



## 2022 BCBA Officers Begin Term January 1

Former BCBA Vice President, **Glen Ehrhardt**, of Rogers | Ehrhardt, began his term as 2022 BCBA President January 1, along with the following officers and Executive Committee members: Vice President - **Becky Thompson**, City of Columbia Legal Department; Secretary - **Jennifer Rodewald**, Boone County Counselor's Office; Treasurer - **Daniel Beckett**, Smith Lewis, LLP; Immediate Past President - **Gretchen Yancey**, Carson & Coil, P.C.; At-large Executive Committee members - **Tamara Kopp**, Missouri Insurance Guaranty Associations, and **Emily Little**, University of Missouri System General Counsel's Office; and, Web Administrator/Newsletter Editor - **Lear Werts LLP**.

## Prof. Ben Trachtenberg to Present Virtual CLE for January Meeting

In lieu of the BCBA's regular monthly meeting, a virtual CLE will be hosted on Wednesday, January 12 at 12:00 p.m. Prof. Trachtenberg is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Isidor Loeb Professor of Law, and Director of Undergraduate Studies at the University of Missouri School of Law and will present "Representing Students on Campus: Student Conduct, Academic Dishonesty, and Title IX." The presentation will cover the basics of representing students in internal university proceedings. Although it will focus mostly on students accused of misconduct, attention will also be paid to students seeking counsel because they are complainants or witnesses. Topics will include: How procedures for resolving accusations of student misconduct can vary from campus to campus as well as within a single institution, what lawyers are permitted (and not permitted) to do, and how recent and ongoing federal action has changed (and likely will further change) campus procedures. The presentation will also touch upon how internal campus proceedings can interact with external legal matters, such as civil and criminal cases. The program has been approved for 1.0 hours of MCLE credit.



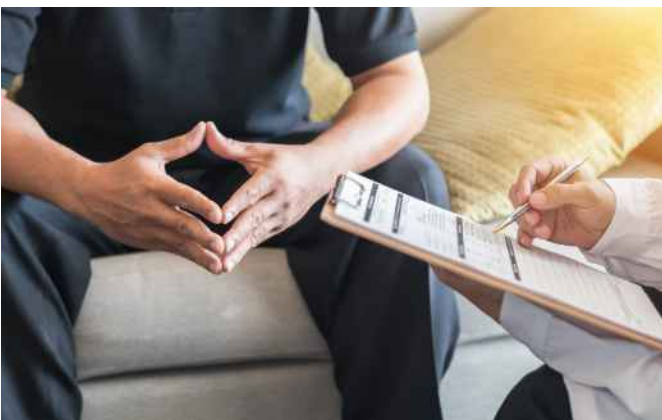
The Zoom link for this virtual meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7774858821?pwd=eDdXTW5wZURLem1ocGhiYytrYW9zQT09>

Meeting ID: 777 785 8821

Passcode: CCPC2020

The February 9 meeting will again be in-person at the Columbia Country Club and will feature a CLE presentation by **Jennifer Rodewald**, **John Whiteside** and Presiding **Judge Brouck Jacobs** on the The Involuntary Civil Commitment Process. The Involuntary Civil Commitment Process is a function of the Probate Division of the Circuit Court. Learn the basics of how a person ends up in the involuntary civil commitment process, how the process works once it has started, and



how you can get on the list of attorneys appointed (and compensated) to represent individuals in these situations. At the end of this program, you'll have a functional understanding of the involuntary civil commitment process and the nitty-gritty as to how you can represent individuals involved in this process and what that representation entails. CLE credit is pending approval by the Missouri Bar.



## Mid-Missouri Mock Trial Invitational set for January 22-23, 2022, Looking for Attorneys to Serve as Judges

Columbia College and the Board of Advocates at the University of Missouri Law School will host the Mid-Missouri Mock Trial Invitational tournament on Saturday, January 22 through Sunday, January 23, 2022. The group began hosting AMTA events in 1999 and looks forward to their 24th year of hosting. This is a four round tournament which will have 28 teams. The tournament will be conducted in person at the Law school and adjacent buildings. This year's case is a criminal case. Volunteer attorneys are needed to serve as judges for the tournament. Judges will score a ballot and rule on evidentiary objections governed by an evidence code analogous to the Federal Rules of Evidence. 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 at: [brlangford@ccis.edu](mailto:brlangford@ccis.edu) or (573-875-7484).



## Young Lawyers Committee Gathers For Annual Holiday Lunch

On December 17, the YLC got together at FlatBranch for its annual holiday lunch and white elephant gift exchange. About twenty lawyers attended the fun-filled luncheon that was sponsored by the Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Section Council.



## Three Members Received Awards at BCBA Holiday Party

Three BCBA members were awarded the BCBA's annual awards at the holiday party held at the Country Club of Missouri on December 8. The Distinguished Professional Award recipients were



**Elton Fay** of Grimes, Fay & Kopp, LLC and **Gary Stamper** of Walther, Antel & Stamper.

Mr. Fay and Mr. Stamper are longtime members of the legal community who are known to conduct themselves in a commendable manner and both are deserving recipients of the award.

