

## Next BCBA Meeting Scheduled for February 12

On Wednesday, February 12, Retired Judges **Deborah Daniels** and **Gary Oxenhandler** will present, “I Don’t Have Any Implicit Bias... That I Know Of” at the monthly lunch meeting. This presentation will satisfy the new requirement for one hour of education in cultural competency, diversity, inclusion, and implicit bias for all attorneys (Rule 15.05(e)). Lunch service at the Columbia Country Club will begin at 11:15 with the program starting promptly at noon. Cost is \$15.00.

**RSVP NOTE: The RSVP deadline was Friday, February 7. The space is full and no further registrations can be accepted, either through the website or by walk-ins. Because of the large number of registrations, members should try to arrive earlier than usual, with the lunch buffet starting about 11:15.**

If you have RSVP’d for the lunch and do not attend, you will be expected to pay the ticket price anyway because the BCBA will have been charged based on the number of reservations, and there are members being turned away based on the number of reservations.

The BCBA is exploring the possibility of offering a second presentation of this CLE, available to all Boone County and Callaway County members. More information will be provided if this happens.

## BCBA Seeks Newsletter Editor/Webmaster

The BCBA Executive Committee is seeking a replacement for the BCBA Webmaster/Newsletter Editor, upon resignation of **Thad Taylor**. The job requires regular updating of the website, writing and publication of the monthly newsletter, and periodic e-mails to members with announcements, among other tasks. This person also sits on the Executive Committee. There is a stipend of \$750.00 per quarter. Both Thad and **Steve Scott** (former BCBA Webmaster/Newsletter Editor) have offered to help with training, and can answer questions that any applicant might have about details of the job. If you are interested, please contact President **Randall Johnston** or current Webmaster/Newsletter Editor **Thad Taylor**.

## Carol Rumble Recognized for 25 Years of Service in Boone County Courthouse

Congratulations to Carol Rumble for 25 years of service with the Boone County Circuit Clerks Office. One of Carol’s biggest responsibilities for the office is the record retention schedule, Court Operating Rule 8. Carol was also the lead on moving our records from the county storage facility to Underground Storage. As you can imagine this was no small task, we had thousands of files to label and tag to prepare for the move. You probably have seen Carol in associate court recording, as she has been one of our top recorders and trainers for many years. Thank you Carol for your dedication and years of service.

## Time to Pay 2020 Dues

Lawyers and firms wishing to pay their 2020 BCBA dues may send \$50/lawyer dues to Treasurer **Dan Beckett** at 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, 2020. Dues are waived for members who have reached 75 years of age or have been licensed for 50 years. Please provide the 2020 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form with your payment or exemption. This is especially important if you would like your areas of practice listed with your name in the Membership Directory. On the form, each attorney may list up to two areas of practice. The form can be found at <http://boonecountybar.org/dues/>.

## **OCDC Seeking a Full Time Attorney**

In order to protect the public, the Supreme Court of Missouri authorizes the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel to investigate and litigate complaints of attorney misconduct. To assist us in our mission, the OCDC is looking for a full-time attorney with three years' experience and proven writing, litigation and investigative skills. The position is located in Jefferson City. Limited in-state travel. Competitive salary and benefits. Send resume with salary history, three professional references and writing sample by February 14, 2020, to OCDC, 3327 American Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65109. EEO Employer.

## **Mizzou Law School's Small Firm and Public Interest Expo on March 6**

The University of Missouri School of Law would like to extend a personal invitation to your organization to participate in the University of Missouri School of Law Career Expo to be held Friday, March 6, 2020 in the main floor of the Law Library at the University of Missouri School of Law. The Career Expo provides an opportunity for representatives from law firms, public interest agencies, governmental organizations, corporations and other legal employers to meet with current J.D. students, provide information about your organization, and discuss career opportunities.

This free event is scheduled from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. For interested attendees, the law school will be offering a free CLE lunch prior to the Expo from 11:45 a.m. -12:35 p.m. in its Courtroom.

As a service to you, the law school also provides:

- An online job board where you can post job openings and internship opportunities
- The option to collect resumes from students interested in employment with your organization in advance of the Career Expo
- Private rooms to conduct interviews either before or after the Expo

The law school hopes you will consider attending the Career Expo and take advantage of this opportunity to meet and network with its law students.

