

## Boone County Courthouse reverts to Phase 1



Effective July 24 at 5 p.m., the Boone County Courthouse moved back to Phase 1 with respect to COVID-19 precautions. On July 24, the Supreme Court updated its operational directives to be effective on August 1, 2020. One new guideline as part of this change is that if any court personnel tests positive for COVID-19, the presiding or chief judge shall move that court facility to Operating Phase 1 or 0. An employee of the Boone County Courthouse tested positive for COVID-19, causing Boone County's move back to Phase 1. The Court took immediate action to quarantine anyone that may have been affected and cleaned all areas where the employee worked. A copy of the Order has been posted on the [BCBA website](#). The Court will remain in Phase 1 until at least August 7.

## Supreme Court to require face masks effective August 1

The Supreme Court will require that face masks or coverings be worn effective August 1. Specifically, the requirements are:

Face masks or coverings shall be required except when an individual is alone in a private office. As recommended by the CDC, face masks or coverings shall be required in all public court areas and during all court proceedings unless good cause is shown to limit the requirement in a particular proceeding, such as when a witness is testifying.



The Supreme Court's Operational Directives can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.courts.mo.gov/file.jsp?id=162874>

## Virtual CLE set for August 12

In lieu of the BCBA's regular monthly meeting, a virtual CLE will be hosted on Wednesday, August 12 at 12:00 p.m. More details about the program will be provided as they become available.

The Zoom meeting can be accessed through the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84697154004?pwd=MGRNK1NtSk5hZmI0SXJsWHVPNDRUZz09>

The July 8 CLE on "Practicing in a Time of Social Distancing and Zoom Dockets" was approved for 1.2 hours of CLE credit.

## **Docket Updates Announced**

Following the July 8 CLE, both Divisions 8 and 10 made changes to their default plan for dockets. The default for both divisions is now Zoom. The Division 8 domestic relations dockets that will be “default Zoom” are as follows:

Temporary Motion dockets (Tuesdays AM), Settlement Conferences (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays PM) and Contested Dissolutions/Paternity (Wednesdays AM). Counsel/parties may opt to appear in person.

For other Division 8 domestic relations dockets, a hearing may be conducted by Zoom or conference call upon request.

Regarding Division 10, Zoom invitations will be sent to all attorneys of record on Judge Schneider’s family court dockets. It will be up to the attorneys to forward the Zoom invite to their clients and/or witnesses.

For Juvenile cases in Division 10, the juvenile docket is managed by the Juvenile Office. They provide a list of parties that are planning to appear by Zoom as opposed to in person. Therefore, individuals would need to continue to work with the Juvenile Office on these cases.

Commissioner Miller is moving to Zoom as her default for her domestic relations dockets, effective immediately.

## **Annual Charity Golf Tournament Canceled for 2020**

The BCBA annual charity golf tournament benefitting Mid-Missouri Legal Services held each year in October has been canceled due to COVID-19. The BCBA looks forward to the 2021 event, which is scheduled for Monday, October 11, 2021 at Columbia Country Club.

## **Boone County Seeking an Assistant County Counselor II**

Boone County is looking for a qualified individual for an Assistant County Counselor II job opening. This position involves assisting the County Counselor in the legal representation of the County and all departments, offices, institutions, and agencies, including representation in state court, federal court, and before administrative agencies. The Assistant County Counselor represents Boone County and its officials at civil court proceedings, assists in trial preparation efforts, and conducts civil trials as first-chair attorney. Additional duties include: prepare memoranda, opinions, and related work as required, drafting legal correspondence, petitions, pleadings, motions, responses, conduct civil returns, motion hearings, bench trials, presenting evidence at civil hearings, prepare, review, and render opinions on contracts, deeds, ordinances, and resolutions, rules and regulations, proposed legislation, and other legal instruments for the County, prepare special reports, briefs, and opinions as required, attend meetings and provide legal advice as required, provide legal advice and assistance to the Commission, County Elected Officials and County Department Directors, and perform related work as needed or assigned. The Assistant County Counselor serves as acting County Counselor in the absence of the County Counselor.

The candidate must have a Juris Doctorate Law degree and a valid license to practice law in Missouri with a minimum of three years of experience. Additionally, the candidate must have extensive knowledge of the principles and practices of the legal profession including legal research, investigation, and preparation and presentation of cases in court or other formal litigation. Experience in public sector law and/or practice before the Missouri State Tax Commission is preferred

The annual starting salary range is \$58,572 to \$62,233. Working hours include 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday (some evening meetings required). This position is eligible for full benefits such as paid vacation, enrollment in the County Employees Retirement Fund, and two matching deferred compensation plans. To be considered for this position, please apply online at [www.showmeboone.com](http://www.showmeboone.com) or call (573)-886-4395 ext. 2 with questions. Applications accepted until position is filled.

## Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>



The Jim Butcher Memorial Picnic has been scheduled for Friday, September 25 at 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.

This event may be subject to cancellation if it is unsafe and unlawful to proceed at that time. Please email RSVPs to Picnic Committee Chairperson **Mark Langworthy** at [langworthym@missouri.edu](mailto:langworthym@missouri.edu).

## Circuit Clerk's Office to suspend pick-up mailboxes through the end of 2020

Due to the Court moving back to Phase 1, all attorney pick-up mailboxes will be suspended through the end of the year. The Circuit Clerk's Office will reevaluate pick-up mailboxes closer to that time. If you have any questions, please contact the Unit Manager, Sherry Seiling ([sherry.seiling@courts.mo.gov](mailto:sherry.seiling@courts.mo.gov)).

## Office Space Available

The former Claire McCaskill Office in downtown will be available for rent on August 1. Parking spaces are also available. Please call **Pat Eng** at (573)-268-5716 for further details.

## Around the bar . . .

### Transitions

There are no new transitions to report this month.

### New Members

There are no new members to report this month.

### August 2020 Treasurer's Report (unavailable as of publication)

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