



# Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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### Treasurer's Report by Ben Nelson

Account balance as of 1/28/11 .....	\$20,541.65
Receipts 1/28/11 - 2/24/11	
Dues .....	+1,900.00
Interest .....	+0.99
Disbursements 1/28/11 - 2/24/11	
Accent Press (Newsletter printing) .....	-61.93
Midwest Mailing (Newsletter mailing) .....	-82.54
Sycamore (Executive Committee meeting) .....	-68.32
Account balance as of 2/24/11 .....	\$22,229.85

## Covington named 'Woman of Year'

Boone County's own **Ann Covington**, retired Missouri Supreme Court and former Court of Appeals judge, has been named 2011 Woman of the Year by the Greater Missouri Leadership Foundation.

She will receive the award at a special luncheon at 11:30 a.m. March 3 at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. For more information, see [www.greatermo.org](http://www.greatermo.org).

The annual award recognizes prominent female citizens of

Missouri.

Ann joined Bryan Cave LLP upon retiring from the Supreme Court in 2001 after 12 years of service, including a term as Chief Justice. She served two years on the Western District Court of Appeals before being appointed to the Supreme Court.

She is a 1977 MU Law School graduate and worked as a Missouri Assistant Attorney General and in private practice in Columbia before beginning her judicial career.

## Bar invited to Law School Expo March 11

Bar members are invited to the MU Law School's 6th Annual Small Firm and Public Interest Expo on Friday, March 11.

This event is designed for all attorneys in government practice, the judiciary, not-for-profits, and firms of fewer than 25 attorneys.

There will be a networking reception with fellow attorneys and MU law students from 12:30

to 2 p.m., including refreshments.

After the reception, attorneys are invited to attend a complimentary CLE (worth 2.0 hours of Missouri ethics CLE credit) from 2 to 4 p.m.

Please RSVP to Andrea Follett ([folletta@missouri.edu](mailto:folletta@missouri.edu)) or Lesley Clark ([nilgesl@missouri.edu](mailto:nilgesl@missouri.edu)) by March 1.

## Ethics CLE credit for March 9 BCBA program

"Do's and Don'ts for the Practitioner" will be **Sarah Read's** topic at the next regular BCBA meeting at Boone Tavern on Wednesday, March 9.

The program has been approved for 1.2 hours of CLE credit (including 1.2 hours of ethics/professionalism credit).

As usual when CLE programs are presented, meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. March 9 in the County Room on the lower level of Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St.

**RSVP:** To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA

Secretary **Adam Patchett** at 442-7000 or [apatchett.pbp@gmail.com](mailto:apatchett.pbp@gmail.com) by 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 8. RSVPs are necessary so Boone Tavern can prepare sufficient food and seating.

Sarah is the principal of the Law Offices of S.J. Read and focuses on alternative dispute resolution, particularly mediation. She is a frequent CLE presenter.

Her program will discuss the top 10 ways to succeed and top 10 ways to fail in law practice.

## Bench-Bar event scheduled April 13

Mark your calendar now for the annual Bench-Bar gathering to be held this year on the evening of April 13 at the Country Club of Missouri.

The format will be different this year. Instead of a formal dinner, the event will be a casual mixer-style affair. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The annual bench-bar gathering is

designed to allow lawyers, judges and courthouse personnel to mingle and get better acquainted.

The event is co-sponsored by the Boone and Callaway bars. It alternates two years in Boone County and one year in Callaway. It will be held in Boone County this year and next year.

More details will be provided when arrangements are completed.

## 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). Dues are waived for sitting and retired judges and members who have been licensed 50 years or more or who are at least 75 years old.

### 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**  
29 E. Ash St.  
Columbia, MO 65201-4197

Enclosed is payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 2011 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

**March 1:** Campaign kickoff event for **Helen Wade's** Columbia Board of Education campaign from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Teller's Gallery, 9th and Broadway, Columbia. All BCBA members are invited.

**March 10:** BCBA Criminal Law Committee meeting at 11:45 a.m. at Room 38. The speaker will be Boone County First Assistant Prosecutor **Richard Hicks**. For information contact chair **Jennifer Bukowsky** at 443-2288 or [j@lawbuk.com](mailto:j@lawbuk.com).

**March 11:** Fish Fry and Auction fundraiser for **Glen Ehrhardt's** Fifth Ward Columbia City Council campaign from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 2513 N. Stadium Blvd., Columbia. Tickets are \$10/person.