The Outstanding Service Award recipient was **Angela Peterson** of Mid-Missouri Legal Services. Ms. Peterson is known for having a heart for service and personifies this award.



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; 2020: **Wally Bley** of Bley & Evans, LC.



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; 2020: **John L. Whiteside, Esq.**



Congratulations to the 2021 award recipients!



## Two Estate Planning CLEs Coming Up

The Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium is holding its program “Intermediate Estate Planning” on Friday, January 21, 2022 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Intermediate Estate Planning offers a half-day thorough exploration of two essential estate planning topics encountered frequently by estate planning professionals. This event is a virtual event only. Cost is \$125. The program is approved for 4.0 hours of Missouri CLE. For more information and online registration, visit [www.KCEPS.org](http://www.KCEPS.org), or contact Regional Ambassador **Jason Simmons** at (573) 447-3355 or [Jason@CrippsandSimmons.com](mailto:Jason@CrippsandSimmons.com).

The 41st Annual Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium is scheduled to be held on April 28th and 29th, 2022, at the Overland Park, Kansas Convention Center or virtually at your own location. This continuing education seminar has historically provided an entire year's worth of CLE (16 total hours, including

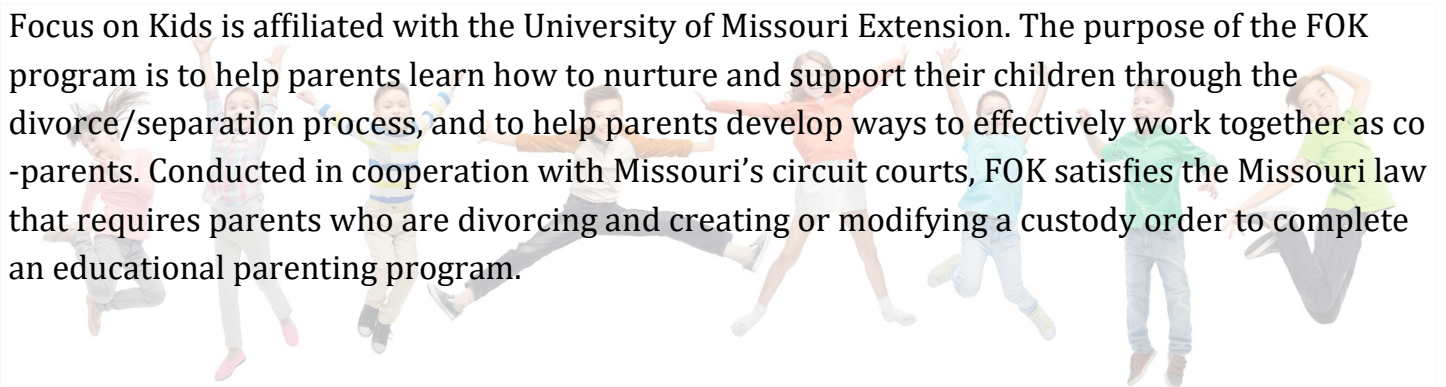
2 hours of ethics credit AND one hour of elimination of bias). The curriculum, presented by nationally renowned speakers, is geared towards estate planning, business and tax attorneys; CPA's; Trust Officers; Planned Giving Professionals and Financial Planners. Cost for two-day attendance with digital course materials is only \$425, or pick a single day for \$325. For more information, visit [www.KCEPS.org](http://www.KCEPS.org), or contact Regional Ambassador **Jason Simmons** at (573) 447-3355 or [Jason@CrippsandSimmons.com](mailto:Jason@CrippsandSimmons.com). Registration is opening soon.



## Reminder About Changes to Focus on Kids

BCBA members are reminded that Starting January 10, all parties to family law cases in the 13th Circuit will pay Focus on Kids fees directly. When a petitioner or respondent registers for FOK, they will pay the program directly. The expected program fee will be reduced to \$45. Participants in FOK will now have the option to take the class as an online webinar. This change lowers the filing fees for family law cases, as the class fee for the Petitioner was collected when the case was filed.

Focus on Kids is affiliated with the University of Missouri Extension. The purpose of the FOK program is to help parents learn how to nurture and support their children through the divorce/separation process, and to help parents develop ways to effectively work together as co-parents. Conducted in cooperation with Missouri's circuit courts, FOK satisfies the Missouri law that requires parents who are divorcing and creating or modifying a custody order to complete an educational parenting program.



## Time to Pay 2022 Dues

BCBA annual membership dues for 2022 are 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 the “Boone County Bar Association.” 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 2022 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form with your payment or exemption. Please be sure to submit the waiver form if you qualify for the waiver so that the rolls can be properly updated. Feel free to list up to two areas of practice if you would like those to be in the Membership Directory, as well. The form can be found at <http://boonecountybar.org/dues/> or by clicking [here](#).

