



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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Holiday Party to Benefit Food Bank December 8; RSVPs Due December 2

Food banks nationwide are struggling to feed hungry people in this difficult economy, so the BCBA Holiday Party on December 8 has been designed to help our local Food Bank at the same time as we enjoy this annual social gathering with other lawyers and judges and their spouses and dates.

We must have RSVPs for the Holiday Party by noon on December 2. Please RSVP to BCBA Secretary **Gretchen Yancey**, P.O. Box 584, Columbia, MO 65205, phone and fax 514 4061, email Gretchen@TheYanceyLawFirm.com.

The party will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 8 at the Columbia Country Club, 2210 Country Club Dr. Spouses and dates are invited and welcome. Featured entertainment for the evening will be a talented local jazz band, the Missing Window Trio.

The format will be a mixer with heavy hors d'oeuvres. There will be a host bar providing soft drinks, beer and wine. Mixed drinks will be available for purchase. A very brief program will take place at 7 p.m.

The Food Bank collection will help us focus on giving to others in the holiday spirit. The Food Bank helps many hungry people in our area and also sends a lot of food to Joplin for the tornado victims, which has been an issue of particular concern for our bar members. Here's how the collection will work:

- ! We're asking each person to bring about \$5 worth of non-perishable food items to the party -- packages, bottles, cans. The Food Bank provide and pick up collection bins. If you bring food, your admission price will be \$20 per person.
- ! If you prefer not to bring food or cannot do so for some reason, your admission price will be \$25, and the bar will donate \$5 to the Food Bank on your behalf.

Even with the Food Bank contributions, the cost of this year's Holiday Party is a bargain. The per-person cost in previous years has been as much as \$35.

You can pay at the door. However, if you RSVP but end up not being able to come, we will still need for you to pay since the bar will have to pay the Country Club based on the number who made reservations.

We hope to see you there so we can have a great turnout and a fantastic collection for the Food Bank!

-- **Steve Scott**, BCBA Vice President and Program Chair

Link to one-page PDF file of this announcement for convenient printing: [Holiday Party Announcement](#).

Changes Made Regarding Adoption Filings in Boone County Court

Message to BCBA from Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore:

"Due to the increase in garnishment filings, we have been forced to move an FTE from the Family Court Division to the Accounting Division due to the increase in garnishment filings.

I am very thankful that we are able to make this move to offer better service in the Accounting Department, however, to ensure we stay at the level of service we want to offer in the Family Court Division, we have to make some changes in this division as well.

Effective immediately, Loretta Gilman will be handling ALL aspects of adoption cases. If you have questions, filings, etc, either as GAL or attorney for parent(s), please direct those to Loretta at 886.04040. In her absence the contacts will be the FC Supervisor, Carolyn Reddin and/or the FC Asst. Supervisor, Toni Kardon. I apologize if this causes you any inconvenience.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 886-4041."

Callaway County Now Accepts Debit Cards, per Court Rule Revision

On October 28, Judge Oxenhandler signed an Order to amend Local Court Rule 67.1.3, effective September 13, 2011, regarding Cash Bonds, to bring Callaway County in line with Boone County with regards to accepting debit cards and eliminating the \$4.00 fee for the use of credit cards.

'Bar Hunger in Mid-Missouri' Campaign A Success!

Thanks to our members' generosity, BCBA donated a barrel of food and \$3,800 to the food bank! Congratulations and a special thanks to **Jean Goldstein** for making the largest individual donation and to the Bassett Law Firm for the largest firm donation!

The public relations committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the first annual Bar Hunger in Mid-Missouri campaign benefitting the Central and Northeast Missouri Food Bank:

Bassett Law Firm	Jean Goldstein	Nancy McKerrow
Bley & Evans	Jenny Young	Rogers Ehrhardt & Weber
Bush & Patchett	Jill Jackson	Rotts & Gibbs
Chelseá Mitchell	Judge Kevin Crane	Smith Lewis LLP
Earl Seitz	Lori Green	Steve Van Matre
Ford Parshall Baker	Lorri Kline	Tana Benner
Harry Boul	Markel & Lingo	Tom Mingus
Harvey Hoffman	Marvin Tofle	Harper, Evans, Wade & Netemeyer
Janice Harder	Melissa Faurot	

Volunteers Needed for Upcoming High School Mock Trial Competition

The Regional High School Mock Trial competition will be held at the Boone County Courthouse from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 21st, and Saturday, February 25th, 2012. Attorneys are needed to volunteer to serve as judges and evaluators for the high school students participating in the competition. Attorneys who are available to volunteer on either date should contact **Bill Ellis** at 573-777-3900 or at bill@billellislaw.com.

