



## 2021 BCBA Officers Begin Term January 1

Former BCBA Vice President, **Gretchen Yancey**, of Carson & Coil, P.C., began her term as 2021 BCBA President January 1, along with the following officers and Executive Committee members: Vice President - **Glen Ehrhardt**, Rogers | Ehrhardt; Secretary - **Kirsten Dunham**, Mid-Missouri Legal Services; Treasurer - **Daniel Beckett**, Smith Lewis, LLP; Immediate Past President - **Randall Johnston**; At-large Executive Committee members - **Curt Branson**, Jones, Schneider & Stevens, LLC, and **Jessica Caldera**, Boone County Prosecuting Attorney's Office; and, Web Administrator/Newsletter Editor - **Lear Werts LLP**.

## Time to Pay 2021 Dues

BCBA annual membership dues for 2021 and now due. Please send \$50/lawyer dues to:

**Daniel Beckett**, Treasurer  
Boone County Bar Association  
705 E. Walnut  
Columbia, MO 65201

Make checks payable to "Boone County Bar Association." Members will be removed from the rolls if they have not paid dues by April 1, 2021. Dues are waived for members who have reached 75 years of age or for members who have been licensed for 50 years. Please provide the 2021 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/> or by [clicking here](#).

## Two Members to Receive Annual BCBA Awards

The BCBA Executive Committee is pleased to announce the recipients of the association's annual awards for 2020.

The Distinguished Professional Award recipient is **Walter H. ("Wally") Bley** of Bley & Evans, LC. Mr. Bley has been a longtime member of the legal community who has always conducted himself in a commendable manner and is known for treating the Court, the parties, and opposing counsel with respect and decorum. Mr. Bley serves as an example to other attorneys on how to conduct oneself in a professional manner. Mr. Bley is a deserving recipient of this award.

The Outstanding Service Award recipient is **John L. Whiteside**, Esq. Mr. Whiteside is known for having a heart for service and has performed legal work for a number of public entities and agencies. Mr. Whiteside has accepted court appointments to represent respondents in involuntary commitment proceedings and is known for doing so capably and with compassion. Mr. Whiteside is also known for generously giving his time and expertise to other attorneys who serve in similar capacities. Mr. Whiteside personifies this award.

Traditionally, the awards are presented at the annual BCBA holiday party in December; however, the party was canceled due to precautions surrounding COVID-19.

The Distinguished Professional Award is given to a BCBA member in practice 15 or more years who exemplifies the highest legal and ethical standards to which all legal professionals should strive. The Distinguished Professional Award has previously been presented to: 2015: **Tom Schneider** of Jones, Schneider & Stevens; 2016: **Betty Wilson** of Oliver Walker Wilson; 2017: **Hamp Ford** of Ford, Parshall & Baker and **Herbert Willbrand** of Brown Willbrand P.C.; 2018: **Marvin E. "Bunky" Wright** who was University Counsel Emeritus for the University of Missouri; 2019: **Skip Walther** of Walther, Antel & Stamper.

The Outstanding Service Award is given to a BCBA member who has made significant contributions to the benefit of the legal profession, the justice system, and/or our community. The Outstanding Service Award has previously been presented to: 2015: **Sander Sowers** of Lear Werts LLP; 2016: **George Batek** of Batek and Benson, LLC and **Norm Lampton** of the Lampton Law Firm; 2017: **Rusty Antel** of Walther, Antel & Stamper and **Glen Ehrhardt** of Rogers | Ehrhardt; 2018: **Steve Scott** of Scott Law Firm, P.C.; 2019: **Dave Knight** of Dave Knight Law Offices.

Congratulations to the 2020 award recipients!

## Judge Devine Sworn In

On Tuesday, December 29, 2020, the **Hon. Josh Devine**, Division IV Circuit Judge, was sworn into office by the **Hon. J. Hasbrouck "Brouck" Jacobs** after being elected to a six-year term in the November 2020 election. Judge Devine was appointed to the Division IV bench earlier last summer following the retirement of the **Hon. Jodie Asel**.



