



## Virtual BCBA Meeting, CLE Set for March 9

The March meeting of the Boone County Bar Association will be held virtually on Wednesday, March 9 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. via Zoom:

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

Featured in this meeting will be a CLE program “Addressing Bias in the Practice of Law: Cognitive Bias” presented by Paige Tungate, an attorney at Downey Law Group LLC. The program will teach about how cognitive biases impact interactions with other people, how these biases impact decision making, and how they can be mitigated or remedied.

The CLE has been approved for 1.2 hours of Ethics and Elimination of Bias credit.



## February's BCBA Meeting was Approved for 1.2 CLE Hours



Last month's BCBA meeting at Columbia Country Club was well attended by the membership. The CLE presentation by Assistant County Counselors **Jennifer Rodewald** and **Stacy Vincent**, attorney **John Whiteside**, and Presiding **Judge Brouck Jacobs** on The Involuntary Civil Commitment Process was

informative and entertaining. Members are encouraged to consider applying to get on the list of attorneys appointed (and compensated) to represent individuals in these situations. Here are some photographs from the presentation.

## City of Columbia Hiring an Assistant City Counselor

The City of Columbia Law Department 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, boards and commissions; 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. 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. The starting salary ranges from \$65,437-\$85,114/year, depending on qualifications. HOURS: Monday-Friday; generally 8-5 with occasional evening and weekend work required. NOTE: Please describe your strengths related to Essential Job Functions in a cover letter.

Position is open until filled. The preferred application date is Friday, March 18, 2022.

For a complete job description and application, go to [www.gocomojobs.com](http://www.gocomojobs.com).

## April 1 is the Deadline to Pay 2022 Dues

BCBA annual membership dues for 2022 are now due. The membership rolls will be updated after April 1, and members who have not paid their dues will be removed from the rolls. The BCBA hopes that you will renew your membership! Please send \$50/lawyer 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 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](#).

## Kansas City Estate Planning CLE Coming up in April



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.



# Missouri Public Defender Hiring Trial Attorneys, District Defender



The Missouri State Public Defender System is hiring trial attorneys/assistant public defenders for vacancies in positions located throughout the state. Duties include pre-trial and trial preparation; litigating all aspects of the case through disposition at the trial court level; promoting and protecting the best interest of the client at all times; maintaining client contact by telephone, appointments, or institutional visits; keeping client apprised of investigations, negotiations, and court rulings; appearing at regularly scheduled court dockets and all appearances concerning assigned caseload; drafting motions and pleadings.

For more information and to obtain an application, visit [publicdefender.mo.gov](http://publicdefender.mo.gov).

## **DISTRICT DEFENDER — Poplar Bluff Trial Office**

The Missouri State Public Defender System is accepting applications for a District Defender in the Poplar Bluff Office. This nine-attorney office handles cases in Butler, Carter, and Ripley counties. In addition to caseload responsibilities, as the managing attorney for the office, the District Defender is responsible for case assignments, monitoring of employee performance, hiring and development and implementation of office policies.

An Application for Employment must be submitted to be considered.

Applicants may also provide a resume, cover letter, and/or writing sample.

Applications can be obtained at any Public Defender office, at [publicdefender.mo.gov](http://publicdefender.mo.gov) or by calling (573) 777-9977, ext. 202.

Applications for this position must be received in Human Resources no later than March 9, 2022.



## Mid-Missouri Legal Services Seeking Judicare Attorneys

Mid-Missouri Legal Services sustained a loss of Judicare attorneys during COVID. MMLS is seeking private family law attorneys licensed in Missouri to handle simple family law cases at a reduced fee through our Judicare program. MMLS pays Judicare attorneys at the rate of \$70 hourly with a maximum amount based on the type of case. However, if the case requires additional time due to unexpected complexity or more hearings than usual, MMLS will grant a waiver of the maximum fee and pay the attorney for the approved extra time. Please note that MMLS assigns more complex cases, including those that involve domestic or sexual violence, to its in-house staff attorneys. MMLS hopes that attorneys will seriously consider this opportunity to contribute to the community if you are an experienced attorney or, if you are a new lawyer, to acquire valuable experience. MMLS provides access to family law forms and advice from our experienced staff attorneys. Please call Jackie Richmond at MMLS, 573-442-0116 or go to [mmls.org/volunteer](http://mmls.org/volunteer) to apply for the Judicare family law panel. Judicare program attorneys must be licensed to practice in Missouri, be available to clients during normal business hours, and maintain malpractice insurance of at least \$100,000.



# Mid-Missouri Legal Services

Providing Free Legal Aid Since 1978

## McCausland Barrett & Bartalos Hiring a Litigation Associate

Expanding state-wide and regional law firm seeking an attorney with 2 or more years of experience in civil litigation for its Columbia, Missouri office to also provide assistance to St. Louis, Missouri office as-needed. Active Missouri law license required.

Please send cover letter and resume, via mail or e-mail to: McCausland Barrett & Bartalos, 1000 West Nifong Blvd., Building 6, Suite 230A, Columbia, Missouri 65203.

Email: [aarends@mbblawfirmkc.com](mailto:aarends@mbblawfirmkc.com).