Volunteers Needed for Undergraduate Mock Trial Competition in January

Columbia College and the University of Missouri Columbia are hosting an undergraduate Mock trial Invitational tournament competition at the Law school on Friday January 13 and Saturday January 14, 2012. The tournament hosts need attorneys to serve as Judges for this four round Tournament, 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 a homicide arising from a DWI incident. The Missouri Bar will authorize up to six hours of self-study CLE credit for Mock trial judging activity. Judges are needed for any and all of the rounds, which begin at 2:00pm and 7:00pm on Friday and 9:00am and 1:00pm on Saturday.

Those interested in judging or in need of further information may contact Professor Barry Langford at Columbia College brlangford@ccis.edu (875-7484). Further information about intercollegiate Mock trial may be obtained at <http://www.collegemocktrial.org>, from **Jared Vessell** email jared@thevbfirm.com or **Ross Bridges** email ross@thevbfirm.com at Vessell Bridges Law Offices, LLC, phone 777-4488.

Call for Family Court Mediators

The 13th Judicial Circuit is now accepting applications for their 2011 list of Court-Approved Family Court Mediators. Supreme Court of Missouri Rule 88.05 requires a mediator in a contested child custody matter to be an attorney or to possess graduate degree in a field that includes the study of psychiatry, psychology, social work, counseling or other behavioral science substantially related to marriage and family interpersonal relationships.

This rule also mandates that a mediator has received a minimum of 20 hours of child custody mediation training in a program approved by the court. Applicants must submit an application form and certificate of completion of hours taken.

The 13th Circuit's Local Court Rule 68.12(C) notes that "It is expected that mediators will maintain and develop mediation skills by attending a minimum of six hours of mediation related training annually."

Please submit your completed application by December 30, 2011, to **Mary Epping**, Assistant to the Court Administrator, 13th Judicial Circuit, Boone County Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut St., Columbia, MO 65201. Application forms are available on the Boone County Bar's website or by calling Mary at 886-4059 or e-mailing her at mary.epping@courts.mo.gov.

Women Lawyer's Association of Mid-Missouri Holiday Party November 30

The Women Lawyers' Association of Mid-Missouri (WLAMM) is holding its annual holiday party on November 30, 2011, at the home of **Randa Rawlins** from 6-8 p.m., 5408 W. Tayside Circle, Columbia. Members, or those interested in joining, are invited to attend.

WLAMM suggests that attendees bring a holiday contribution/donation, which will be divided between the Jefferson City Rape and Abuse Crisis Service, the Columbia Voluntary Action Center, and the Boone County Drug Court Program. Toiletry items will also be collected and donated to the Drug Court.

Attendees also may pay dues for the 2011-2012 membership year (\$25). For additional information or directions, please contact **Tamara Kopp** at tamara.kopp@insurance.mo.gov or Amy Hoyt at amy.hoyt@insurance.mo.gov.

Start Paying 2012 Dues

Lawyers and firms wishing to expense 2012 BCBA dues in 2011 may begin sending \$50/lawyer dues to Treasurer **Julia Grus** at 401 Locust St., Ste. 406, Columbia, MO 65205. Make checks payable to "Boone County Bar Association." Dues become payable January 1, and members will be removed from the rolls if they have not paid dues by April 1, 2012. Dues are waived for sitting and retired judges, and members who have reached 75 years of age, or have been licensed for 50 years.

If contact information has changed, please provide updated information with your dues payment. If a firm is adding a new member, please complete and send an enrollment form for him/her with the dues payment.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 30, 5:30 p.m.: The Commercial Law Committee will be meeting on November 30, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at Boone Tavern to socialize and to discuss plans for the upcoming year. Anyone who is interested in commercial law is invited to attend. For more information contact **Janice Harder** at 875-2880, or at janice@harderlaw.com.

Wednesday, December 1, 11:45 a.m.: The Criminal Law Committee will meet at Room 38. Our guest speaker is Jason Lamb, Director of the Missouri Office of Prosecutor Services & co-chair of the Missouri Bar Criminal Code Revision Subcommittee (on which BCBA Criminal Law Committee Chair **Jennifer Bukowsky** serves). Jason's committee has completed the revision of the criminal code and we hope the Legislature passes it in 2012. Jason will discuss the revisions to the code (including class E felonies). The program is approved for 1.0 hours of CLE. For more information contact chair **Jennifer Bukowsky** at j@lawbuk.com.

Thursday, December 15, 11:45 a.m.: The Young Lawyers Committee will meet for its annual holiday lunch gathering at Bleu Restaurant & Wine Bar, 29 S. 8th Street. Those attending are asked to bring a gag/white elephant gift for the always-entertaining gift exchange. Please RSVP to **Sander Sowers** at sowers@learwerts.com by 5 p.m. Dec. 12. Please note that the December meeting is being held on Thursday, December 15 as opposed to the third Tuesday of the month when meetings are usually held.

