

Hon. Jodie Capshaw Asel to retire | Reception scheduled for Friday, June 5th



Circuit Judge **Jodie Capshaw Asel** is retiring from Division IV. Judge Asel was first appointed to the court in 1991 as an Associate Circuit Judge winning re-election to that position four times until 2006 when she was elected as Circuit Judge to the first of her three terms in that role.

Originally from Chaffee, Missouri, Judge Asel is a graduate of the University of Missouri - Columbia, School of Law. She earned her undergraduate degree from Mizzou, as well.

Prior to appointment to the court, she was an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Boone County; Assistant Public Defender; and in private practice. Judge Asel has been a member of the Missouri Supreme Court Judicial Education Committee since 1993 and has served as Vice-Chair of the committee since 2009. She also has served on the Coordinating Commission for Judicial Education since 2008. Judge Asel was previously a member of the Executive Council of the Judicial Conference of the State of Missouri and

served on the Missouri Supreme Court Fine Collection Committee, Family Law Committee, Case Management Committee, and Legislative Committee. She was a Member of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges for five years, serving as its Vice President and President. Judge Asel served as President of the Boone County Bar Association from 2004 - 2005. She was an officer of the Missouri Circuit Judges' Association from 2010 to 2013 including terms as Vice-President and President. Judge Asel was Presiding Judge of the 13th Circuit in 2013 and 2014 and was appointed to the Presiding Judges' Executive Committee.



An open house reception is planned for Friday, June 5, 2020 from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. in the Boone County Ceremonial Courtroom. Judge Asel will be available to visit with guests. However, a formal presentation with speakers will not be made as in the past due to COVID-19 restrictions. The formal invitation may be accessed by clicking the thumbnail to the right.

Reminder to keep your BCBA membership active

If you have not already done so, please send in your annual dues ASAP to replenish the operating budget and keep the BCBA thriving. Dues are \$50 per lawyer and should be sent to:

Daniel Beckett, Treasurer
Boone County Bar Association
c/o Smith Lewis, LLP
111 S. 9th Street
Columbia, MO 65201

Please make your checks payable to "Boone County Bar Association." Dues become payable January 1, and members will be removed from the rolls if their dues are not paid. While dues are no longer waived for sitting and retired judges, dues are waived for members who have reached 75 years of age, or have been licensed for 50 years. If you are eligible for a waiver, please notify the Treasurer and website administrator to ensure you are given the exemption and your name is not removed from the rolls. The [BCBA Dues Payment/Waiver Form](#) is available on the BCBA website.

Those members that have not paid will receive an email from the BCBA with one last reminder. Please pay attention to that email. If you have not paid, please submit payment as soon as you can. If you receive the email and believe you have paid, please let the BCBA know that so that the records can be confirmed.

Virtual CLE set for June 10th in lieu of regular meeting

In lieu of the regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, June 10 at 12:00 p.m., the BCBA will host a virtual CLE. Ann Chambers from the Missouri Lawyers' Assistance Program will present "Resilient Lawyers: Finding Your Footing in Shifting Sands." Approval is pending for 1.0 hour of MoBar CLE credit. Additional information regarding MOLAP and Ms. Chambers can be accessed at <https://mobar.org/molap/>.

The zoom meeting can be accessed through:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7774858821?pwd=RU1rNDljWTB0WUdUR2tSOUxIUjIUT09>

Please note, this month's CLE is being provided free of charge as a BCBA member benefit. To minimize logistical challenges, the BCBA is not requiring member-RSVPs. But please do not forward the sign-in link to non-members.

13th Circuit announces refinement to docket proceedings

Presiding Judge **Kevin Crane** has issued [Administrative Order 11-20](#) moving the 13th Judicial Circuit to Phase 2 of the Supreme Court's operational directives. This order is effective as of 8:00 a.m. June 1, 2020 and can be found on the BCBA website.

Additionally, Court Administrator, **Mary Epping**, has provided an update on the Boone County Circuit Court's evolving policies on personal-versus-remote appearances in effect through June 12 unless otherwise ordered. While the default method of appearing is by video, each division is slightly different and counsel should confirm the mode of appearance in advance of court dates.

Masks will be available for anyone that appears in person at the courthouse. Parties who appear in the courthouse will be provided information to join the video/Zoom docket. Through June 12 (unless otherwise noted), attorneys should expect the following:

- Division 1: default is video. Attorneys and pro se litigants may request to be in person.
- Division 2: default is video through and including June 19.
- Division 3: default is video but in-person will be allowed.
- Division 4: default is video. Attorneys and pro se litigants may request to be in-person.
- Division 5: default is video but attorneys may request to be in-person. Pro se may be by Zoom if contact information is available, or in-person.
- Divisions 6 and 7: default is video but attorneys may request to be in-person (except pro se where the default is in-person).
- Division 8: mix of phone, video and in-person as requested by parties.
- Division 9: default is video but attorneys may request to be in-person. Pro se may be by Zoom if contact information is available, or in-person. Juvenile docket is normally by phone.
- Division 10: mix of phone, video and in-person as requested by the parties.
- Division 11: default is video but attorneys may request to be in-person (except pro se where the default is in-person).
- Division 12: video only through June 1.

The court asks that, where possible, counsel confer before hearings and attempt to appear the same way (e.g., both in-person or both by video) as divergent appearances require some additional logistics.

Additional information will be forwarded by email to the membership as it becomes available. Additionally, the court is conducting [a survey of its judicial partners](#) regarding the court's response to COVID-19. The survey may be accessed by clicking the hyperlink and will be available until June 5, 2020.

