

‘State of the Court’ Address Planned for October 11 Meeting

13th Circuit Presiding Judge **Kevin Crane** will deliver the ‘State of the Court’ address at the next regular BCBA meeting at lunchtime on Wednesday, October 11. Judge Crane will speak about current and anticipated court programs, the 13th Circuit budget, civil and criminal caseloads, the anticipated appointments of attorneys for criminal defense, and other topics of interest to the 13th Circuit. The program will approved for 1.2 hours CLE credit.

Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. the Broadway Hotel, 1111 E. Broadway. The presentation will begin about noon. A business meeting, including a vote on amendments to the by-law will precede the program. Lunch will be \$14, with checks made out to BCBA. There is metered parking available in the covered lot next to the hotel.

RSVP: To keep the lunch price at \$14 at the new venue, the BCBA must guarantee a minimum number of attendees by 4:00 p.m. the Friday preceding the meeting. If you RSVP for the lunch and do not attend, you will be expected to pay the ticket price anyway because the BCBA will have be charged based on the number of reservations. To reserve your spot for this meeting, click on the RSVP button on the Boone County Bar’s Website home page, or use this link: <http://boonecountybar.org/rsvp/> by **4:00 p.m., Thursday, October 5.**

Amendments to the By-Laws to be Voted on at October 11 BCBA Meeting

On September 27, 2017, Notice of Meeting to Consider Amendments to the Boone County Bar Association By-Laws was mailed to the last known addresses of all BCBA members. A copy of the Notice can be found online by clicking [here](#). A copy of the proposed amendments to the bylaws can be found online by clicking [here](#).

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.

Heart of Missouri CASA Fundraiser November 16th

Heart of Missouri CASA will be having their fundraiser "Justice is Served 2017" A Night to Speak Up for Children on Thursday, November 16, 2017 from 6 to 9pm at the Tiger Hotel, for more information, please visit their website at https://www.homcasa.org/justice-is-served/?blm_aid=17461.

A Note from Judge Carpenter

To the members of the Boone County Bar Association:

Being retired is a very confusing state of affairs. Should I still do the laundry on the weekend? Where is my office? More importantly, where is my IT support? I love the lack of structure at the same time I am missing it. The thing I miss most of all, even in these few short weeks, is my daily interaction with my colleagues on the bench, and the members of the Bar. I was so grateful for the recognition of my work by the monetary gift and the extremely beautiful engraved crystal bowl. Thanks to the generous gift, I have a brand new camera and a ticket to Marrakesh. I am sure this trip will go a long way toward making the state of retirement more acceptable. Thanks to all of you.

Attorney/Judges Needed October 13-14 for AGO Cup

The Attorney General's Office is pleased to announce the schedule for the 2017 AG Cup Mock Trial Competition:

Round 1	Thursday, October 12, 2015	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Round 2	Thursday, October 12, 2015	1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Round 3	Friday, October 13, 2015	8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Round 4	Friday, October 13, 2015	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As you may recall, Missouri's four law schools send their best and brightest students to Jefferson City to compete for the honor of the AG Cup traveling trophy. It would be a privilege to have you serve as a judge if your calendar permits. Please contact Laura.Elsbury@ago.mo.gov if you would like to judge one or more rounds of the competition or if you would like more information.

Guardian ad Litem Training on November 10

The 13th Circuit's Annual Advanced Guardian ad Litem Training will be held at the Boone County Courthouse. Registration starts at 8:45am and the training will conclude at 12:40 p.m. 3.8 hours of MCLE credit are being requested by The Missouri Bar. Registration forms will be available in the near future. You can contact Cindy Garrett at 573-886-4059 or email Cindy L. Garrett for a copy of the registration form. There will be a \$10.00 registration fee.

Four Members Receive BCBA Awards

The BCBA recognized four members with awards at this year's annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic and Election of Officers on September 22, 2016. The awards were:

Distinguished Professional Award- 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 two members: **Hamp Ford**, of Ford, Parshall & Baker, and **Herbert C. Willbrand** of Brown Willbrand, P.C.

Outstanding Service Award- 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: **Rusty Antel** of Walther, Antel & Stamper, and **Glen R. Ehrhardt** of Rogers, Ehrhardt & Weber, LLC.