## **New Local Court Rule on Criminal Filings**

The Court en Banc voted on December 15, 2020 and approved the following new Local Court Rule. It will be in effect on February 15, 2020:

### **RULE 4. FILING OF CASES**

#### **4.1 CRIMINAL CASES**

All complaints, indictments and informations charging felonies or misdemeanors shall be filed in a central location established by the Circuit Clerk. Filings of criminal cases for defendants who are out of custody shall be submitted to the clerk by 12 p.m., noon, the day before the date on the ticket, summons or bond indicates the arraignment is to be set.

## **13<sup>th</sup> Circuit to use WebEx**

Effective April 1, 2021, Zoom will no longer be approved by the Supreme Court which means the 13th Circuit will switch to WebEx. A training will be provided in the near future for those not familiar with this video conferencing platform.

## **Executive Committee Votes to Make In Memoriam Contributions to Honor Members**

Going forward, the BCBA Executive Committee has voted to endeavor to recognize BCBA members who have passed away during the year. The BCBA plans to pay tribute to members in the BCBA newsletter when it becomes aware of a member's passing and will each January plan to recognize all members who passed away during the preceding year. Additionally, the BCBA will make a memorial contribution in each deceased member's honor to such member's designated memorial contribution recipient if known. The contributions will be in the amount of \$100. The BCBA asks members to provide information to the Web Administrator/Newsletter Editor or the Executive Committee about members who may have passed away.

## **Columbia College and University of Missouri School of Law Board of Advocates to host virtual Mid-Missouri Mock Trial Invitational Tournament – volunteers needed**

Columbia College and the University of Missouri School of Law School Board of Advocates will host the Mid-Missouri Mock Trial Invitational tournament on Saturday, January 16 through Sunday January 17, 2021. They began hosting AMTA events in 1999 and look forward to their 23rd year of hosting. This is a four round tournament which will have 28 teams entered. The tournament will be conducted virtually in Zoom based courtrooms. The tournament hosts need attorneys to serve as judges for this tournament. Since the event is virtual, judges are welcome from around the country. Judges will score an electronic ballot and rule on evidentiary objections governed by an evidence code analogous to the Federal Rules of Evidence. This year's case is a civil case. Judges are needed for all rounds, which begin Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on Sunday. Those interested in judging or in need of further information may contact Professor Barry Langford at Columbia College [brlangford@ccis.edu](mailto:brlangford@ccis.edu) (573-875-7484). Further information about intercollegiate mock trial may be obtained at: <https://www.collegemocktrial.org/>

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### Transitions



**Jennifer Rodewald** has joined the Boone County Counselor's Office as an Assistant County Counselor. Her new contact information is as follows: 801 East Walnut Street, Suite 211, Columbia, MO 65201. [jrodewald@boonecountymo.org](mailto:jrodewald@boonecountymo.org), (573) 886-8346.

### New Members

**Sydney Dowell** has joined Ford, Parshall & Baker. Her contact information is as follows: 3210 Bluff Creek Drive, Columbia, MO 65201, [sdowell@fpb-law.com](mailto:sdowell@fpb-law.com), 573-449-2613. She will practice civil litigation defense.



**Ryan Mayes** has also joined Ford, Parshall & Baker. His contact information is as follows: 3210 Bluff Creek Drive, Columbia, MO 65201, [rmayes@fpb-law.com](mailto:rmayes@fpb-law.com), 573-449-2613. He will also practice civil litigation defense.

## December 2020 Treasurer's Report

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|------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Account balance of as of November 30, 2020     | <b>\$14,448.73</b> |
| Receipts 11/30/20 to 12/31/20                  |                    |
| Dues (2021)                                    | \$100.00           |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                          | <b>\$100.00</b>    |
| Expenses 11/30/20 to 12/31/20                  |                    |
| Red Weir (outgoing President gift)             | (\$84.44)          |
| Community Foundation of Central MO (donation)  | (\$500.00)         |
| Central MO Food Bank (donation)                | (\$750.00)         |
| Heart of MO CASA (donation)                    | (\$250.00)         |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                          | <b>(1,584.44)</b>  |
| <b>Account Balance as of December 31, 2020</b> | <b>\$12,964.29</b> |

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