If you have any questions regarding this event, have difficulty registering, would like to reserve an interview room, have resumes collected, or post a position, please feel free to contact **Jenny Riedy Clark** at [riedyj@missouri.edu](mailto:riedyj@missouri.edu).

## **Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium April 25-26**

The 39th Annual Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 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 AND one hour of elimination of bias). 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 \$385! For more information, contact Jason Simmons, Regional Ambassador, at (573) 447-3355, or [www.KCEPS.org](http://www.KCEPS.org).

## **BCBA Committee Directory is Being Updated**

'Tis the season to appoint committee chairs and members for standing BCBA Committees. If you are interested in serving as chair or member of a committee, please contact President **Randall Johnston** to indicate your interest. We are specifically looking for committee chairs for Practice, Procedure and Judiciary Committee, the Family Law Committee, and the Criminal Law Committee. The website will be updated soon to reflect the committees and include a button to click to sign up online.

## Mid-Missouri Legal Services to Move

Mid-Missouri Legal Services has purchased a new building (at the corner of Garth and Ash) to accommodate its growing staff. We will be putting our current building up for sale sometime after March or April. For more information, contact **Susan Lutton** at [lutton@mmls.org](mailto:lutton@mmls.org) or 573-442-0116.

## Mid-Missouri Legal Services 2020 Private Attorney Involvement Plan

MMLS is required, by federal regulation, to publish its Private Attorney Involvement Plan (PAI Plan) annually so that attorneys are aware of the opportunities that are available to provide low-income clients with free legal services through the MMLS Judicare program (reduced-fee program that pays attorneys \$70 hourly); or through the MMLS pro bono program. The 2020 Private Attorney Involvement (PAI) Plan is as follows:

### Introduction

Mid-Missouri Legal Services (MMLS) delivers legal services to 11 counties in central Missouri. Due to the unique challenges of serving a largely rural area, MMLS has developed a plan to use volunteers in a variety of ways to expand the reach and effectiveness of the program.

### The Private Attorney Involvement (“PAI”) Program

Attorneys assist MMLS clients through the MMLS Pro Bono Panel, Judicare (Reduced Fee) Panel, Uncontested Divorce Clinic and Pro Bono Mentoring.

**Pro Bono Panel:** Attorneys involved in this program choose to volunteer their time and energy by accepting clients for full representation. Cases are carefully screened by MMLS’s intake staff and PAI Coordinator to ensure that cases assigned to pro bono attorneys are largely without complication in order to limit the time commitment required. Attorneys on the Pro Bono Panel are provided with malpractice insurance through MMLS and the Missouri Attorney General’s office.

**Judicare (Reduced Fee) Panel:** This program pays private attorneys at a rate of \$70/hour, up to a maximum amount determined by the type of case, to provide legal representation to MMLS clients. Cases are screened by MMLS intake staff and PAI Coordinator to keep the time required under the maximum billable hours. Judicare attorneys must be approved by MMLS’s Board of Directors and must provide proof of current malpractice insurance.

**Uncontested Divorce Clinic:** Attorneys may sign up for the UDC mailing list which is sent out weekly, requesting volunteers, usually two, to participate in the clinic. Volunteers will spend roughly one and one-half (1 ½) hours assisting a client in preparing pro se dissolution forms approved by the Missouri Supreme Court, an In Forma Pauperis motion, a script for presenting their case to the judge, and, if necessary, service instructions or an affidavit for service by publication. An MMLS staff attorney is present to assist pro bono attorneys and to answer questions that may arise.

**Pro Bono Mentoring:** Attorneys not wishing to provide direct representation to clients may volunteer their time to mentor less seasoned pro bono volunteers. The mentor relationship consists primarily of brief phone conversations assisting the pro bono attorney, usually attorneys newly admitted to the bar, in learning the process required for the particular type of case the pro bono attorney is handling. Time commitment is expected to be less than an hour per month.

## **Mid-Missouri Legal Services 2020 Private Attorney Involvement Plan (cont.)**

### **Law Student Volunteer Opportunities**

MMLS maintains a close relationship with the University of Missouri School of Law, providing opportunities for students to get hands-on experience working with clients, and providing MMLS's clients added support. All students involved in the Volunteer Lawyers Project must be Rule 13-certified and supervised by a MMLS attorney.

