

RSVP By April 18 for the BCBA Bench/Bar Social Mixer April 25

Make your reservations now for the annual Thirteenth Circuit Bench-Bar Mixer to be held from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 25, at The Boone County History and Cultural Center, 3801 Ponderosa, Columbia.

The event is open to members of the Boone County Bar Association and all 13th Circuit judges and courthouse staff members. Unlike the annual picnic and Holiday Party, spouses and dates are not invited. The mixer is designed to allow lawyers, judges and courthouse personnel to mingle and talk in an informal, relaxed atmosphere and get better acquainted.

The event will be a mixer-style affair instead of a formal dinner. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and soda will be included.

RSVP: 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: <https://boonecountybar.org/rsvp-bench-bar-mixer/> by 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 18. RSVP's are important for this meeting so management at Bleu can prepare sufficient food. The cost per person is **\$10.00**. You can mail your payment to Boone County Bar Association, 705 E. Walnut, Columbia, MO 65201, or you can pay at the door. **Please Note:** If you RSVP but end up not being able to come, you will still need to pay since the BCBA pays the venue based on the number who made reservations.

Last Chance to Keep Your BCBA Membership Active

The BCBA is one of the most active and connected local bar associations in Missouri. We provide our members with nearly all the required annual CLE requirements for the price of lunch, reach out to make our community better, and provide opportunities to keep up on our practice areas and local issues, as well as to socialize with each other outside of the courtroom. All of this for the more-than-reasonable fee of \$50 per attorney.

If you have not already done so, please send in your annual dues ASAP to replenish the operating budget and keep the BCBA thriving. You may send \$50/lawyer dues to:

Daniel Beckett, Treasurer
Boone County Bar Association
705 E. Walnut
Columbia, MO 65201

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, 2019. Pursuant to the recent Amendment to the By-Laws, **dues are no longer waived for sitting and retired judges**, but continue to be waived for members who have reached 75 years of age, or have been licensed for 50 years. If you are 75 or older, or have been licensed for 50 years, please notify the Treasurer and website administrator to ensure you are given the exemption and your name is not removed from the rolls. A link to the 2019 BCBA Dues Payment/Waiver Form can be found at <https://boonecountybar.org/dues/>.

Please note: You can mail checks to the Treasurer at that address, for Daniel to pick up in a mailbox reserved for the BCBA, BUT you cannot hand deliver a check to that address. The Clerk's office, nor anyone else, is there to collect BCBA mail. If you wish to hand deliver your check, please make arrangements with Daniel.

As of April 1, out of 332 members of the BCBA, only 194 have submitted their annual dues. Those BCBA members that have not paid will receive an e-mail from the BCBA with one last reminder. Please pay attention to that email. If you have not paid, please submit payment a.s.a.p. If you receive the email and have paid, please respond to it so we can correct our records and keep you from mistakenly being removed from the rolls.

Boone County Clerk's Office – Retirement Announcement

Shara Meyer will be retiring from the Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office, last day will be April 30, 2019. This is Shara's second retirement, she retired from the City of Columbia in 2013 after serving the last 25 of her 28 years as the City of Columbia Municipal Court Administrator.

Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office was very fortunate she decided it just wasn't for her at the time, and we have been lucky enough to have her with us for the past five years. Shara has worked all five years in the Probate Division

Shara is a team player and has assisted in many divisions of the Circuit Clerk's Office. Because of her vast court knowledge, she has always been ready and willing to jump in and help when and where the need arose. She will be greatly missed by all, so let's all wish Shara well as she joins her husband, Rick, in their camping and travel adventures. Please join us on April 30, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Boone County Probate Division where we will have a breakfast in her honor.

Judge Shaw to Start Child Support Court in Boone County

Judge **Kimberly Shaw** will be starting a Child Support Court in Boone County, with the first docket being heard on April 11, 2019. "This has been something I've wanted to start for some time now," said Judge Shaw. "By filing these cases as civil, working with parents to help them with job skills, parenting skills, life skills and needs such as getting a driver's license back; this, to me, approaches back owed child support in a way that's better for the children and our community."

This docket is in collaboration with Assistant Prosecutor Steve Gunn, Charles Stephenson of Powerhouse Community Development Corporation, and Damian Dean of United Community Builders. The goal of this court is to get non-custodial parents to start paying child support and working on arrearages (back owed child support), as well as working on their relationship with their children.

Participants in the court will be in the Fathers Committed to Families program, which is also available for mothers. Participants will have a goal 90 days from enrollment to get a full or part-time job. Other services such as substance abuse groups/support, recovery support, parent education, anger management, case management, child support guidance/assistance, employment assistance and job readiness skills, life skills and financial management are provided. The prosecuting attorney's office will decide whether a case will be filed in this court, verses a criminal case being filed. Noncustodial parents not involved in the court can still be referred to Fathers Committed to Families by contacting Jeanine Falls at United Community Builders Office, 611 N. Providence, Columbia, MO 65201.

