

# Newsletter

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# Melinda Bentley to Present CLE

In lieu of the BCBA's regular monthly meeting, a virtual CLE will be hosted on Wednesday, May 12 at 12:00 p.m. Melinda Bentley, Legal Ethics Counsel, Advisory Committee of the Supreme Court of Missouri, will be presenting "Ethics Update 2021." The program has been approved for 1.0 hours of ethics MCLE credit.

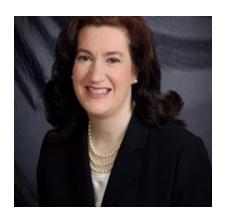
Last month's CLE featuring Boone County Prosecuting Attorney **Dan Knight** was approved for 1.2 hours of CLE credit.

The June 9, 2021 meeting will be a CLE presentation by the Downey Law Group. 1.2 hours of Ethics and Elimination of Bias CLE credit is pending approval by the Missouri Bar.

The Zoom link for virtual meetings is: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7774858821?pwd=eDdXTW5wZURLem1ocGhiYytrYW9zQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7774858821?pwd=eDdXTW5wZURLem1ocGhiYytrYW9zQT09</a>

Meeting ID: 777 785 8821

Passcode: CCPC2020



#### 13th Circuit Court Moved to Phase 4

Presiding Judge **Brouck Jacobs** signed an administrative order moving the 13th Circuit Court to the new Supreme Court Operational Directive Phase 4, which took effect on April 15, 2021.

The Court will continue to hear matters by video and use technology as appropriate to keep the public safe. Social distancing will be utilized in the buildings and masks will continue to be provided and required in court.

A significant change in Phase 4 is the provision regarding when court employees are no longer required to wear masks. The Circuit will be using the Phase 4 directives in conjunction with local health department standards and CDC guidelines. The Court will continue to monitor local health conditions and guidelines to best ensure the safety of the public and court personnel.

# Judge Jacobs Signs Order Creating 13th Circuit Technology Committee

On March 5, 2021, Presiding Judge **Brouck Jacobs** signed Administrative Order 05-21 establishing a 13th Circuit Technology Committee to develop policies and procedures regarding remote court proceedings in the 13th Circuit.

Members appointed to this committee include:

Judge Jeff Harris, Chair; Judge Kimberly Shaw; Judge Sue Crane; Judge Stephanie Morrell; Boone County Circuit Clerk Christy Blakemore; Callaway County Circuit Clerk Megan Morse; Callaway County Prosecuting Attorney Chris Wilson; Boone County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jessica Caldera; District Public Defender Kevin O'Brien; Gretchen Yancey; Jacque Brazas; Antwaun Smith; Mike Campbell; Curt Branson; Andrew Poppelwell; Court Administrator Mary Epping; Deputy Court Administrator Cindy Garrett; and 13th Circuit IT Supervisor Christopher Fishman-Weaver.

The committee met on April 6, 2021 and is scheduled to meet again on May 21, 2021. If you have any suggestions for the committee, please feel free to contact one of the committee members.

### Deadline to Pay BCBA Dues was April 1st

The deadline to submit annual BCBA membership dues was April 1, 2021. Members who did not pay their membership dues will be removed from the rolls.

If you would like to renew your BCBA membership, please visit: <a href="http://boonecountybar.org/">http://boonecountybar.org/</a> dues/ and fill out the membership form and submit your payment to the BCBA.

# BCBA Seeks Survey Response Regarding In-Person BCBA Meetings

The BCBA is considering a return to in-person meetings in June. To gauge the membership's comfort level on a return to in-person meetings, please click the link to respond to this <u>short survey</u>.

# Office of Legal Ethics Counsel Seeking Staff Counsel

The Office of Legal Ethics Counsel is seeking a full-time staff counsel to provide informal advisory opinions interpreting Supreme Court Rules 4, 5, and 6 in response to telephone and written ethics questions from attorneys pursuant to Rule 5.30(c), as well as other duties as assigned.

Applicants must be a Missouri lawyer in good standing with at least three years of experience. Additionally, applicants must have excellent communication, writing, and research skills, as well as sound judgment. The Office prefers an applicant with a legal ethics background. Training opportunities are provided.

The job is located in Jefferson City and may entail limited in-state travel. The position offers a competitive salary and benefits. The salary range is \$65,000-\$69,000.

To apply, submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and three professional references to: Office of Legal Ethics Counsel, 3335 American Ave., Jefferson City, MO 65109 or fax to 573-635-

#### **New Members**

**Aubrey Dwyer** practices at the State of Missouri Department of Social Services, Division of Legal Services. Her contact information is as follows: 221 West High Street, Room 230, Jefferson City, MO 65102, aubrey.dwyer@dss.mo.gov, 573-751-3229. She practices government and juvenile law.



**Jayne Pearman** is a solo practitioner. Her contact information is as follows: 11150 E. Rob Cook Road, Centralia, MO 65240, jayne@jaynepearman.com, 913-787-0078. She practices family law.



### **Transitions**

There are no transitions to report this month.

# May 2021 Treasurer's Report

Submitted by:	Daniel G. Beckett	
For Period Ending:	4/30/2021	
Account Balance as of 3/31/2021		\$19,423.60
Receipts 3/31/2021 to 4/30/2021		
Interest—March		\$0.88
Dues		\$550.00
Total Receipts		\$550.88
Expenses 3/31/2021 to 4/30/2021		
Total Expenses		\$0.00
Ending Balance as of 4/30/2021		\$19,974.48

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