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CLE credit for U.S. Supreme Court program on Jan. 9

A one-hour CLE-credit program on the U.S. Supreme Court is on tap for the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St.

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

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, Jan. 8.

The program, titled "An Early Look at the Roberts Court," will be presented by MU Emeritus Law Prof. **Bill Fisch**.

Prof. Fisch will analyze significant U.S. Supreme Court decisions from the recent term and look ahead to important issues to be decided this term.

Prof. Fisch has been a mem-

ber of the MU law faculty since 1970. Before that, he practiced law in Chicago with the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis and served on the law faculty of the University of North Dakota.

In 1968-69 he was a Humboldt Fellow at the University of Freiburg, Germany. During 1980-81 he served as a Fulbright Scholar at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Private Law at the University of Hamburg in Germany, studying German civil procedure reforms.

In 1989-90 he was a Fulbright and Humboldt Scholar and in the summer of 1992 a Max Planck Society fellow in Hamburg, conducting a comparative study of the law governing professional-client contracts. He is a member of the American Law Institute, and of the Board of Editors of the

American Journal of Comparative Law.

Prof. Fisch has published widely in the areas of comparative law and procedure. He teaches Comparative Law, Constitutional Law, International Law, International Protection of Human Rights Seminar, International Moot Court, Professional Responsibility and European Union Law.

From the BCBA President

As we enter a new year, everyone should take time to reflect on what makes the practice of law a great and honorable profession. One of the things that comes to mind is civility.

It seems as we get more and more lawyers and more and more cases, and as the pace of our culture speeds up, that we fail to take time to consider other litigants and other attorneys. We should remember the following passages from the Oath of Admission we all took:

"That I will faithfully demean myself in my practice to the best of my knowledge and ability.

"That I will maintain the re-

spect due to courts of justice and judicial officers....

"That I will abstain from all offensive personality...."

One of the things that has made practicing in Boone County and Central Missouri what I believe to be the best place to practice is the general civility and respect lawyers have shown to each other over the years. We don't see that in all places, and it is something that I believe we should remind ourselves of regularly and try to continue in the coming years.

My best wishes to everyone for 2008.

—Jeff Parshall

Upcoming events

Mark your calendar now for these upcoming events:

Feb. 13: A CLE-credit program on elder law will be presented by Regg Turnbull.

March 11: The annual Bench-Bar Dinner will be held in Columbia at a location to be decided.

More details on these events will appear in future Newsletters.

\$40 dues for 2008 are now due

2008 dues of \$40 per lawyer are now due. Please use the coupon below to send dues payments or claim a first-time waiver.

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.

Members who have not paid dues by April will be removed from the rolls.

Please note any changes in name, address, phone and fax numbers

2008 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form

(Make checks payable to "Boone County Bar Association, Inc.")

To: **Christina McCartney, Treasurer**
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Columbia, MO 65203-2582

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Around the bar

The Young Lawyers Committee will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15 for a happy hour at the Black & Gold, 2102 Business Loop 70 E. For information, contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or sander@dansimonlaw.com.

Senior U.S. District Court Judge **Scott O. Wright** has released his memoirs, *Never in Doubt: Memoirs of an Uncommon Judge*, co-written with Larry M. Schumaker. The book is available for \$19.95 from the publisher, Kansas City Star Books. Judge Wright graduated from the MU Law School in 1950. He practiced in Columbia until 1979 when he was appointed U.S. District Judge. The book's co-author, Larry Schumaker, was a law clerk for Judge Wright before entering private practice in Kansas City.

Recent new BCBA members, in alphabetical order, are:
 * **Casey Rose Berndt**, a new associate at the George Law Firm, L.L.C., 28 S. 8th St., Suite 903, Columbia 65201, phone 442-6050, fax 442-6053. She is a 1997 graduate of the Oklahoma City University School of Law and is licensed in Missouri and Texas. She will focus on business and health law and estate planning.
 * **Harold ("Henry") R. Setser**, Vice President and General Counsel, A.T. Still University of Health Sciences, 7611 Hill Creek Rd., Columbia 65203, phone 442-5349, fax 442-8049.

* **Kelly Wallis**, a new associate at Rotts & Gibbs, LLC, 1001 E. Walnut St., Suite 301, P.O. Box 7385, Columbia 65205, phone 443-3463, fax 443-7099. She is a May 2007 MU Law School graduate. She previously received a bachelor's degree in nursing and practiced as a registered nurse.

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.

Carlyle Foley is still seeking a reasonably current set of West's *Missouri Practice*. Please call him at 449-5316 if you have a set for sale.

CLE credit for mock trial judging

Local lawyers are needed as judges for an undergraduate mock trial regional competition at the MU Law School on Friday, Feb. 23 and Saturday, Feb. 24. The Missouri Bar will authorize up to six hours of self-study CLE credit for mock trial judging activity.

Columbia College and the University of Missouri-Columbia are hosting the competition, which serves as a competitive forum for teams to earn bids to the National Championship Tournament. Judges will score a printed ballot with established criteria and rule on evidentiary objections governed by an evidence code similar to

the Federal Rules of Evidence. This year's case is a criminal case involving an alleged assault of a protective services worker by an individual on probation. The rounds begin at 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. Those interested in judging or wanting more information may contact **Jared Vessell** at 443-3000 or jpv@lawam.com or Columbia College Prof. Barry Langford at 875-7484 or brlangford@ccis.edu. Further information about intercollegiate mock trial may be obtained at www.collegemock-trial.org.

Treasurer's Report by Christina McCartney	
Account balance as of 11/21/07	\$5,065.50
Receipts 11/21/06 - 12/21/07	
Dues	+1,590.00
Interest	+1.47
Holiday Party	+3,477.00
Disbursements 11/21/07 - 12/21/07	
Accent Press (Newsletter)	-86.21
Midwest Mailing (Newsletter)	-114.40
Editor/Webmaster (October-December)	-375.00
Holiday Party nametags	-34.93
Account balance as of 12/21/07	\$9,523.43