



State of the Court Address held on December 2

The annual State of the Court Address was held virtually via Zoom at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Judge Kevin Crane provided information to attendees on changes, challenges, and updates related to the 13th Circuit Court. Municipal Court Judge Cavanaugh Noce also provided information about Columbia Municipal Court's changes and efforts throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. 113 people joined the virtual address.

In lieu of having the annual in-person holiday party, the BCBA decided to use funds that would have otherwise been allocated to the party to make donations to local charitable organizations. During the virtual State of the Court Address, BCBA members voted to donate funds as follows:

- \$750 to Central Missouri Food Bank
- \$500 to COVID-19 Relief Fund
- \$250 to Court Appointed Special Advocates



Contracts Available for Attorneys to Handle Public Defender Overload Cases

The 13th Circuit is seeking attorneys to handle Public Defender overload cases at the rate of \$250 per case. The contract form to handle such cases is available [here](#).

Time to Submit Form Indicating Interest in Juvenile Court Case Appointments

Attorneys interested in contracting to serve in Juvenile Court cases in 2021 in the 13th Circuit need to complete and return the following [form](#) to Deputy Court Administrator Cindy Garrett.

New Co-Occurring Court added to Treatment Court options

On Monday, November 23, 2020, Commissioner Casey Clevenger held the first Co-Occurring Treatment Court in Callaway County, as an expansion of the Drug Court, in collaboration with the Arthur Center.

“There has been a need for access to mental health treatment for those involved in the criminal justice system for a very long time,” Clevenger said. “This will better address both the substance use and mental health needs of our Drug Court participants. As with all of our treatment courts, the goal is to stop the cycle of substance use – sometimes used as self-medication – and to get participants into stable housing and jobs to support their families.”

Participants referred to this court will be assessed by the Arthur Center and those with “co-occurring” substance use and mental health diagnoses will be able to get mental health treatment. This will include access to psychiatric care, medication, and case management, in addition to the support and requirements of all treatment courts.

“Through our Treatment Court team members we were able to brain-storm ways to expand the courts that already exist here,” Clevenger said. “The Fulton Police Department helped us foster a relationship with the Community Mental Health Liaison from the Arthur Center, they were integral in getting the pieces in place to move forward for this court. This court will create a greater opportunity for success with access to proper diagnosis and medication.”

Callaway County’s Treatment Court is one of more than 3,000 nationwide annually serving more than 150,000 people. Treatment Courts are now the most successful justice program for reducing addiction, crime and recidivism while saving taxpayer dollars. Treatment Court graduates enter the program addicted to drugs and often facing long term incarceration, but because of the combination of accountability and treatment, they become enrolled in school, reunited with their families, employed, and paying taxes.

This will be the fifth treatment court option available to residents of Callaway County. For more information on the 13th Circuit's Treatment Courts, please see the annual report:

https://www.courts.mo.gov/hosted/circuit13/documents/ASC_AnnualReport2019.pdf

(other information and reports available here:

<https://www.courts.mo.gov/hosted/circuit13/courtoffices/aschome.htm>)

Boone County Circuit Clerk’s Office to Stop Mailing Family Court Pamphlets

The Boone County Circuit Clerks Office will no longer be mailing the following pamphlets with the compliance letter in Family Court Cases: 1) Focus on Kids, 2) Mediation Requirement and 3) In Your Child’s Best Interest.

These documents are in electronic form and are attached to the electronic Compliance Letter. The Clerk’s office will continue to mail the documents to unrepresented parties.

Around the bar . . .

Transitions

There are no new transitions to report this month.

New Members

There are no new members to report this month.

November 2020 Treasurer's Report

Account balance of as of October 31, 2020	\$14,706.07
Receipts 10/31/20 to 11/30/20	
Interest (Oct.)	\$1.04
Interest (Nov.)	\$0.81
Total Receipts	\$1.85
Expenses 10/31/20 to 11/30/20	
Red Weir (Judge Asel Gift)	(\$259.19)
Total Expenses	(\$259.19)
Account Balance as of November 30, 2020	\$14,448.73

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