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MMLS takes over MMA2J pro bono services program

Mid-Missouri Access to Justice has announced that it will disband at the end of January and its *pro bono* legal services project will be undertaken by the Mid Missouri Legal Services Corporation.

The decision was made after discussions between the MMA2J and MMLS boards of directors in November and December, which were initiated after the resignation, effective Dec. 25, of the MMA2J Coordinator, **Negar Rezvani**.

Current members of the MMA2J board will serve as an advisory board for the MMLS *pro bono* project, along with additional community leaders identified by MMLS and the advisory board members.

Pro se litigants who are scheduled for Access to Justice *Pro Se* Dissolution Clinics will be assisted through the MMLS *Pro Se* Dissolution Clinics in January and February.

The two organizations said in a prepared statement that they are excited about their collaboration and by the number of local attorneys who have come forward to actively promote the development of a *pro bono* attorney program in mid-Missouri.

CLE credit for Jan. 12 alternative courts program

Circuit Judge **Christine Carpenter**'s program on alternative sentencing courts at the Jan. 12 BCBA meeting at Boone Tavern has been approved for 1.2 hours of CLE credit.

As usual when CLE programs are presented, meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. Jan 12 in the County Room on the lower level of Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St. A brief business meeting will precede the program.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Adam Patchett** at 442-7000 or apatchett.pbp@gmail.com by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11. RSVPs are necessary so Boone Tavern can prepare sufficient food and seating.

Judge Carpenter's program is titled "Update on All Things Alternative" and will cover Drug Court, Mental Health Court, On Track Court and DWI Court.

The Boone County Drug Court Program is a

court-supervised treatment program including regular court appearances, drug testing, individual counseling and group counseling.

The Boone County Mental Health Court serves persons with mental illness who appear as defendants in criminal cases. The program includes regular court appearances, drug testing, and individual and group counseling.

The Boone County On Track Program is a court-supervised program which accepts participants after 120 days in the Department of Corrections. This is a program ordered by the Court and is part of the terms of probation. Participation includes regular court appearances and drug testing.

The Boone County DWI Court is a court-supervised program which accepts post-plea DWI prior offenders. Participation includes regular court appearances, drug testing, individual counseling and group counseling.

Around the Courthouse: CLE credit for technology training

1.2 hours of CLE credit will be granted for attendance at the free one-hour training session on the use of the technology courtroom (3 West) at the Boone County Courthouse at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21.

The program, presented by 13th Circuit I.T. Supervisor Steve Smith, will focus on technology resources available to present evidence.

To reserve a spot, RSVP to Steve Smith by 5 p.m. Jan. 20 at 886-4086 or steve.smith@courts.mo.gov.

WEBSITE UPDATES

Recent court-related updates to the bar website, all accessible from the Court Info menu, are:

- Docket schedules effective Jan. 1, on the Docket Schedules page.
- Complete set of local rules updated through Dec. 1, 2010 on

the Local Rules page.

• Proposed revisions to Local Rule 61 dealing with adoptions, available for bar review and comment on the Pending Rules page.

• Revised Local Rule 6.1.2, effective Dec. 14, on the Local Rules Page.

CASE INFO SHEETS

Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore reminds bar members that Case Filing Information Sheets are required for all cases filed. She says the sheets are particularly important in Family Court cases so that all information on the children can be included in the court's computer system. Delays may occur if all required data is not provided.

Use coupon below to pay 2011 BCBA dues

2011 dues are now due and may be sent to Treasurer **Ben Nelson** using the coupon below.

Dues are \$50/lawyer, except that "public service" lawyers pay \$25 (see the Dues page on the bar website for the definition of public service).

2011 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form

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

To: **Ben Nelson, Treasurer**

Boone County Bar Association

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Columbia, MO 65201-4197

___ Enclosed is payment of \$_____ for 2010 BCBA dues for the following attorneys

(at \$50 per attorney, or \$25 per attorney for "public service" attorneys)

___ Person named below claims first-time dues waiver for: ___ Judge ___ Seniority

Name(s) and address (note contact information changes, if any) _____

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Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 13, 11:45 a.m.: *Criminal Law Committee* meeting at Boone Tavern. For information contact chair **Jennifer Bukowsky** at 443-2288 or j@lawbuk.com.

Thursday, Jan. 18, 5:15 to 7:15 p.m.: *Young Lawyers Committee* happy hour at CJ's Hotwings, 704 E. Broadway. Contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com for information.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Milt Harper, 2010-11 chair of the *Practice, Procedure & Judiciary Committee*, invites BCBA members to submit issues for the committee's consideration to him at mharper@hewnlaw.com.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Greg Jones and **Chris Watkins** have moved their firm, Jones & Watkins LLC, to 1123 Wilkes Blvd., Suite 330, Columbia 65201. Their phone and fax numbers remain 234-1130 and 234-1153, respectively.

Matt Darrough and **Nathan Wright** have moved their firm, Darrough & Wright, to 4200 Merchant St., Suite 103, Columbia 65203, phone 445-1234, fax 441-0693.

NEW MEMBERS

• **Ross A. Bridges**, a new associate at Atwill & Montgomery, 28 N. 8th St., Suite 200, Columbia 65201, phone 442-3000, fax 449-1094. After undergraduate work at Southeast Missouri State University, he served in the Marines in Iraq and later started law school in Florida. He transferred to the MU Law School for his second and third years and graduated in 2010. He clerked for the same firm before becoming an associate. His practice areas are workers compensation, personal injury, employment law and environmental law.

• **Josh C. Devine**, who will become an associate at Ford, Parshall & Baker LLC on Jan. 15. A Columbia native and the son of the late Jim Devine, former MU Law School Associate Dean who died unexpectedly in 2010, Josh has been an associate at Husch Blackwell LLP in St. Louis since 2007, working primarily in litigation. He graduated from the MU Law School in 2007, was a member of the Order of the Coif, and clerked for Ford *et al.* while in law school. He will be primarily involved in litigation.

OTHER NEWS

The BCBA Executive Committee voted to contribute \$100 to the Columbia Values Diversity Celebration. President **Tom Schneider** and Vice President **Marvin Tofle** are scheduled to represent the BCBA at the 17th annual Diversity Breakfast on Jan. 13, which will commemorate the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and celebrate diversity in our community.

A BCBA member with computer skills is needed to do periodic maintenance on the BCBA computer in the Counsel Chambers at the courthouse, including updating the anti-malware program. If interested, contact **Steve Scott** at 442-7268 or sscott@scottlawfirm.com.

The MU Law School is once again planning a Small Firm and Public Interest Expo and asks bar members to save the date of Friday, March 11 for the 6th annual expo, which will include complimentary CLE program credit. More information will be provided later. Contact **Andrea Follett** with questions at 882-6444 or folletta@missouri.edu.

Composite proof at Jan. 12 meeting for review

The new BCBA composite photograph is nearing completion, and a proof of the composite will be available at the Jan. 12 meeting so members can review it for possible errors, according to project leader **Sander Sowers**.

Ordering information will be announced in a future *Newsletter*.

Treasurer's Report by Ben Nelson

Account balance as of 11/30/10.....	\$18661.77
Receipts 11/30/10 -12/29/10	
Dues.....	+2935.25
Disbursements 11/30/10 - 12/29/10	
Accent Press (newsletter printing).....	-62.27
Midwest Mailing (newsletter mailing).....	-82.54
Editor/Webmaster (Oct-Nov 2010)	-450.00
Account balance as of 12/29/10.....	\$21002.21