In addition to helping children and families, it is anticipated the development of this program may help people who may otherwise be put on the Public Defender's waitlist which has more than 700 cases on it (criminal cases where the defendant is not in custody and waiting for the Public Defender's office to enter an appearance). As of the last report there were 20 criminal nonsupport cases listed on the waitlist. Some defendants on the waitlist have been waiting more than a year for an attorney.

BCBA Creates Black Lawyer's Committee

The BCBA executive committee is pleased to announce the creation of the Black Lawyers Committee, chaired by Robin Winn. Robin is a Columbia native, graduate of the Southern University Law Center in Baton Rouge, and a recent recipient of the NAACP Trail Blazer Award for Outstanding Accomplishment.

An initial goal of the Black Lawyers Committee is to encourage local black lawyers to rededicate and recommit themselves to being active participants of the bar. The BCBA needs a strong and vibrant membership to improve our profession, eliminate bias, and advance the rule of law. If you know any attorneys who might like to join this committee, please have them contact Robin at rwinn@thewinnlawfirm.com or by phone at 314-335-0067.

The first event of the Black Lawyers Committee will be a 'meet and greet' from 4:30 – 5:30 pm, on April 25th, at the Boone County Historical Society (immediately prior to the Bench-Bar). All BCBA attorneys are welcome to attend this inaugural event.

Heart of Missouri CASA's First Annual Voices of Columbia April 4

Heart of Missouri CASA's first-annual Voices of Columbia fundraiser will take place Thursday, April 4th @ The Blue Note! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event begins at 7 p.m. Voices of Columbia is a singing competition, with a twist. Eight local bands and singers will be performing to raise money for CASA. The night of the event after each band has performed, guests will have the opportunity 'vote' (\$1=1 vote) for their favorite performance. The musician who raises the most funds for CASA is awarded the title "The Voice of Columbia." The line-up includes: The Burney Sisters, Boone Howlers, The Naturelles, The January Lanterns, John Galbraith, Natasha Myrick, and Emily Lock. Former Miss Missouri, Shelby Ringdahl will emcee the event. Tickets are \$35 online and \$40 at the door. Tickets, sponsorships, and 'votes' can be purchased at: <https://www.homcasa.org/voices-of-columbia/>. All funds raised will support Heart of Missouri CASA's efforts to recruit, train, and support volunteer advocates for children in foster care.

13th Circuit Unveils New Procedure for Traffic Citations

The Fine Collection Center Ending. Effective April 1, 2019, the Boone and Callaway county prosecuting attorneys (PA) will begin receiving Violations Bureau uniform citations (UC) from the Missouri State Highway patrol through the "PA Portal." Violations Bureau citations written in Boone and Callaway counties after April 1 will no longer be processed by the Fine Collection Center.

Violations Bureau citations received and processed by the prosecuting attorney will be electronically filed by the PA to the court. Defendants must respond to their ticket by the court date shown on the citation by either pleading guilty and paying the fine or by appearing in court on the date specified and pleading not guilty. To plead guilty and pay a fine, a defendant can:

1. Use the Plead and Pay feature on Case.net. The Plead and Pay icon will only display if the case is eligible for a non-court appearance.
2. Mail the signed Plea of Guilty, Appearance and Waiver that appears with the citation and return it along with money order or cashier's check (in U.S. dollars) for the full amount due payable to the court listed on the citation.
3. Pay at the court listed on the citation.

To plead not guilty, the defendant must appear on the court date and time provided on the citation.

Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium April 25-26

The 38th Annual Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium will be held on April 25th and 26th, 2019, at the Overland Park, Kansas Convention Center. This continuing education seminar is sponsored by the Estate Planning Society of Kansas City and the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Law and will provide an entire year's worth of CLE (16 total hours, including 2 hours of ethics credit). The curriculum, presented by nationally renowned speakers, is geared towards estate planning, business and tax attorneys; CPA's; Trust Officers; Planned Giving Professionals and Financial Planners. Cost for two-day attendance with digital course materials is only \$375! For more information, contact **Jason Simmons**, Regional Ambassador, at (573) 447-3355, or www.KCEPS.org.

Mid-Missouri Legal Services – Judicare Hourly Rate Increase

Mid-Missouri Legal Services increased its reimbursement rate for Judicare (reduced-fee) attorneys to \$70 hourly effective January 1, 2019. The 2019 Judicare Fee Schedule is available [here](#) which reflects the maximum amounts for the types of cases assigned to Judicare attorneys. The maximum fee may be exceeded, up to 50% of the standard maximum amount, by obtaining a Waiver from MMLS. A Judicare Application for attorneys who currently do not participate in the Judicare program is available [here](#), the MMLS Pro Bono Application for attorneys who would like to provide pro bono services to low-income people is available [here](#).

Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office Opening

The Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has an opening for a full-time Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. This position will begin immediately. The Assistant Prosecuting Attorney will represent the State of Missouri in criminal prosecutions. The compensation includes a salary of \$52,624 - \$87,131 per year and benefits.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. If interested, please complete an online application at <https://www.showmeboone.com/hr/webpublish/jobs/207-1261.html>.

Shelter Insurance has Opening for Litigation Attorney

Shelter Insurance has an opening for a litigation attorney. The minimum starting salary is \$65,501.00 - \$96,221.00. Applications are due by April 12, 2019. More information can be found at

https://shelterinsurance.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/careers/job/Columbia-MO---Home-Office/Litigation-Attorney_R0001752?source=APPLICANT_SOURCE-6-28.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

None reported at this time, other than those listed in the main body, above.

TRANSITIONS

Bill Ellis is pleased to announce that the Law Office of William Ellis has relocated to 303 N. Stadium Blvd., Suite 200, Columbia, MO 65203, both his telephone and email contact information remains the same.

Cassandra Rogers has updated her contact information to Markel & Lingo Law Office, 1200 Rogers St., Ste. C, Columbia, MO 65201, phone 573-449-2740, fax 573-443-2569, email crogers@markelandlingolaw.com.

Barchet Law is pleased to announce that Evan Shoemaker has joined the practice as an Associate Attorney. He will practice in the areas of estate planning, elder law and probate litigation. Evan is a 2017 graduate of The University of Missouri School of Law. He is licensed in Missouri, Kentucky and Alabama.

NEW MEMBERS

Reeves, Samantha, Veteran's United Realty, 555 E. Green Meadows Rd., Suite 103, Columbia, MO 65201, phone: 573-445-3510, email: samantha.reeves@veteransunited.com. Practice Areas: Corporate and Real Estate. Samantha graduated from the University of Missouri School of Law in 2009, she is currently the Legal and Compliance Manger at Veterans United Realty.

Meyer, Alan, Carson & Coil, P.C., 401 E. Locust, Suite 302, Columbia, MO 65201, phone: 573-636-2177, email: alan.m@carsoncoil.com. Practice Areas: Bankruptcy, Probate, Trust & Estate Planning, General Civil Litigation/Consumer Law.

William "Bill" Shansey, Mid Missouri Legal Services, 1201 W. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203, phone 573-442-0116, email shanseyb@mmls.org. Bill is assigned to the Truman V.A. Hospital Office. Bill is not a new attorney, but has come out of retirement to serve our veterans through MMLS.

OTHER NEWS

Scott Wilson of The Hines and Wilson Law Firm recently became a Fellow The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers (CWCL). Wilson is one of only twenty of the college's fellows in Missouri. , in becoming a fellow, Wilson proved that he stands out as a model of professionalism in deportment and advocacy. He earned the respect of the bench, opposing counsel and the community; actively participates in the state, local and national bar. He demonstrates an active interest in resolving issues; displays civility in adversarial relationships, and has a thirst for knowledge in all areas of law that affects his representation of clients in workers' compensation.

The Probate Division has a new Probate Confidential Filing Information Sheet. For probate matters, please replace the old form with the one found here: <https://boonecountybar.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Confidential-Filing-Information-Sheet-Probate.pdf>. It will also be updated to the 13th Circuit Judicial website shortly.

OTHER NEWS (cont.)

Docket Changes: There will be docket changes in effect starting April 8. Changes include: Division I – Friday a.m. and p.m. will be removing Juvenile Court; Friday p.m. will be adding arraignments. Division V – Thursday a.m. will be removing settlements and adding Child Support Court; Friday p.m. will be removing arraignments and a criminal docket. Division IX – Wednesday a.m. will be hearing DUR/DUS on 1st, 3rd and 4th Wednesday; Friday a.m. on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Friday will hear Juvenile Court. Retired Judge Oxenhandler will be serving as a special master to hear settlements one Friday morning a month. The new dockets are available online at: <https://www.courts.mo.gov/hosted/circuit13/dockets/dockets.htm>

March 2019 TREASURER’S REPORT BY DANIEL G. BECKETT

Account balance of as February 28, 2019	\$15,628.30
Receipts 2/28/19 to 3/28/19	
3/28 Interest	\$0.12
3/28 Bar Dues	\$2000.00
3/28 Bar Luncheon	\$855.00
Total Receipts	\$2,855.12
Expenses 2/28/18 to 3/28/19	
3/28 The Broadway – January Luncheon	(\$1008.00)
Total Expenses	(\$1,008.00)
Account Balance as of March 28, 2019	\$17,475.42

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