A Note from Glen Ehrhardt

I would like to extend my thanks to the BCBA for receiving the 2017 Outstanding Service Award. I am truly humbled and honored to receive this award and am proud to be a member of the BCBA. The BCBA is truly an organization whose members make a positive difference daily in the lives of those in Boone County and throughout Missouri.

A Note from Hamp Ford

I offer my thanks to the Boone County Bar Association for so honoring me with the distinguished professional award for 2017. Having been a member of the Bar Association in active practice for the past 53 years, I assure you that I am proud to be so recognized. Our Boone County Bar has a long history and tradition of integrity, sincerity and civility. Honesty, consideration and cooperation has been the practice, not the exception, among our members. It has been my enjoyment to have practiced with and among so many able and good natured lawyers for so many years.

I am sincerely grateful.

Circuit Court Notifies BCBA of Need to Appoint Private Attorneys to Represent Criminal Defendants

The Boone County Bar Association can confirm that it has received notice from 13th Circuit Court Presiding Judge **Kevin Crane** of the Court's intention to begin immediately appointing private practice attorneys to represent criminal defendants. The announcement comes shortly after the Court's receipt of an e-mail from District Defender David Wallis, District 13 of the Missouri State Public Defenders Office. District Defender Wallis wrote that considering the ethical obligations of his employees, public defenders in the District 13 Office will not be assigned to represent criminal defendants who are otherwise eligible until the workload of the attorneys in the office becomes manageable.

While not involved in the announcements from the Court nor the Public Defender's Office, the BCBA recognizes the difficult position the court system and public defender system now find themselves in – with a defendant's constitutional right to counsel and a speedy trial and the public defender's obligation to provide effective assistance of counsel to all eligible clients. The BCBA Executive Committee will be meeting soon and will be discussing what actions, if any, may be appropriate to take and the impact on the membership.

The Boone County Bar Association is a voluntary membership organization consisting of over 300 attorneys who live or work in Boone County, Missouri.

A Call for Volunteers to Accept Criminal Cases from Presiding Judge Crane

Due to the correspondence received September 26 (see below), from Boone County Public Defender David Wallis, the Boone County Court will begin, effective today at the 1:30 p.m. dockets, to appoint members of the private bar to represent criminal defendants. Presiding Judge **Kevin Crane** realizes the imposition this will have on you, but has no choice but to take this action. The time that this private appointment period will last is unknown.

Presiding Judge Crane appreciates those who have already come forward and volunteered to accept appointments to criminal cases. He encourages others to do the same. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Susan Tatters at 886-4067.

September 26 Letter from David Wallis, Area 13 of the State Public Defender System to Boone and Cooper County Courts

I am sending you this email as my office, Area 13 of the Missouri State Public Defender System (MSPD), covers both Boone and Cooper Counties. I am sure you are both aware of the recent action taken by OCDC against a public defender and their recommendation that the attorney's license be disciplined due to his alleged failure to comply with the Rules of Professional Conduct. While the Supreme Court did not follow OCDC's recommendation to suspend the license of the attorney, OCDC's brief and oral argument, as well as individual justices' statements and questions, leave no doubt that public defenders cannot defend themselves against bar complaints with evidence of a high caseload. It was made clear that the Rules of Professional Conduct absolutely apply to public defenders and any breach of those Rules will subject the defender to action against their license to practice law.

The Supreme Court referenced Rule 4-1.7, which states in part that it is a conflict of interest "if there is a significant risk that the representation of one or more clients will be materially limited by the lawyer's responsibilities to another client[.]" MSPD recognizes that while each attorney is employed by the System, it is the individual and personal responsibility of each attorney to comply with the Rules of Professional Conduct. MSPD also recognizes that District Defenders, such as myself, and Deputy District Defenders, such as Ms. Aplin, also have a duty under the Rules to make sure that no attorney under their supervision violates the Rules. See 4-5.1(c).

September 26 Letter from David Wallis (cont.)

The Court has also held the Rules impose on all attorneys an ethical duty to provide effective assistance of counsel to all of their clients, and that attorneys violate those rules if they "accept [] a case that results in a caseload so high that it impairs [their] ability to provide competent representation, to act with reasonable diligence, and to keep the client reasonably informed." State ex rel. Mo.

Pub. Def. Comm'n v. Waters, 370 S.W.3d 592, 607 (Mo. banc 2012)(citing Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.3 and 4-1.4).