Wednesday, May 2, 2012-Sunday, May 6, 2012: Save the Date! The law firm of Markel & Lingo will be hosting a Rule 88 Child Custody Mediation Training. This training will be held at Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center. For more information, or to reserve your spot, as attendance will be limited, please e-mail **Jessica Wagner** at jessica@markelandlingolaw.com.

TRANSITIONS

Effective in November, **Christina Eberhard Devine** has left the Mid-Missouri Legal Services to join the firm of Harlan, Harlan & Still, 515 Cherry St., Ste. 300; P.O. Box 933; Columbia, 65205, phone 874-2402, email cdevine@harlan-still.com.

The law firm of Rogers, Ehrhardt and Weber, LLC has changed its name to Rogers, Ehrhardt, Weber & Howard, LLC, and welcomes new partner **James Howard** back to Columbia. Jim clerked for Rogers, Ehrhardt, & McGuire, LLC, while in law school. More information about Jim is available below in the *New Members* section.

Effective November 1, **Thad Taylor** established the MidWest Elder Law Firm, specializing in long-term care/Medicaid planning, estate planning, guardianships, and probate/trust administration and litigation. Thad's address changed to 1121 Business 70 East, Ste. 2D, Columbia. The contact information remains: phone 445-4755, fax 445-4756. Website and email remain the same for now.

NEW MEMBERS

Alisa Dotson, Bassett Law Firm, LLC, P.O. Box 1226, Columbia, MO 65205, phone 800-331-1127, fax 815-927-0278, website www.bassettlawyers.com, email adotson@bassettlawyers.com.

James Howard, Rogers, Erhardt, Weber & Howard, LLC, 302 Campusview Dr., Ste. 204, Columbia, 65201, phone 442-0131, cell 314-922-0729, fax 442-9423, email jhoward@rewhlaw.net. James graduated from Mizzou Law School in 2005. In addition to clerking for Rogers, Ehrhardt & McGuire while in law school, James interned for Missouri House of Representatives Assistant Majority Floor Leader James Foley in 2000, and in 2004 interned for the Honorable Mary Rhodes Russell, then in the Eastern District Court of Appeals. He was the Associate Editor-in-Chief for the *Missouri Law Review* in 2004-05. Jim worked the past six years at Brown & James in St. Louis, specializing in first and third party insurance defense litigation, and will continue practicing in that area.

Earl Kraus, General Counsel, Missouri Division of Professional Registration, 3605 Missouri Blvd., P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, 65102, phone 573-526-3220, fax 573-751-0878, website www.pr.mo.gov, email earl.kraus@gmail.com. Earl graduated from Mizzou Law School in 2001. He worked as an Assistant Attorney General for seven years, before taking his current position three years ago. Earl and his family live in Columbia.

Christopher McMillin, Bassett Law Firm, LLC, P.O. Box 1226, Columbia, MO 65205, phone 800-331-1127, fax 815-927-0278, website www.bassettlawyers.com, email cmcmillin@bassettlawyers.com. Chris graduated from Mizzou Law School in 2010, and specializes in Social Security Disability law.

Philip D. Sachs, Attorney at Law, 3610 Buttonwood Dr., Ste. 200, P.O. Box 7384, Columbia, 65205-7384, phone 442-1405. Fax 442-9947, email sachs.pd@gmail.com.

Grant Wobig, 4906 Cochero Ct., Columbia, 65203, phone 999-3892, email grantwobig@yahoo.com. Grant is a 2011 graduate of Mizzou Law School, and is currently practicing in the areas of criminal defense and family law.

OTHER NEWS

Stan Clay has office-sharing space available in the Guitar Building, 28 N. 8th Street, Suite 517, Columbia, 65201. It includes two phone lines, a paralegal/secretary and a receptionist, WestlawNext, postage, supplies, fax/copier, conference room, and high speed internet. For more information, call Stan at 442-1646.

Pat Eng has between 1000-2000 feet of office space available at 10th and Ash downtown. For more information, contact Pat at 874-4190.

About 85 members attended the regular BCBA meeting on November 9 for the Ethics Credit CLE Program "Dealing With Pro-Se Litigants."

Treasurer's Report by Julia Grus

Account Balance as of 10/24/11	\$14,009.55
Receipts 10/24/11 to 11/25/11	
Bar Dues	137.50
Interest	0.40
Golf Tournament	100.00
Bar Luncheon	9.00
Expenses 10/24/11 to 11/25/11	
Bleu (executive committee lunch meeting)	(95.00)
Boone Tavern (meeting lunches)	(19.00)
Steve Scott (reimbursement for Holiday Party Deposit)	(400.00)
Account Balance as of 11/25/11	\$13,742.45

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