



Boone County Bar Association NEWSLETTER

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Ethics CLE Credit Available at May 9 BCBA Meeting

Missouri Ethics Counsel Sara Rittman will present CLE program “Missouri Ethics and Professionalism Update” at the next regular meeting, lunchtime at Bleu/Boone Tavern on May 9. This program has been approved for 1.2 hours of Ethics/Professionalism CLE credit. Note this will be the final shot provided by the BCBA for attorneys to receive their mandatory Ethics/Professionalism hours before the June 30 deadline for the annual requirement. A slide presentation will be posted on the website once it is received. Check the website prior to the meeting if you would like to print the written materials for the meeting.

Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the County Room on the lower level of Bleu (formerly Boone Tavern), 811 E. Walnut. The presentation will begin about noon. A brief business meeting will precede the program. Lunch will cost \$9, with checks made out to Bleu.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Gretchen Yancey** at 514-4061 or Gretchen@TheYanceyLawFirm.com by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 8.

Annual Bench-Bar Social a Success

Approximately 90 BCBA members attended the annual Bench-Bar Social on April 4, to get more acquainted with the 13th Circuit judges and each other. In addition to Judge Oxenhandler’s brief address to the group, Missouri Bar President Lynn Whaley addressed the BCBA regarding the attack on Missouri’s non-partisan court plan, and the Missouri Bar Executive Director **Keith Birkes** introduced his successor effective January 1, 2013, current Deputy Executive Director Sebrina Barrett. Also making an appearance was Western District Appellate Judge Gary Witt.

The Bench-Bar Social alternates two years in Boone County and one year in Callaway County. This was the 2nd consecutive year the event was held in Boone County, so it will be held in Callaway County next year.

MU Law School Announces Appointment of New Dean

The MU Law School has named Gary Myers to replace **Larry Dessem** as dean of the University of Missouri School of Law, effective August 15. Dean Myers currently serves as associate dean for research and professor of law at the University of Mississippi School of Law. He graduated with honors from Duke University School of Law and graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in economics from New York University.

After 10 years of service, Dean Dessem will go on sabbatical in the fall before teaching in MU’s London Law Consortium in the spring of 2013.

Modification to Boone County Court’s Copy Billing Procedure

Message from Christy Blakemore, Boone County Circuit Clerk:

We are currently using JIS, Judicial Information System, to do our copy billing. We are essentially asking JIS to do something it is not designed to do; therefore, it is not working well at all.

We are in the process of purchasing some software that would allow us to keep track of the billing outside of JIS. We feel this will be more accurate and much more user friendly, for all involved. We also want to get the most out of the technology; therefore, we would like to start emailing the invoices. Please provide us with the attorney name and email address you wish the invoice be sent to.

We will continue to do the billing for each attorney as opposed to firm. However, if you would like the invoice email for all attorneys in your firm to go to one email address, that is fine. You can send those in writing to the attention of Lana Brooks at Lana.Brooks@courts.mo.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact Lana or Christy at 886-4041.

ACLU Offering 4 Hours of CLE Credits and Complimentary Lunch on May 7

The American Civil Liberties Union of Eastern Missouri will present the program "Representing Muslim Clients During FBI Interviews" May 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Islamic Center of Central Missouri, 201 S. 5th St., Columbia. The training will be conducted by Jim Hacking, Immigration Attorney and Chair of the ACLU of Eastern Missouri Muslim Rights Task Force. More information can be found by clicking here on the website version at <http://www.bocomobar.org/newsletter.htm>, or contact ACLU Program Director John Chasnoff at 314-652-3114 [ext. 260], email john@aclu-em.org.

YLC Seeks Support for Central MO Bowl for Kid's Sake

This is a follow-up to the email blast sent last week:

The Young Lawyers Committee of the BCBA has put together a team for the upcoming Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central MO Bowl for Kids' Sake. The event is scheduled for May 5, 2012. BCBA member **Bob Buckley** has served for years as a Big Brother and is a current member of the Board of Directors. Big Brothers/Big Sisters is a fantastic organization and helps thousands of kids in Columbia. With significant decreases in donations and grant funding, the financial need is great.

Thank you to the members and firms who already have contributed. If you/your firm would be willing to donate, please contact **Bob Buckley** at bbuckley@owwlaw.com or 443-3134, or **Sander Sowers** at sowers@learwerts.com or 875-1991. Donations can also be made directly on the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central MO website as follows: <http://centralmobfks2012.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=1017668&lis=1&kntae1017668=EE395BC5D0A044F588FE8B8B11845F14&supId=0&team=5060555&cj=Y>.

Docket Changes Effective May 7

The new docket schedule becomes effective the first Monday of May, which is May 7. A link to that schedule is available at <http://www.bocomobar.org/docket.htm>.

13th Circuit Awarding GAL Contract

The 13th Judicial Circuit Court is renewing its juvenile case Guardian Ad Litem and Parent Attorney contracts for the 2012-2013 contract year. A pre-award conference will be held Monday, May 21 at noon (bring your lunch) in the 3rd Floor Jury Assembly Room of the Boone County Courthouse. The court anticipates awarding an additional "half-time" GAL contract for Boone County this year.

All contract attorneys must meet the qualifications of the Court, the Missouri Supreme Court and state statute for serving as a Guardian Ad Litem. The court form indicating an attorney's interest in a GAL or Parent Attorney contract in Boone County and/or Callaway County must be turned in to the Court Administrator's Office no later than 5:00 pm Friday, May 25. The Contract Attorney rates form may be found by clicking here on the online version of this *Newsletter*. If you have questions or would like an interest form, please call 573-886-4059 or e-mail Mary.Epping@courts.mo.gov.

