



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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## 'Innocence Project' is topic at Aug. 12 meeting

The Innocence Project, a collaboration between the MU Journalism School and Law School, will be the topic at the next regular BCBA meeting at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12 at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St.

CLE credit has been applied for, and it is expected the program will qualify for 1.2 hours credit.

**RSVP:** To reserve your spot for the meeting, contact **Emily Little** at 449-2613 or [elittle@fpb-law.com](mailto:elittle@fpb-law.com) by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11.

The presenter will be Steve Weinberg, magazine journalism professor at the Journalism School. He spearheaded the formation of the Innocence Project at MU in conjunction with the Midwestern Innocence Pro-

ject headquartered at UMKC.

Ben Poston, a graduate student participating in the project, wrote an investigative article published in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch about the conviction of Joshua Kezer for the 1992 murder in southeast Missouri of 19-year-old nursing student Angela Lawless.

Kezer was released from prison in February this year after 17 years behind bars when Cole County Circuit Judge Richard Callahan ruled he was wrongly convicted.

## YLC plans 2009 golf tournament

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will host its annual charity golf tournament, "Chipping in for Charity," on Monday, Oct. 12 (Columbus Day, a court holiday), at the Columbia Country Club. Net proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Mid-Missouri Access to Justice Project.

The tournament will be a four-person scramble format, open to both lawyers and non-lawyers. There will be a shotgun start at noon, with lunch and check-in beginning at 10:45 a.m. The entry fee is \$100/person and \$400/team, which includes green fees, range privileges, cart, lunch, beverages (beer, soda, water), and an after-tournament reception. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams as well as for achievements such as longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt. There will also be hole-in-one

prizes.

The registration deadline for the tournament is Friday, Sept. 18. The registration form accompanies the online version of this article on the BCBA website. Checks should be payable to the Boone County Bar Association and mailed with the entry form to Chris Schappe, Abbott, Schappe & Francis, LLC, 19 East Walnut Street, Columbia, MO 65203.

The YLC also is seeking sponsorships and prize donations for the tournament. Please see the registration form for more information on the various sponsorships and/or contact **Gretchen Yancey** at 443-2828 or [gyancey@edorr.com](mailto:gyancey@edorr.com), or **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or [sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com](mailto:sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com).

Last year's golf tournament raised more than \$5,500 for Mid-Missouri Legal Services.

## Family law legislative proposals to be discussed Aug. 11

BCBA members are invited to attend a meeting of the BCBA Family Law Committee at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 to discuss family law legislative proposals from the Missouri Bar.

The meeting will be held in the 9<sup>th</sup> floor banquet room at the Tiger Hotel, 23 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Columbia. Those attending should bring their own lunches.

The committee will formulate recommendations to the BCBA Executive Committee, which will pass on the local bar's position to the Missouri Bar.

Those interested in reviewing the proposals before the meeting should contact Family Law Committee Chair **Amy Markel** at 449-2740 or [amy@markelandlingolaw.com](mailto:amy@markelandlingolaw.com).

Proposal 1 would provide legislative guidelines for the creation and enforcement of premarital agreements. Its proponents state that it fills a existing gap in Chapter

452 and will reduce litigation as to the validity, enforceability and alleged breaches of premarital agreements.

Proposal 2 would amend Sections 452.435, 452.436, 452.437 and 452.438 RSMo. to provide for the appointment of a Parent Coordinator in high-conflict family law cases in which the parents demonstrate a pattern of ongoing litigation, inability to comply with orders or agreements or difficulty in appropriately communicating about the care of their children. The legislation would grant Parent Coordinators the ability to issue reports, recommendations or decisions that are binding until further order of the Court.

Proposal 3 provides for adoption of the 2001 and 2008 national amendments to the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act (UIFSA). The current UIFSA provisions in Missouri are in Chapters 452 and 454.

*What's Your  
ADR I.Q.?  
From the BCBA  
ADR Committee*

Are you familiar with ADR in the criminal justice field? Often referred to under the label "restorative justice" such ADR programs include victim-offender mediation and community justice boards. These programs seek to respond to crime in a way that both holds the offender accountable while also repairing harm to the victim, and healing communities.

The 7th Judicial Circuit in Clay County has operated restorative justice programs for juvenile offenders for the last ten years. It reports that the recidivism rates for youths who participate in face-to-face mediation are about 1%, compared to rates of 25% or more for youth handled by traditional processes. There are at least 6 mediators in the Columbia area who attended the victim-offender mediation training offered at the MU School of Law last August. This year there will be a Symposium on Restorative Justice in the Adult Criminal Courts at the MU Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution on Nov. 13, 2009. For more information on the symposium you can contact [colemant@missouri.edu](mailto:colemant@missouri.edu) or go to the Coalition's website at [www.morjc.org](http://www.morjc.org).

To join the Restorative Justice Coalition download the application on their website. If you are interested in participating in a dialogue about where and how restorative justice programs might be used here in Columbia, please email BCBA ADR committee chair Sarah Read at [sjr@readadr.com](mailto:sjr@readadr.com).