# Boone Health Seeking New Legal Counsel

With the retirement of its longtime attorney, the Board of Trustees of Boone County Hospital is requesting proposals for new legal counsel. The Trustees have as landlord leased the hospital, which does business as Boone Hospital Center (Boone Health), to an operating entity long term.

Resumes should be sent by March 31, 2022, to:

Boone Health Administration  
ATTN: Shelly Rackers, Executive Assistant  
1600 East Broadway  
Columbia, MO 65201




## April BCBA Meeting to Feature Commissioner Casey Clevenger

Next month, the BCBA will provide a CLE seminar by Commissioner Casey Clevenger who will discuss the 13th Circuit’s current treatment court programs. Details to come in next month’s *Newsletter*.

## New Members:

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

**Sara Watson** joined the Missouri State Public Defender’s Office. Her office is located at 1000 West Nifong, Bldg. 7, Ste. 100, Columbia, MO 65255. She can be reached at 573-777-9977 or [sara.watson@mspd.mo.gov](mailto:sara.watson@mspd.mo.gov).



Boone County Bar Association

NEWSLETTER



R. Lawrence Dessem

New MU law dean

R. Lawrence Dessem, Law School dean at Missouri Western, is in Boone County since 1995. He has earned the MU Law School Dean's Office July 1. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1979, clerked for a federal district judge in Ohio, served as assistant general counsel for the National Education Association, and worked as a trial lawyer for the Department of Justice before joining the University of Tennessee College of Law faculty in 1984.

Case management software is March 13 topic

Computerized case management systems will be the subject of the next regular BCBA meeting on Wednesday, March 13 at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St.

One hour of CLE credit will be granted for the program, which will be presented by Tim Miller of Miller & Associates, a legal technology consulting firm with offices in St. Louis and San Francisco.

Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and a change of venue should be payable to Boone Tavern. The program will start at noon.

RSVP: If you plan to attend, notify BCBA Secretary Phyllis Le May by Jan. 30 Tuesday, March 12 by calling 453-2141 or e-mailing [lemay@bcba.org](mailto:lemay@bcba.org).

MEMBERSHIP: The new Missouri program, the new Missouri program, will cover several of the topics presented in most case management systems. Among subjects to be discussed are:

1. Confidential information ("Redacted on records")

2. Legal discrimination in a personal information management system

3. Database and field construction

4. Case or matter database and the "fidelity" of using Outlook as a case management program

5. Document management

6. Document assembly

7. Legal research with case management

8. Database and field construction

9. Systemization of case management data with hand-held devices and notebook computers

Meet and greet the judges

Appellate - March 20

Interested BCBA members are invited to have dinner with judges of the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, at Boone Tavern.

The BCBA will host the judges, but dinner, bar members will be responsible for their own meals.

There may also be a reception for the judges, who will be in Columbia that day for oral arguments.

For more information, contact Susan Ford Robinson at 458-2413.

Local - April 10

The annual Branch 10 Dinner will be held the evening of April 10, 2002 at the Mt. Adams Center.

The annual event, co-sponsored by the Callaway County Bar Association, is designed to provide an opportunity for local judges and lawyers to mingle in a social setting.

Additional details about menu and program plans and ticket information will be published in the next Newsletter for around the first of April.

New Case.net feature allows retrieval of dockets

A new feature of the Case.net system allows Internet retrieval of docket schedules for individual judges to retrieve by search option. "Scheduled Hearings/Trials" is now available.

The Case.net system can be accessed at <http://www.case.net>. On the "Pay dues by April 30 to avoid removal" page.

Many BCBA members have already paid their 2002 dues by the deadline. But a few members have not. Members whose dues have not been paid by April 30 will be removed from the membership rolls.

Dues are waived for sitting and retired judges of Boone and

## 20 Years Ago . . .

- ◆ Professor R. Lawrence Dessem was named Dean of the MU School of Law,
- ◆ A "new feature" was added to the Case.net system to allow docket schedules to be retrieved,
- ◆ 55 BCBA members attended a CLE, "Criminal, DWI, and Traffic Law Update," given by **Rusty Antel**, and
- ◆ The BCBA hosted a dinner for the judges of Western District Court of Appeals.

## February 2022 Treasurer's Report

<b>Submitted by:</b>	Daniel G. Beckett
<b>For Period Ending:</b>	2/28/2022
<b>Account Balance as of 1/31/2022</b>	<b>\$32,632.24</b>
<b>Receipts 1/31/22 to 2/28/22</b>	
Interest	\$0.59
Dues	\$2,700.00
Bar Luncheon	\$462.00
Golf Tournament Proceeds	\$2,161.65
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$5,324.24</b>
<b>Expenses 1/31/22 to 2/28/22</b>	
Mid-Missouri Legal Services (Donation)	\$15,031.65
Jim Hermann (Web Hosting)	\$50.00
Jackie Rodgers (Young Lawyers Happy Hour—reimbursement)	\$166.45
Columbia Country Club (Bar Luncheon)	\$525.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-\$15,773.10</b>
<b>Ending Balance as of 2/28/2022</b>	<b>\$22,183.38</b>

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