**March 12-13:** The MU Law School is hosting the ABA Regional Representation in Mediation Competition and is seeking lawyers/mediators to serve as judges (CLE credit granted). The competition is designed to acquaint law students with advocacy skills in alternative dispute resolution processes, particularly mediation, and will involve students from Missouri, Michigan, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois and Kansas. More information is available at [www.law.missouri.edu/boa/](http://www.law.missouri.edu/boa/). To volunteer, contact Larry Hall at [lh3kf@mail.missouri.edu](mailto:lh3kf@mail.missouri.edu).

**March 15:** Young Lawyers Committee happy hour from 5:15 to 7:15 p.m. at Addison's, 709 Cherry St. All are welcome to attend. For information, contact **Sander Sowers** at 875-1991 or [sowers@learwerts.com](mailto:sowers@learwerts.com).

**March 31:** Retirement reception from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Third Floor Jury Assembly Room at the Boone County Courthouse for Sue Robinson, who is retiring from the Circuit Clerk's office after 13 years there. She works in the civil division and has spent much of her time recording court proceedings.

**April 16:** The Women Lawyers Association of Mid-Missouri invites bar members to join them in the 6th annual Tim Heinsz Memorial 5K Run/Walk and 1st annual Jim Devine Dog Walk. The event is organized by the Student Bar Association and will start at the MU Law School at 9 a.m. To become a WLAMM team member, contact **Gretchen Yancey** at 443-2828 or [gyancey@edorr.com](mailto:gyancey@edorr.com) by March 18.

### FIRM ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christopher L. Kespohl** and **Michael W. McCrary** announced they have joined their offices and partnered with Robert W. Cornejo to form the firm of Kespohl, McCrary & Cornejo, LLC, at 1103 E. Walnut St., Columbia 65201, phone 443-2889, fax 443-3889. The firm operates statewide and has satellite offices in O'Fallon, South St. Louis County, Doniphan, Chilli-

cothe and Jefferson City. Associates at the firm are **Kelly C. Wallis** and **Tammy S. Kearns**.

**David Brown** has moved Brown Law Office LC to 501 Cherry St., Suite 100, Columbia 65201. His new phone number is 814-2375. His fax, 800-906-6199, is unchanged.

### NEW MEMBERS

**Erica Eliason**, Office of State Public Defender, 1000 W. Nifong Blvd., Bldg. 7, Suite 100, Columbia 65203, phone 882-9855, fax 884-4793. She is a 2007 graduate of the Texas Southern University Law School and spent three years with the Poplar Bluff Public Defender Office before transferring to the Central Appellate Office of the Public Defender system. She works on appeals of civil commitment cases under the sexually violent predator statute.

**Erika Simone Fadel**, MU Law School Office of Career Development, 103 Hulston Hall, Columbia 65211, phone 884-5177, fax 882-9625.

**Brian J. Lewis**, Brian Lewis Law, LLC, P.O. Box 10134, Columbia 65205, phone 889-9162.

**Steve Van Matre**, Assistant City Counselor, City of Columbia, 701 E. Broadway, P.O. Box 6015, Columbia 65205, phone 874-7223.

### OTHER NEWS

**Nancy McKerrow** has been appointed to serve as a volunteer mediator and arbitrator in the Missouri Bar's Fee Dispute Resolution Program.

**Jack Lukehart**, a long-time solo practitioner in Brunswick, MO, is retiring and seeking a lawyer to take over his practice, including the office building, equipment and furniture. Practice areas include real estate, criminal law, municipal law, probate/estates/trusts, small corporations and banking, and could include workers compensation and personal injury. For information, contact Jack at 211 E. Broadway, Brunswick, MO 65236, phone 660-548-3636, fax 660-548-3643.

**Matt Darrough** has office-sharing space available at 4200 Merchant St., Suite 103, Columbia 65203, in the Cherry Hill development. Contact Matt at 445-1234 or [mattdarrough@mac.com](mailto:mattdarrough@mac.com) for information.

The Hines Law Firm, LLC has a three-room office suite available at 200 N. Ninth St., Columbia, on the lower level of its building. For information contact **Robert Hines Jr.** at 443-4500.

About 55 members attended the regular meeting on Feb. 10 to hear member **Donald Weaver's** program on "Police Use of Force." His materials are posted on the CLE Materials page (Other Topics menu) of the BCBA website.