## MMLS Thanks BCBA for Funds Raised at Golf Tournament

Mid-Missouri Legal Services extends its sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Chipping in for Charity Golf Tournament held in October. Your support was not dampened by the cold, rainy day. The tournament raised \$15,031.65 for MMLS’ Veterans Law Project. MMLS is honored and grateful to receive the tournament proceeds, which will help it reach and serve more veterans who need free legal assistance. MMLS would like to congratulate the winning teams and individuals and MMLS would like to thank all of the tournament contributors, sponsors, volunteers, and players who made the event such a success, with special thanks to the tournament committee, led again this year by **Sander Sowers**. Please mark your calendar for the 2022 tournament scheduled for Monday, October 10, 2022!

## MU System Seeking General Counsel



**University of Missouri System**

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The University of Missouri System is seeking an experienced and collaborative leader to serve as its next General Counsel. The General Counsel serves as the chief legal officer for the university, overseeing and managing the provision of all legal services to the University of Missouri and protects its legal rights and maintains its operations within the limits prescribed by law. You may find the details of the position along with information about how to apply [here](#).

## Boone County Jail Offers Video Visitation Option

Video visitation is now an option to visit with clients in the Boone County Jail. The detainees have a kiosk in the dayroom of their assigned housing unit. If you do not have an account at JailATM.com you will need to set one up so that you may schedule visits through that system.



Your client will be notified of the pending visit via the kiosk after you schedule it. If your client does not accept your visit request you should consider the visit a refusal.

There is a feature in your account under settings where you will send a request to jail administration requesting your account be marked non-recordable as a professional user. Until your request is approved, all of your visits will be recorded. Calls are \$0.30 per minute for private counsel and there is no charge for Public Defenders. Jail staff do not have any control related to scheduling visits and visits are available in 15 minute increments. If you encounter a connection issue or anything related to your account, you will need to contact JailATM.com customer service at the information listed on their website. You may contact the Assistant Jail Administrator (contact information below) with any questions and it would help to send an email to the Assistant Jail Administrator to inform them that you have created an account and already sent the request to have the special privilege approved: Captain Jenny Atwell, Assistant Jail Administrator, Boone County Sheriff's Office, 2121 County Drive, Columbia, MO 65202, 573-875-1111, ext. 6243, [jatwell@boonecountymo.org](mailto:jatwell@boonecountymo.org).

## Missouri Public Defender System Hiring Multiple Positions

The Missouri Public Defender System is accepting applications for multiple positions within the system for its offices throughout the state. Individuals can refer to [www.publicdefender.mo.gov](http://www.publicdefender.mo.gov) for the most current vacancy listings, to obtain a job application, or to learn more about the system. The MSPD was also awarded an AmeriCorps VISTA grant for a second year and is currently recruiting to fill two, year-long AmeriCorps positions that will be based out of the Director's Office in Columbia, Missouri. Successful candidates will perform varied activities designed to create the framework for a holistic approach in the pre-trial stage of representation, allowing MSPD to improve outcomes and the economic opportunity of our clients and communities. Information on the AmeriCorps positions can be found here: <https://publicdefender.mo.gov/employment/americorps/>

## Transitions:

A.W. Smith Law is pleased to announce that **Kelly Wallis** has joined the practice. Kelly will handle personal injury and wrongful death cases and her contact information is as follows: A.W. Smith Law, 2100 West Broadway, Columbia, MO 65203, phone (573) 777-3333, [kelly@awsmithlaw.com](mailto:kelly@awsmithlaw.com).



The Baehr Wiggins, P.C. law firm has moved their Columbia office to 1902 Corona Road, Ste. 204, Columbia, MO 65203.



## New Members:

We would like to welcome the following new member to the BCBA:

**Scott Summers** joined the Boone County Prosecutor's Office. His office is located at the Courthouse, 705 E. Walnut, Columbia, MO 65201. He can be reached at 573-886-4100 or [ssummers3455@gmail.com](mailto:ssummers3455@gmail.com).





## December 2021 Treasurer's Report

<b>Submitted by:</b>	Daniel G. Beckett
<b>For Period Ending:</b>	12/31/2021
<b>Account Balance as of 11/30/2021</b>	<b>\$34,909.37</b>
<b>Receipts 11/30/2021 to 12/31/2021</b>	
Interest (November)	\$0.48
Dues (2022)	\$3,400.00
Holiday Party	\$1,600.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$5,000.48</b>
<b>Expenses 11/30/2021 to 12/31/2021</b>	
Red Weir (Outgoing President gift)	\$117.76
Columbia Country Club (Aug. Bar meeting)	\$420.00
Columbia Country Club (Nov. Bar meeting)	\$630.00
Gretchen Yancey (Flowers for award winners)	\$80.98
Country Club of Missouri (Holiday Party)	\$5,020.88
Gretchen Yancey (Transition luncheon)	\$223.32
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-\$6,492.94</b>
<b>Ending Balance as of 12/31/2021</b>	<b>\$33,416.91</b>

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