

BCBA Elects 2021 Officers

The results of the election for BCBA Officers for 2021 are as follows:

President: **Gretchen Yancey**
Vice President: **Glen Ehrhardt**
Secretary: **Kirsten Dunham**
Treasurer: **Daniel Beckett**
Executive Committee at-Large Members:
Curt Branson and Jessica Caldera
Immediate Past President: **Randall Johnston**



Congratulations to the newly elected officers and a thank you to these BCBA members for their willingness to serve our Bar.

13th Circuit reverts to Phase 1 as of October 25

Due to a positive COVID test of an employee who works in the Boone County Courthouse and a positive test of another employee who works in the Callaway County Courthouse, the entire 13th Circuit moved back to Phase 1 effective October 25, 2020, at 12 noon.

The Court continues to appreciate everyone's patience – the public, staff, and attorneys – as the Court strives to balance holding court and moving cases, with COVID-19. The Court is contact tracing to ensure that the courts are safe for everyone. Due to this cooperation, the Court is confident in allowing the public in the buildings, but the circuit must revert to Phase 1.

Of note for moving to Phase 1, this reinstates the 10 person limit of courtrooms/large venues; however, the order does allow the Court to continue with jury trials and the limit of 10 or less is to be held "whenever possible." The limited number of people can and will be exceeded while holding a jury trial and will require masks and social distancing.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Operational Directives, a court cannot move to a higher phase until after the court has been in the prior Operating Phase for a period of at least 14 calendar days. The other standards are still in place - face masks or coverings continue to be required and masks will be provided.

The Court will continue utilizing available technology when possible to limit in-person courtroom appearances to the extent practicable. It should be noted this change in phases is limited to the court, the courthouse as a whole will continue to function as normal. You can find the October 25 [order here](#).

Advanced Guardian Ad Litem and Mediation Training set for November 11

The 2020 GAL/Mediation Training is scheduled for November 11, 2020 and will be conducted virtually. This training will satisfy the required hours as set forth in the GAL Standards approved by the Court en Banc and 3 hours of the required mediation training as required by Local Court Rule 68.18(C) every two years. The program is approved for 6.4 hours of CLE credit, and includes 1 hour of Ethics and 1 hour of Elimination of Bias credits. There is no cost for the training this year. Submit your completed registration form to Cindy Garrett at the Boone County Courthouse no later than November 4, 2020. The registration form and the agenda for the training can be found [here](#).

Use the following link to access the training on November 11:

<https://mocourts.webex.com/mocourts/j.php?MTID=m82eacfb68e3a97eff8cea31c2322b16>.

Meeting ID: 146 784 7196

Password: 11112020

City of Columbia seeking Assistant City Counselor

The Law Department of Columbia is accepting applications for an Assistant City Counselor.

This position serves as a member of the legal team to provide professional services to City officials, staff, and boards and commissions. Additionally, an Assistant City Counselor provides legal advice on diverse areas of municipal law to all City departments; researches and creates legal documents and opinions; represents the City before courts, administrative agencies, and other forums. The open position is in the Counselor/Civil Division of the Law Department.

This is advanced professional work that requires the ability to communicate complex ideas effectively, both orally and in writing. A thorough knowledge of legal issues affecting local government is required. The attorney will work with city staff and select appointed boards and commissions. Possession of a Juris Doctorate from an accredited law school and a valid license to practice law in Missouri is required. Minimum three years of experience is required; experience in local government or public sector law is highly preferred.

HOURS: Monday-Friday; generally, 8-5 with occasional evening and weekend work required.

Position is open until filled. For a complete job description and application, go to www.gocomojobs.com. Please describe your strengths related to Essential Job Functions in a cover letter.

Around the bar . . .

Transitions

There are no new transitions to report this month.

New Members

There are no new members to report this month.

October 2020 Treasurer's Report

Account balance of as of September 30, 2020	\$14,692.44
Receipts 9/30/20 to 10/31/20	
Interest (Oct.)	\$1.13
Dues	\$12.50
Total Receipts	\$13.63
Expenses 9/30/20 to 10/31/20	
Total Expenses	\$0.00
Account Balance as of October 31, 2020	\$14,706.07

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