Sheriff provides guidance on non-contact jail visits for counsel

Effective June 1, 2020 the Boone County Jail will allow non-contact visits between attorneys and their clients. This will take place in the non-contact visitation area of the Boone County Jail. Attorneys and their clients will be able to talk through a regular public visitation phone that is a non-recorded line.

Attorneys will be screened (e.g., asked COVID-19 related questions and have their temperature taken) prior to being allowed to visit a client in the jail. Attorneys will also be required to provide their own PPE (mask and gloves) and wear the PPE while in the building.

Attorneys will still need to make appointments to reserve a time to see their clients. The Boone County Jail will be accepting appointments at any time other than shift change, feeding, and count times (0500-0730, 1100-1200, 1700-1900).

Please contact Director Keith Hoskins at 573-875-1111 extension 6235 should you have any questions.

2020 BCBA Committee Chairperson's list updated

BCBA President **Randall Johnston** has released the updated list of BCBA Committee Chairpersons for 2020. They are:

- Practice, Procedure and Judiciary Committee: [Tom Harrison](#)
- Family Law Committee: [Myia McKenna](#)
- Criminal Law Committee: [Hon. Deborah Daniels](#)
- Program and Entertainment Committee: [Gretchen Yancey](#) (BCBA Vice-Pres.)
- Legal Aid Committee: [Cecilia Young](#)
- Partners-in-Education: [Brian Hajicek](#)
- Black Lawyers Committee: [Robin Winn](#)
- Public Relations Committee: [Brad Lear](#)
- Community Involvement Committee: [Sander Sowers](#)
- Picnic Committee: [Mark Langworthy](#)
- Ad hoc Covid 19 Task Force: [Hon. Gary Oxenhandler](#), and [Josh Oxenhandler](#) (Co-chairs)

If members are interested in serving on a particular committee, they should email the appropriate chair at their corresponding email hyperlink above.

Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic scheduled for September 25th

The Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic has been scheduled for Friday, September 25, 5:00 p.m., at the Twin Lakes Shelter. The committee will continue the tradition of serving carved, hickory-smoked, and boneless beef ribeye, bratwurst, hot dogs, and sides. All members of the BCBA and their immediate families are welcome.

Of course, this is being planned with the hope that it will be safe and lawful to proceed at that time, and is therefore subject to cancellation. It helps the planning committee when they know how many will be in attendance, so please email RSVPs to Picnic Committee Chairperson **Mark Langworthy** at langworthym@missouri.edu. Please also email Mark if you are interested in serving on the picnic committee. (Mark claims it is a lot of fun).

Diane Begemann to retire from clerk's office



The Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office will be celebrating the retirement of Diane Begemann in June and her 31 years of service. Diane started in Adult Court Services in 1988 and from there she moved to the Circuit Clerk's Office in June of 1989. Her entire career has been in the Criminal Division.

Diane gained a vast knowledge of criminal procedures and case management throughout the years. The clerk's office extends its thanks to Diane for her outstanding dedication, enthusiasm, sharing her knowledge, cooperation and hard work throughout her years of service. She will be missed.

Due to COVID-19 limitations, the clerk's office will wait until mid-month to make a decision as to the celebration. Additional information about the celebration will be published later.

Public Service Commission announces job opportunity

The Missouri Public Service Commission is seeking a Litigation Attorney within the General Counsel's Office. The Commission is the state agency responsible for the regulation of public utilities providing electric, natural gas, water and sewer, and telecommunications service.

This position handles legal matters including defending Commission orders before state appellate courts; other litigation and trial practice at all levels of state or federal courts; management of all stages of case litigation and negotiation before federal agencies, such as FERC; and legal analysis and advising regarding policy initiatives and energy development.

The candidate must have at least 5 years of civil or administrative litigation experience. Knowledge of civil practice and procedure is required. Must be articulate and skilled in oral and written communications. Experience in public utility regulation is preferred, but not required. The candidate must be admitted to practice law in Missouri and be a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar. Moderate amount of in-state and out-of-state travel may be necessary.

The annual salary range is \$70,814 - \$75,232. This position is located in Jefferson City, Missouri. To be considered for this position, please submit an application, resume, a copy of each transcript from all colleges/universities attended, technical writing sample, and salary history by June 19, 2020 to the MO Public Service Commission, Reference Number GC040620, PO Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 or via e-mail to pscjobs@psc.mo.gov. For additional information, visit http://psc.mo.gov/General/Career_Opportunities.

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Transitions



Nathan Jones Law is proud to announce that effective June 1, 2020, Rob Temple joins the firm as an associate attorney. Rob graduated from Mizzou Law School in May 2019 and obtained his LLM from Northwestern University in May 2020. Rob will primarily focus his practice in the areas of estate planning, probate administration, and business law. His email is rob@nathanjoneslaw.com and phone is 573-874-1122.

New Members

There are no new members to report this month.

June 2020 Treasurer's Report by Daniel G. Beckett

Account balance of as of April 30, 2020	\$16,110.83
Receipts 4/30/20 to 5/30/20	
Bar Dues	\$887.50
Interest	\$1.26
Total Receipts	\$888.76
Expenses 4/30/20 to 5/30/20	
Mark Langworthy (reimbursement for Bar Picnic shelter reservation)	-\$55.00
Chargeback (for returned dues check)	-\$50.00
Account analysis charge (for returned check)	-\$3.00
Total Expenses	-\$108.00
Account Balance as of May 30, 2020	\$16,891.59

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