The assistant public defenders of Area 13 have been instructed to notify myself or Ms. Aplin if they believe accepting any additional new clients would materially limit their responsibilities to an existing client so they might comply with the Rules of Professional Conduct. Additionally, both Ms. Aplin and myself have reviewed the caseload, case type, experience of each individual attorney and other factors such as travel of every assistant public defender in Area 13 to ensure there is no ethical violation as we have a specific obligation under the Rules to ensure those under our supervision do not violate the Rules.

The American Bar Association has previously weighed in on this issue. Formal Opinion 06-441, states in part "[i]f a lawyer believes that her workload is such that she is unable to meet the ethical obligations required of her in the representation of a client [...] she must decline the representation. A lawyer's primary ethical duty is owed to existing clients. (internal citation omitted) Therefore, a lawyer must decline to accept new cases[.]"

As of today's date, Ms. Aplin and myself believe every attorney under our supervision is currently violating the Rules of Professional Conduct. Their current individual caseloads create a conflict of interest with existing clients because they are forced to choose effective representation of one client to the detriment of other clients. It is also our belief that assigning any new cases to any individual attorneys would create a conflict of interest because they would have no ability to adequately represent either their current or prospective clients.

The Boone County and Cooper County public defender will no longer be immediately entering into cases in which a defendant is qualified. When the Court appoints the public defender to determine eligibility, our office will do so. We will continue to inform the Court if an applicant does not qualify. If the prospective client qualifies, we will not assign an attorney until there is an attorney who can assume the representation without violating the Rules of Professional Conduct. We cannot file an entry with an individual attorneys bar number if we and the attorney know that doing so violates the Rules of Professional Conduct. To be clear, there are no hidden agendas or motivations with regard to this decision.

This is simply about ensuring all Area 13 public defenders are able to maintain their license to practice law without threat of discipline by OCDC.

As a practical matter, we will diligently strive to move cases at a rate that we believe will not require the appointment of private counsel or coerce the pro se representation of defendants. It is also our belief that we will be able to resolve individual cases more quickly than we currently are once we are able to ethically enter them. So, while a case may be pending for a larger amount of days due to no attorney being available to represent a client immediately, cases will move more quickly once we begin working on them.

We have started an internal wait list for defendants who qualify for representation but who do not yet have an attorney assigned to them. We will internally monitor attorney work load and the wait list and assign attorneys to cases based on custody status and severity of the charge(s).

We will be providing defendants on the wait list with a letter advising them they qualify and that we will notify them as soon as an attorney is available to take their case. Any current client who acquires additional cases will be represented by counsel of record and will not be placed on the wait list. Also, in the event two or more codefendant's apply for the public defender, we will not be seeking conflict counsel until an attorney is able to represent the defendant this office ultimately keeps.

This is, and will be, a very dynamic and fluid process. The only ends we are aspiring to achieve is the effective, zealous and diligent representation of poor persons by counsel who are not under threat of Bar discipline by OCDC. And to that end we will go.

It is my sincere hope the Court will adhere to its own duty and fidelity to the Rules and will support and work with our attorneys during this process. If you have any concerns, issues or thoughts please feel free to email or call myself or Ms. Aplin.

Letter to BCBA from the Director of the Missouri State Public Defenders' Office

The following is published at the request of **Michael Barrett**, Director of the MSPD.

Like you, I have learned that the 13th Judicial Circuit has notified members of the local Bar that it will begin issuing appointments in criminal cases. I thought I'd share with you what I know on this issue.

In 2012, the Missouri Supreme Court issued an opinion in *State ex rel. Missouri Public Defender Comm'n v. Waters*, 370 S.W.3d 592 (2012). Lots of powerful stuff in there, but here are a few key takeaways for public defender attorneys: (1) Counsel violate Rules 4-1.1, 4-1.3, and 4-1.4 when she accepts a case that results in a caseload so high it impairs her ability to provide competent representation, to act with reasonable diligence, and to keep the client reasonably informed (*Waters* at 607); and (2) No exception exists to the ethics rules for lawyers who represent indigent persons (*Id.* at 608); and (3) For this reason, "public defenders are risking their own professional lives" when appointed to an excessive number of cases." (*Id.*).