Editor's Note re: BCBA Distribution List Updates

The email distribution list and membership directory is being updated this month. Members who owe dues and have not paid will be removed from the rolls. There currently are over 400 people on the email distribution list. Some of you are included for reasons other than being members, and some of our members are exempt from paying dues. Dues are waived for sitting and retired judges and for members who have been licensed for 50 years or more or who are at least 75 years old.

If you believe your membership is currently in good standing and you do not receive a reminder email May 8 to RSVP for the monthly meeting, or you do not receive the June *Newsletter* to be published the weekend of June 2-3, please contact **Thad Taylor** at thad@midwestelderlaw.com. There is a chance you will have been mistakenly removed from the distribution list.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 2-Sunday, May 6: The law firm of Markel & Lingo invites you to join them for an interactive 5-day family and divorce mediation training led by experienced Attorney, Mediator and Adjunct Professor, Rebecca T. Magruder. Ms. Magruder's comprehensive program meets the Missouri Supreme Court Rule 88 requirements regarding court approved child custody mediators and provides participants with 40 hours of CLE credit, including 2.4 Ethics credit.

Space will be limited. To reserve your spot, or for further information, please contact Emily at (573) 449-2740 or by email at emily@markelandlingolaw.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS [continued]

Wednesday, May 2, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.: The Criminal Law Committee and the Family Law Committee are pleased to host a CLE presented by 13th Judicial Circuit Court Marshal Les Werner during a joint meeting in the basement of Bleu (formerly Boone Tavern). Attendees will have a choice of boxed lunches for a price of \$9. Please RSVP to Criminal Law Committee Chair **Jennifer Bukowsky** at j@lawbuk.com by noon on May 1. Please contact Jennifer or Family Law Committee Chair **Josh Oxenhandler** at oxenhandler@gmail.com with any comments or concerns.

Friday, May 11: The Missouri Bar Committees will meet in Jefferson City. MU Basketball Coach Frank Haith will be the guest speaker at lunch. For more information, check the MO Bar website for details regarding meeting times for the various committee meetings in your practice areas: <http://www.mobar.org/scm/agenda1.htm>.

Monday, May 21, Noon: There will be a pre-bid award meeting in the 3rd Floor Jury Assembly Room of the Boone County Courthouse for all attorneys interested in a GAL or Parent Attorney contract with the 13th Circuit. Anticipated discussion topics include the Court's expectations of those receiving a contract, the salary, and the number of available contracts.

Wednesday, June 20, 5:00 p.m.: The Commercial Law Committee will host the annual Central Division Bankruptcy Bar Picnic at Happy Hollow Shelter in Stephens Lake Park. The picnic has traditionally been for attorneys practicing bankruptcy in the Central Division, and the date was selected because it is the day before the Jefferson City monthly bankruptcy docket. Bankruptcy Judge Dennis Dow, and some of his staff plan to attend. The picnic is open to all BCBA members, their staff and families, and everyone is welcome. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and under. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Bankruptcy Chair **Janice Harder** at janice@harderlaw.com or **Michael McCrary** at whitehatmc@yahoo.com.

NEW MEMBERS

Larry E. Tate, Larry E. Tate Attorney at Law, LLC, 4912 Royal Lytham Dr., Columbia, 65203-6256, phone 660-537-0144, fax 660-882-9147, email wrt@c-magic.com. Larry is a 1970 graduate of MU Law School and has practiced in Boonville for the last 42 years. He was partners with the late **Dale Reesman**, who passed away September 2011. Larry lives in Columbia and still has an office in Boonville where he focuses on family law and probate.

Eric M. Jasso, Eric Jasso, LLC, P.O. Box 10080, Columbia, 65205, phone 575-6777, fax 678-379-6523, website: www.OnCampusAttorney.com, email EricJassoJD@gmail.com. After graduating from MU Law School in 2009, Eric completed his MBA through MU's Crosby MBA Program, and then specialized in utility regulation for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of Energy. Eric is initially focusing on criminal law and traffic law, and intends to expand into various other areas of general practice.

OTHER NEWS

Harry Boul's article entitled *Money in the Bank is Not Money, and It's Not in the Bank* was published in the April issue of the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI) Journal. The ABI Journal is the premier national journal for insolvency professionals. The article addresses a major point of contention between consumer debtors and chapter 7 trustees. A PDF copy of the article can be found by clicking here on the website version at <http://www.bocomobar.org/newsletter.htm>.

Dave Angle and **Harry Boul** have been added to the BCBA's Commercial Law Committee.

At the March 20, 2012, 13th Circuit Court en banc meeting, the court approved a revision to Local Court Rule 68.12-*Mediation of Child Custody and Visitation Disputes*. The changes to the rules are in Paragraph C and are in **bold** typeface. Notwithstanding requests for reconsideration, the revised rule will become effective 60 days after passage (May 21). The rule can be found online at http://www.bocomobar.org/pending_rules.htm.

Treasurer's Report by Julia Grus

Account balance of as 3/2/12	\$9,816.34
Receipts 3/2/12 to 4/27/12	
Bar Dues	\$5,550.00
Interest	.09
Bench-Bar Payments	690.00
Total Receipts	\$6,240.09
Expenses 3/2/12 to 4/27/12	
Thad Taylor- <i>Newsletter</i> /Website Administration services [Jan-Mar 2012]	\$750.00
DiRose, Inc.- Social Committee Food Bank Plaque	150.02
Oliver Walker Wilson- reimbursement for postage used on dues letters	72.45
Hickman High School Mock Trial Team	400.00
Therese Ferguson- reimbursement for envelope expenses	3.75
Robert Cornejo- dues refund	50.00
Total Expenses	\$1,426.22
Account Balance as of 4/27/12	\$14,630.21

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