**Clinics and Practicums:** Students may enroll, each semester, in clinics and/or practicums to assist clients, under the supervision of MMLS staff attorneys. Participation in clinics/practicums is subject to approval by the appropriate instructor/dean.

**Externships/Internships:** As resources permit, MMLS utilizes law students to provide research and investigative support to MMLS attorneys, as well as representing clients in court under the supervision of a MMLS staff attorney.

**Uncontested Divorce Clinic:** Just as attorneys may assist clients through these clinics, law students also may volunteer.

### **PAI Priorities**

**Pro Bono:** MMLS refers clients to pro bono attorneys for full representation in any type of civil law case, other than criminal or fee-generating cases, or cases otherwise prohibited by LSC regulations, in which a pro bono attorney is willing to assist.

**Judicare (reduced fee):** MMLS accepts clients for Judicare representation in cases involving divorce, paternity/custody, wills, beneficiary deeds, powers of attorney, bankruptcy, uncontested adult guardianship, landlord/tenant, and legal counseling/document preparation for initiation or expansion of small businesses.

### **Intake, Screening, and Referral**

All potential clients are screened by MMLS staff. The screening is designed to determine whether the applicant's legal problem falls within MMLS's geographic service area and case priorities and whether the applicant qualifies financially for program representation. The PAI Coordinator gathers additional information about the applicant's case to determine appropriateness for PAI representation.

Once a client's request has been determined to be appropriate for referral, the PAI Specialist reviews the volunteer attorney information to locate an appropriate attorney. The potential attorney is then sent a referral form, which the attorney reviews, and either accepts or rejects. If the attorney is willing to accept the referral, a confirmation letter is sent, along with the client's case information. The client is then sent information and instructions to contact the attorney.

### **Conflicts**

The PAI Panels will not accept for referral any matter in which MMLS or the PAI panel member is representing a party with a separate adverse interest in that matter. MMLS conducts conflicts checks on applicants and the opposing party, using names, social security numbers, and addresses to ascertain whether a potential conflict exists. Prior to undertaking representation, PAI attorneys conduct conflict checks within their own firms, as well. If an attorney has a conflict, an attempt will be made to place the client with another attorney. If a referral attorney is not available, the applicant is referred to the Missouri Lawyers Help website.

### **Oversight**

The PAI Project maintains a client file on all open cases until the matter is resolved. Each file is incorporated into a tickler system for review. Clients are contacted after ten days to ensure that they have made contact with their assigned attorney. Attorneys provide case status reports three months after assignment, as well as in July and in December.

### **Resources for PAI Attorneys and Volunteers**

PAI attorneys and approved volunteers will be provided access to MMLS's form bank, library and, as resources permit, use of MMLS office space and computers to work on PAI cases. PAI attorneys also will have access to MMLS attorneys for mentoring, advice, and guidance in cases referred by MMLS.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

None reported at this time.

### TRANSITIONS

Effective January 1, 2020, Lear Werts LLP moved its office to the historic Benton-Stephens neighborhood. The firm's new address is 103 Ripley Street, Columbia, MO 65201. The firm is enjoying the new office space, which is a remodeled, turn-of-the-century house that has served over the years as a preschool, medical office, and business office. The firm's new fax number is 573-279-0024. All other contact information for the firm remains the same.

### NEW MEMBERS

None reported as of this date.

### OTHER NEWS

The 13th Circuit Associate Court's current list of conflicts to the regular docket schedule, January 31, 2020 has been uploaded to the website and can be found at <http://boonecountybar.org/docket-schedules/>.

## January 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT BY DANIEL G. BECKETT

<b>Account balance of as December 31, 2019</b>	<b>\$9,838.39</b>
<b>Receipts 12/31/19 to 1/31/20</b>	
Interest	\$0.10
Bar Luncheon	\$495.00
Bar Dues	\$6,500.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$7,345.10</b>
<b>Expenses 12/31/19 to 1/31/20</b>	
Red Weirs - Awards	(\$248.38)
<b>Thad Taylor</b> (Webmaster services for October, November, December 2020)	(\$750.00)
Columbia Country Club (January luncheon)	(\$504.00)
<b>Randall Johnston</b> – Bar Executive Committee Mtg. reimbursement for lunch	(\$87.00)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(\$1,589.38)</b>
<b>Account Balance as of January 30, 2020</b>	<b>\$15,549.11</b>

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