Not surprisingly, this case sent fear into the mind of every public defender. And so the system acted in 2012 and started to not accept every case that came in the door. The response was political backlash. Efforts to blow up the system were made and so MSPD attorneys stood down, the risk to their licenses notwithstanding.

And then recently, and as you are undoubtedly aware, the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel (OCDC) responded to a complaint filed against a senior MSPD attorney. This individual was drowning in cases (he even logged more than 50 hours a week from a hospital bed while battling a serious illness). Notwithstanding, a three attorney panel recommended probation, and he accepted. Despite this agreed upon resolution, the Supreme Court ordered the matter briefed and argued. It was during oral argument where the Supreme Court again made itself clear – that there were no carve-out exceptions in the Rules for public defenders, and then stated that defenders have a choice to make when he/she has too many cases: (1) quit; or (2) refuse to accept more cases.

Many have chosen the first option. We have a 25% turnover rate and given our starting salary of \$39k, there is no line around the block of people looking to join our ranks. We received a number of resignations in the hours following oral argument in that disciplinary case.

I want to be extremely clear – it is the state's obligation to fulfill a person's right under the 6th amendment, and the court's obligation to see that it is carried out. MSPD is an instrumentality to achieve that purpose. The problem is that in Missouri's criminal justice system, policymakers ignore the word 'system'. The system is not funded; rather the three functions (prosecution, judiciary, and defense) are funded individually in a vacuum based on who is the most politically desirable. And then everyone is shocked when it doesn't operate effectively. For instance, this past year the state added a new circuit south of Springfield. Did it add public defenders to cover those dockets? No. In Union, two prosecutors were added and filings increased 60% over the past two years. Was the public defender given additional resources to keep up? Nope. Frustrated, half of the Union PD office has put in their notice or have already left. What are your suggestions? Any ideas? I have nothing to pull from my magic hat. Indeed, I have no magic hat.

As Director of MSPD, I do owe you transparency – not just because you may be asked to assist us in our charge - but because you are taxpayers who help fund the system. One of the first points that is always raised is whether we are being as efficient and effective as we can be? Here are some numbers. We have 370 attorneys handling more than 82,000 cases a year. We resolve those cases for an average cost of \$355 per case, including overhead (litigation expenses, etc). The statewide average caseload is well north of 100 felony cases at any one time – some places its much higher. During oral arguments in the Supreme Court, OCDC kept stating that the public defender violated the ABA's Model Opinion 06-441. The ABA has endorsed a maximum caseload of no more than 150 felonies a year per attorney. We are currently more than double that number.

The recent disciplinary case is not an isolated incident. I regretfully spend a considerable amount of time defending my attorneys against ethics complaints. One judge was put off when I had to move an attorney from his court to another office that desperately needed vacancies filled. In turn, he filed a bar complaint against this attorney. Another career PD recently received a cautionary letter from OCDC stating that 45 minutes was not enough time to spend with her clients – as if she didn't know that. She has since left the system. Another Judge in Bolivar also just filed a bar complaint against the head of our Springfield office because he was put off when our attorneys can't be in multiple courtrooms at once. The phrase "under attack" is too often tossed around to describe regrettable situations. That said, the lawyers in MSPD are boxed in – on the one hand, if we accept every case that comes in the door, OCDC and the Court have told us that our licenses are in jeopardy; however, if we do NOT accept every case, our jobs are in jeopardy.

Letter to BCBA from the Director of the MO State Public Defenders' Office (cont.)

All of that said, I still understand your frustration at having to potentially receive an appointment; however, I would just encourage you to direct that frustration to some other entity. Let me give you one.

It is my strong view that a professional organization, particularly one that we are compelled to join and pay dues to, must – if it does nothing else – ensure that professionals who seek to practice under the Rules that the profession sets, are able to do so without fear that they will lose their jobs. The Mo Bar is that entity. I will not spend any lines here sharing with you my efforts to get the Missouri Bar to do something on this front. But now that you are witnessing how your practice may be affected, you should seriously question whether the Missouri Bar has neglected the issue of access to counsel under the 6th Amendment.