— Sarah Read

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## Around the bar . . .

Funeral services and a reception to greet family members were held for **Phil Grimes**, one of the most senior members of the Boone County Bar, on Saturday, July 25. He died July 21 at the age of 94. The BCBA ordered a flower arrangement for the service.

**Michael L. Foster** has been promoted from associate to co-owner at Faber & Brand, LLC, 6750 New Town Ave. S., P.O. Box 10110, Columbia 65205. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he obtained his B.S. from Truman State University and his law degree from MU. He joined the firm in 2004.

BCBA member **Erica W. Hudson**, formerly with the Harris McCausland firm, recently joined Rotts & Gibbs, LLC, 1001 E. Walnut St., Suite 301, P.O. Box 7385, Columbia 65205, phone 443-3463, fax 443-7099.

**Keith Brunstrom** is the new President of the Missouri Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. He invites bar members to attend the chapter's summer meeting from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 14 at the Courtyard by Marriott, 3301 LeMone Industrial Blvd. The program is approved for 1.2 hours of CLE credit, and the cost is \$35 including lunch. Those interested in attending should contact Keith at 657-5755 or by email at [kwbrunstrom@aol.com](mailto:kwbrunstrom@aol.com).

The BCBA Young Lawyers Committee will meet for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18 at the Law Offices of **Sarah J. Read**, 1905 Cherry Hill Dr., Suite 200. A program will be presented on Twitter and how it can be used in conjunction with a law practice. The program is free of charge and is being submitted for possible CLE credit. Please bring your own lunch to the program. The upcoming YLC golf tournament will also be a topic of discussion. For information contact **Sander Sowers** at 256-8989 or [sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com](mailto:sander.sowers@sdelawfirm.com).

A program on "Improving the Quality of Mediation In Civil Cases" will be

presented from 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 27 at the office of **Sarah Read**, 1905 Cherry Hill Dr. Suite 200. Sarah chairs the BCBA's Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. Sarah and Randy Hoerschgen, a member of the board of the Association of Missouri Mediators, will show and discuss the ABA's video "Representing Clients in Mediation" and also discuss the final report from the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution's Task Force on Improving the Quality of Mediation. Everyone attending will receive a copy of the report and other supporting handouts. Attendance is limited to 15. To sign up or request more information, contact Sarah at [sjr@readadr.com](mailto:sjr@readadr.com) or 447-2349.

Recent new BCBA members, in alphabetical order, are:

\* **Spencer Bartlett**, The A.W. Smith Law Firm, P.C., 2600C Forum Blvd., Columbia 65203, phone 443-7300, fax 443-7301. He grew up in Columbia and received undergraduate degrees from MU. He received his law degree from the University of Texas-Austin in 2003. Before returning to Columbia this year, he was in private practice in Dallas and later served as general counsel for a biomedical company.

\* **Leslie Ann Metzger**, Law Offices of Leslie Metzger, LLC, 3006 Linden Way, Columbia 65202, phone 289-8680. She received her law degree from Drake University Law School with honors in 2001. She then clerked seven years for a U.S. District Court judge in Iowa before relocating to Columbia in 2008 to open a general practice.

\* **Jo Annette Self**, Law Office of Jo Annette Self, 100 E. Broadway, Suite C, P.O. Box 318, Ashland 65010, phone 657-0768, fax 657-0968. She graduated from the UMKC Law School in 1994 and then worked as a staff attorney for the Administrative Hearing Commission for 2 years, followed by private general practice in Marshall. In 2000 she became Director of Legal Services for Missouri State Teachers Association; in 2004 she was promoted to General Counsel. She left MSTA in late 2006 to be at home with her young daughter, who is now school age. In her current practice she intends to focus on nonprofit and small business law and traffic.

Criminal Law Committee Chair **Kay Evans** reminds bar members that they are welcome to attend the committee's regular meetings at 11:45 a.m. the third Thursday of each month (Aug. 20 this month) at the Pasta Factory. For questions, contact Kay at 442-1660 or [kevans@hewnlaw.com](mailto:kevans@hewnlaw.com).

**Stan Clay** still has office-sharing space available at 28 N. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 517. Included are receptionist, secretary, phone system, fax, conference room, copier, postage, utilities, possibly some furniture, and electronic research access. Call Stan at 442-1646 for information.

<b>Treasurer's Report by Kristen Dickinson</b>	
Account balance as of 6/26/09.....	\$11992.76
<b>Receipts 6/27/09 -7/31/09</b>	
Interest.....	+0.63
Dues .....	+279.00
<b>Disbursements 6/27/09 - 7/31/09</b>	
Accent Press (newsletter) .....	-73.10
Midwest Mailing (newsletter) .....	-95.60
Annual corporate registration fee .....	-10.00
Speaker lunch .....	-9.00
<b>Account balance as of 7/31/09.....</b>	<b>\$12084.69</b>