: At the regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime **Jan. 9**, MU Law Prof. **Bill Fisch** will discuss recent U.S. Supreme Court cases and issues the court will decide in the upcoming session.

February BCBA meeting: At the regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime **Feb. 13**, Regg Turnbull will discuss elder law topics.

Steel erection for courthouse addition planned to finish in December

Construction is well under way at the Boone County Courthouse. During November work was done to reinforce the foundation and prepare the roof for steel erection.

The steel arrived Nov. 27, and during December iron workers will be setting steel on the roof of the annex (the north addition to the original courthouse). As a result of this work, some areas of the courthouse must be vacated to comply with OSHA regulations. The restricted areas will be primarily on the second floor of the annex. Caution tape will be used to help identify

restricted areas, and signs will direct the public to points of access.

During the initial phase of steel erection, access to the judges' office from the second floor lobby will be restricted. A temporary reception area will be set up in one of the attorney conference rooms across from the second floor elevators. Susan Tatters will be working from that office and can provide information regarding access issues. Courtroom 2 East will be unavailable during most of this phase.

During the second phase of

steel erection, use of the elevators will be restricted to individuals who are unable to use the stairs and will have to be coordinated through a court marshal. The main annex staircase also may be unavailable for limited periods of time. Attorneys are encouraged to use the stairway located in the original courthouse just past the marquee where courtroom assignments are posted. Courtroom 2 West will be unavailable during most of this phase.

The third and final phase of steel erection is not expected to result in many access restric-

tions.

A schedule has been established for the phases of steel erection with each of the first two phases being expected to take approximately eight work days. The schedule calls for the work to be completed before the end of December. However, the setting of steel is dependent on weather and other construction variables, and access may change daily or even hourly dependent on the status of the steel work.

Please seek out a court marshal if you have questions or concerns about access issues.

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Around the bar . . .

Howard Lang, former Columbia Mayor, Boone County Prosecuting Attorney and President of MFA Insurance before it was renamed Shelter Insurance, died Nov. 13 at the age of 95.

Bob Smith, a retired co-founder of Smith Lewis LLP, recently received the first Thompson/Evans Fee Dispute Resolution Award from the Missouri Bar Fee Dispute Resolution Committee. The award cited his long-term dedication to the public and bar, his assistance in developing the fee dispute resolution program, his service as committee chair, and his role as a volunteer mediator and arbitrator.

BCBA member **Tom Ellis** recently became legal counsel at the Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Legal Services, 221 W. High St., Room 230, P.O. Box 1527, Jefferson City 65102, phone 573-751-3229, fax 573-526-1484.

A recent new BCBA member is **Casey Forbis**, 6200 E. Kemper Rd., Hallsville 65255, phone 819-3268.

Also recently joining was **Stephanie Morrell**, assistant prosecutor, Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 886-4100, fax 886-4148.

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 10th and Walnut Building. Call 443-3463 for information.

About 55 BCBA members attended the Nov. 14 meeting to hear a program by **Steve Scott** on civil practice before associate circuit judges. The program materials are available on the CLE page of the BCBA web site, which is a sub-page of the News page.

Treasurer's Report by Christina McCartney	
Account balance as of 10/18/07	\$5,916.57
Receipts 10/18/06 - 11/21/07	
Dues	+80.00
Interest	+1.03
Young Lawyers' Golf Tournament proceeds.....	+6,975.00
Bar lunch reimbursement.....	+9.00
Disbursements 10/18/07 - 11/21/07	
Accent Press (newsletter).....	-86.21
Midwest Mailing (newsletter).....	-109.40
Young Lawyers' Golf Tournament expenses	-2,809.00
Phoenix Programs contribution (golf tournament)	-2,296.00
Heart of Mo. CASA contribution (golf tournament) ..	-1,164.00
Mo. CASA Assn. contribution (golf tournament).....	-1,164.00
Boone Tavern-Executive Committee meeting	-60.49
Boone Tavern-regular meeting-unpaid lunches	-27.00
Warren Welliver Scholarship Memorial	-100.00
Columbia Values Diversity donation.....	-100.00
Account balance as of 11/21/07	\$5,065.50

Three new slots available on MoBar Board of Governors

Skip Walther, our local representative to the Missouri Bar Board of Governors, notes that a new Missouri Supreme Court Rule expands the Board of Governors by three seats, one from each of the state appellate districts.

Applicants must submit a nominating petition with at least 10 signatures of licensed Missouri attorneys entitled to vote in the district of the candidate. Nominating petitions must be received at the Missouri Bar office in Jefferson City by Jan. 10.

More information and the nominating petition form are available at www.mobar.org/data/esq07/nov30/bog.htm.

Skip said the rule change is intended to provide greater diversity on the Board of Governors, and while that term generally denotes ethnic or gender differences, the rule is written broadly so that unique experience, knowledge or qualifications could suffice. The Board of Governors may screen the candidates to ensure that candidates qualify under the rule. Voting will be district-wide.