Annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic September 22 at Cosmo Park

The 2017 Annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic will take place on Friday, September 22, at the Dexheimer Shelter at Cosmo Park. A social hour will begin about 5 p.m., followed by dinner about 6 p.m. Smoked ribeye, bratwurst, hot dogs, and traditional side dishes, and beverages including beer, wine and soft drinks will be served.

Jim Butcher organized our annual picnic for many years before his untimely death in the late 1980’s. After his death, the event was renamed the Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic in his honor. We have invited his widow Joan to attend as our guest every year since. Mrs. Butcher has graciously accepted our invitation to attend again this year.

The Picnic Committee includes Mark Langworthy, Chair, Stan Clay, Judge Mark Pfeiffer, Josh Oxenhandler, Christina Devine, Gretchen Yancey, Lisa Key, Jason Simmons, Christina McCartney, Sander Sowers, Carlyle Foley, and Norman Lampton.

The picnic is free to all members and their families/significant others. This year, as the picnic draws near, RSVP’s will be asked for, to help the Picnic Committee plan the perfect event. Please send RSVP email Mark Langworthy at langworthym@missouri.edu

Retirement Reception for Judge Christine Carpenter on September 8

Circuit Judge Christine Carpenter announced her retirement date will be August 31, 2017, her last working day. She was first sworn in as a judicial officer on September 1, 1999. Judge Carpenter’s statutorily mandated retirement date is October 19, 2017. She plans to continue to be available to serve as a senior judge. Judge Carpenter and her family will host a retirement reception from 5-8 p.m. at the Riechmann Pavilion at Stephens Park in Columbia, on September 8, 2017.

Judge Carpenter first was appointed to the bench by the 13th Circuit Court en Banc as a Drug Court Commissioner. At that time, the new Drug Court program had about 20 participants. Under her leadership, the 13th Circuit developed an additional Drug Court in Callaway County as well as DWI Courts in both Boone and Callaway counties. Boone County started a Mental Health Court in 2003, and a Veterans Treatment Court in 2013. More than 1,400 participants have successfully completed those programs.

In 2001, Judge Carpenter was appointed to a newly created associate circuit judge position, Division IX, by Governor Bob Holden. She was re-elected to that position three times. In 2010, Governor Jay Nixon appointed Judge Carpenter to fill the vacancy as circuit judge, Division I, after the retirement of Judge Gene Hamilton. She was subsequently elected to that position. Judge Carpenter served as the Presiding Judge of the 13th Circuit from January 30, 2015 to January 31, 2017.

Throughout her tenure on the bench, Judge Carpenter has been a leader in both Missouri and the U.S. in the field of recovery courts. She presided over the various treatment courts as well as maintaining an active docket in both civil and criminal cases. She served on the Board of Missouri Association of Treatment Court Professionals and has been a member of the Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Alternative Treatment Courts since it was created in 2007. Judge Carpenter is a faculty member of the National Drug Court Institute and the National Judicial College. The Boone County Drug Court was selected as a National Mentor Court for three years under her supervision.

Judge Carpenter is married to Attorney Joe Bindbeutel and they have four sons. She was formerly in private practice in both Boone and St. Louis counties and worked in the Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Jefferson County Public Defender's Office. She is a 1980 graduate of the University of Missouri School of Law and has B.A. in art history and archaeology from the University of Missouri-Columbia.
Jason Simmons Nominated for 2017-18 BCBA President

Current BCBA Vice President Jason Simmons of Cripps & Simmons has been selected by the Nominating Committee as the nominee for 2017-18 BCBA President.

Other nominees are Jill Jackson of Ford, Parshall & Baker, LLC, for Vice President, Molly Metza of Harper, Evans, Wade & Netemeyer, for Secretary, Andrew Kopp of Grimes & Fay, LLC for Treasurer.

Next year's Executive Committee will consist of Dave Knight, Ben Faber and Marjorie Lewis as past-president and Thad Taylor as Newsletter Editor.

Nominations for BCBA Awards Needed

Nominations for this year’s BCBA Awards are need as soon as possible so the committee and meet and decide the winners to be given out at the annual picnic. The awards are for Distinguished Professional Award: this award is given to a BCBA member in practice 15 or more years who exemplifies the highest legal and ethical standards to which all legal professionals should strive. The Distinguished Professional Award was presented to Betty Wilson, of Oliver Walker Wilson in 2016; Outstanding Service Award: this award is given to a BCBA member who has made significant contributions to the benefit of the legal profession, the justice system, and/or our community. The Outstanding Service Award was presented to two members: George Batek of Batek and Benson, LLC, and Norm Lampton of the Lampton Law Firm, in 2016.