From our perspective, MSPD attorneys send about \$150,000 in dues to the Missouri Bar each year. For us, that equates to more than 350 criminal cases. Irritatingly, about \$20,000 of that money is directed to legal aid in Missouri. While I appreciate the good work of Legal Aid, imagine our frustration as the 49th worst funded indigent defense system in the country – which seeks to fulfill an obligation required under the Constitution – that we are compelled to expend such significant funds to address non-constitutionally required rights. The Supreme Court and the Mo Bar are keen to require all of us to provide resources to so someone can have access to counsel in order to get their security deposit on their apartment back, but not so they can have access to counsel to ensure due process when their liberty is at stake. Seems backwards.

I have made several attempts to brief and put the Missouri Bar on notice regarding these issues, including multiple efforts recently. Recently, I became insistent that they take action. My argument was that this is a constitutional right that is not being met and lawyers, particularly young lawyers with substantial debt who are required to send the Mo Bar dues are being run out of their jobs fearing an attack on their license. Instead, after repeated efforts to get the Bar to move fastidiously to address the matter (including sending them copies of resignation letters from departing public defenders along with a statement that another couple hundred Missourians just lost access to their attorney), their response to me was that they did not ‘appreciate my tone’.

Perhaps you have a more agreeable tone than me. And now since you are subject to appointment, or have already been appointed, in the event you feel frustrated, I would encourage you to ask Missouri Bar President Morry Cole, these two questions:

1. Given that the 6th Amendment requires access to competent counsel for every poor person accused of a crime, and knowing that Missouri is second to last in funding for this purpose, that the state is currently being sued in federal court for failure to provide this right to counsel, and Missouri’s private lawyers are once again subject to appointment for the state’s failure to meet this need, how much money and time has the Missouri Bar spent in the course of the last four years addressing access to counsel and ensuring a competent indigent defense system in Missouri?
2. During that same time period, how much time and money has the Missouri Bar spent on entertainment, to include meals and liquor for events, late night hospitality suites, out of state trips for leadership, including hotel and travel expenses, meals for elected officials, as well as other initiatives that are not essential to the mission of the Missouri Bar as it is laid out in the Mo Bar's By-Laws and Rule 7?

Currently, the Missouri Bar is making efforts to raise money to put on a travel CLE in Jupiter, FL to see the Cards play in Spring Training. Sounds fun. However, it is the viewpoint of at least this attorney that if they can raise money for this effort, why can't they raise money to hire private attorneys in Boone County and avoid forced appointments. That may be another good question for Mr. Cole. His email is mcole@grgpc.com. I am anxious to hear his response.

Please also know that today at 1:30 I met with Judge Crane and Judge Bradley. As part of that discussion, I told them that public defenders want to provide representation on 100% of indigent criminal cases. Indeed, we are in the best position to provide counsel. However, the Rules prohibit us from doing it all at once given our current caseloads; as such, we need time. I also told him what was in my power to do and what was not as it relates to directing lawyers within the limits of the Rules. While I committed to working with the court in whatever way I could, I used this opportunity to invite the judiciary to finally get involved with advocating for the funding of a system of justice and not just their piece of the pie.

Letter to BCBA from the Director of the MO State Public Defenders' Office (cont.)

Please know that I take our obligation to our clients very seriously as much as I take my duty to you as a taxpayer very seriously. I am subject to your questions and inquiry. Toward that end, you may always contact me – nights and weekends included – at 573-355-6030. I may not get back to you immediately given the fact that I am currently dealing with this issue statewide, but I do promise to get back to you.

Around the bar . . .

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, 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

Nathan Atkinson has moved out of Boone County to begin working for the Missouri Attorney General's Office in Kansas City. Nathan's email address remains Nathan.m.atkinson@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBERS

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OTHER NEWS

About 75 members and guests attended the annual Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic on September 22 at Cosmo Park. Unfortunately, Joan Butcher missed the picnic for the first time in 32 years, due to other commitments.

August 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT BY MERCE'DE SAVALA

Account balance of as August 31, 2017	\$18,482.84
Receipts 7/31/17 to 8/31/17	
8/31 Interest	\$0.17
8/31 2017 Membership Dues	\$100.00
8/09 Payment for BCBA Luncheon	\$546.00
Total Receipts	\$646.17
Expenses 7/31/17 to 8/31/17	
8/09 BCBA Luncheon Fee – The Broadway	(\$616.13)
Total Expenses	(\$616.13)
Account Balance as of August 31, 2017	\$18,512.88

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