Date for 11th Annual Chippin’ in for Charity Golf Tournament Set for October 9

Annual Chipping in for Charity Golf Tournament Set for October 9th. The 11th annual Chipping in for Charity golf tournament organized by the Community Involvement Committee is scheduled for Monday, October 9, 2017 (Columbus Day - a court holiday). This year's tournament will be held at Gustin Golf Course, 18 East Stadium Boulevard. Net proceeds from the tournament will be donated to Mid-Missouri Legal Services, which plans to use the funds for its Veterans Law Project. The tournament is a four-person scramble format, open to both lawyers and non-lawyers. The entry fee is $125/person and $500/team, which includes green fees, range privileges, cart, lunch, beverages (beer, soda, water), post-tournament reception at Truman’s Bar & Grill, etc. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams and for various on-course games and contests. There will also be hole-in-one prizes. The registration deadline for the tournament is Monday, September 25th. To make the tournament a success and raise as much money as possible, sponsorships and prize donations for the tournament are needed. Attached is the sponsor information letter, the listing of the sponsorship opportunities, and the flyer to register for the tournament. Please contact Sander Sowers at 875-1991 or sowers@learwerts.com to sign up, donate, participate, and arrange sponsorships. You may also download the registration flyer from the BCBA website https://boonecountybar.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/2017-08-03-BCBA-Golf-Tournament-Flyer-00267867xBDC2C-002.pdf.

The golf tournament has raised $95,091.77 for charity since its inception thanks to the many donors, participants, and sponsors. The Committee is excited to be in a position to eclipse the $100,000.00 mark this year! The Committee would like to thank the following businesses that have already committed to sponsor this year’s tournament: Ace Sponsor: Lear Werts LLP; Eagle Sponsors: Midwest Litigation Services, The Bar Plan, Allen & Nelson, P.C., Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Section Council; Birdie Sponsors: GilsbarPro; Hospitality Sponsor: Truman’s Bar & Grill.

Mid-Missouri Legal Services Has a Job Opening

Mid-Missouri Legal Services (Columbia office) seeks a full-time staff attorney to defend low-income homeowners in foreclosure proceedings, to counsel new home buyers in community redevelopment efforts, and to represent low-income job candidates in removing impediments to employment. Significant outreach activities will be required throughout 11-county area. Applicants must be licensed to practice in Missouri. Submit cover letter, resume, three jobrelated references, and a writing sample to legalaid@mmls.org on or before 09/15/2017.
The Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution’s Annual Symposium October 27

The University of Missouri Law School’s Center for the Study of Dispute Resolution will hold its annual symposium on October 27, 2017. The theme is “The First Amendment on Campus: Identifying Principles for Best Practices for Managing and Resolving Disputes,”

For more information check: http://law.missouri.edu/faculty/csdr-symposium/ if you want to pull text or whatnot. You can check out the speaker list/schedule at: http://law.missouri.edu/faculty/csdr-symposium/schedule/ All are welcome. Registration can be found: https://missouri.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bQP0puzK36a91SB. For more information, you can contact Casey Baker at bakercd@missouri.edu or at 573-884-7833.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, September 15, 2017. 12:00 p.m.: The Missouri Bar welcomes everyone to this luncheon and frequently have attendees whose law schools are not hosting a luncheon during the bar-designated time on 9/15. The luncheon will be at The Westin Crown Center Hotel in Kansas City, MO. Registration is $30 per person, you can register for the event at https://missouri.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ksbI2zqcVsXOV/ or at http://law.missouri.edu/alumni/events/

October 5, 4:30 p.m.: The Boone County Judicial and Law Enforcement Task Force will meet in the commission chambers at the Boone County Government Center. There will be a presentation on Introduction to Mental Health First Aid by Jill Richardson from the Missouri Department of Mental Health. The program will provide some basic information on identifying the signs of mental health issues and some basic skill on helping those who are having a mental health crisis. You are welcome to attend. Please bring along any staff members that might benefit from the program.

TRANSITIONS

Shurtleff Froeschner Harris, LLC will be relocating their offices effective August 28, 2017, to 300 E. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201.

NEW MEMBERS

No new members were added for this month.

OTHER NEWS

About 68 members and guests attended the regular BCBA meeting on August 9 to hear Professor James Levin with the MU Law School who presented the program “‘Effective Use of Mediation in Your Practice”
August 2017 TREASURER’S REPORT BY MERCE’DE SAVALA

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