

Bruce Beckett and Daniel Knight to be Posthumously Honored with 2022 BCBA Awards

The 2022 BCBA Distinguished Professional Award will be given to **Bruce Beckett**, and the 2022 BCBA Outstanding Service Award will be given to **Daniel Knight**.

Bruce Beckett was a longtime partner at Smith Lewis, LLP, and previously an officer in the United States Marines. He is remembered as an attorney of integrity, honesty, loyalty, humility, service, and genuine care for others.

Dan Knight served four consecutive terms as the elected Boone County Prosecutor. He was a dedicated public servant and a credit to the community and the bar.

Both awards will be presented to family members of Bruce and Dan at the upcoming BCBA Holiday Party.



Holiday Party set for December 14, RSVP by December 5

The BCBA Holiday Party will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Country Club of Missouri (1300 Woodrail Avenue) for BCBA members and their spouses/significant others. The cost is \$25/person and anyone attending will need to RSVP no later than noon on Monday, December 5th. Those attending will enjoy an assortment of heavy hors d'oeuvres and two tickets for beer and/or wine. A cash bar will be available for the purchase of mixed drinks. This will be a festive and fun social event and we hope to see many of you there.

[Click here](#) or the big red button on the BCBA homepage to RSVP. If you have any questions, please contact BCBA Vice President Becky Thompson at 573-874-7487 or by [email](#).





Retirement Celebration for Judge Schneider set for December 13

BCBA members are invited to a retirement celebration for **Judge Leslie Schneider** on December 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the Boone County courthouse's jury assembly room. No RSVP required.

Reminder About the Updated Circuit and Associate Circuit Court Dockets for 2023

The 13th Judicial Circuit has published its updated dockets for the Circuit and Associate Circuit Judges for 2023. The Circuit Court dockets for both Boone and Callaway Counties can be found on the 13th Circuit's website at <https://www.courts.mo.gov/hosted/circuit13/dockets/dockets.htm>.

The Associate Circuit Court Judges' dockets, along with a list of the 2023 State Court Holidays can be found [here](#).

Save the Date: Next BCBA Meeting set for January 11, 2023

The next BCBA Meeting will be held at Columbia Country Club on January 11th. Presiding **Judge J. Hasbrouck Jacobs** will give a presentation on voir dire. More details will be provided in the next newsletter.



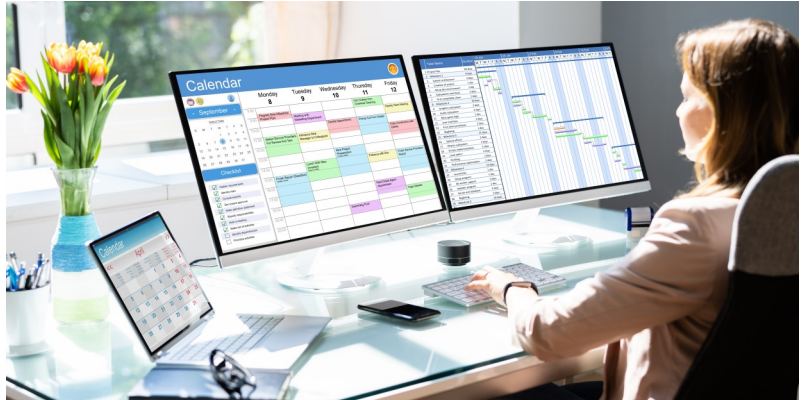
Young Lawyers Committee Planning its Annual Holiday Lunch

The YLC is in the process of planning its fun-filled annual holiday lunch and white elephant gift exchange, which will be held later this month. The Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Section Council has generously sponsored this upcoming event. More details will be provided soon!

Circuit 13 Conflict Calendar Being Retired, New Email System For 2023

Due to the program's age and changes in technology, our website based 13th Circuit Conflict Calendar has become increasingly unstable and is being retired before it fatally crashes.

The Court En Banc recently voted we transition to an email based system which will begin on January 1, 2023. Under this new system, when a case is put on the trial setting docket, the attorneys will email in their availability dates to a central repository that will be referenced as trial dates are being assigned.



The email addresses to use for the new trial setting system are TrialSettingDocketBoone@courts.mo.gov and TrialSettingDocketCallaway@courts.mo.gov,

Here is what to do:

1. When a case goes to the trial setting docket, please send an email to the appropriate Boone or Callaway trial setting address as soon as possible.
2. Attorney name should be the subject line of the email.
3. List the dates you are available for trial. Please include at least three months of available dates.
4. If the case gets put back on the trial setting docket, email updated availability dates.

We expect that this new system will be easy for everyone. Some judges will choose to set trial dates from the bench, this does not change that. What you need to know is that when your case goes to the trial setting docket, be sure to email in your available dates. This email does not need to be complicated, attorney's name goes in the subject line and the body of the email should list the dates which you are available for trial.

If you don't provide any dates it is presumed that you are available for trial on all dates. Each new email will replace the previous one, the court will only look at availability dates from your most recent email. If you have multiple cases going to the trial setting docket, you only need to send in your current available dates once, you do not need to email for each case number unless your trial availability is now different.

This is a good change for the new year. Thank you all for being open to try something new. The email addresses are now active for attorneys to begin submitting dates to for 2023.

Members May Begin Paying 2023 Dues

BCBA annual membership dues for 2023 are due in January, but members may begin paying now to keep their membership active. Please send \$50/lawyer dues to:

Daniel G. 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 2023 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/>.

CBS to Air “48 Hours” Program on Elledge Murder Trial December 10 at 9:00 p.m.

The longtime CBS program “48 Hours” will air a special on the high-profile Elledge murder trial prosecuted in Boone County Circuit Court. The program will air December 10, 2022, at 9:00 p.m. The program will also be streamed on Paramount+.

Joseph Elledge was found guilty of second-degree murder of his wife Mengqi Ji in

November 2021 following a nine-day jury trial. Elledge was sentenced to 28 years in prison.

Ji was reported missing by Elledge on October 10, 2019. Ji’s remains were found by hikers in Rock Bridge Memorial State Park in March 2021.



Mid-Missouri Mock Trial Invitational Seeking Judges



For the 25th year now, Columbia College and the Board of Advocates at the University of Missouri School of Law will host the Mid-Missouri Mock Trial Invitational tournament on Saturday, January 21, 2023 through Sunday, January 22, 2023. The mock trial is a four round tournament which will have 28 teams and be held at the law school and adjacent buildings. The tournament hosts need attorneys to serve as Judges for this tournament. Judges will score a printed 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 for negligence based on a plane crash. Judges are needed for all rounds, which begin Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Those interested in Judging may contact Professor Barry Langford at Columbia College at brlangford@ccis.edu or (573-875-7484). Further information about intercollegiate Mock trial may be obtained at: www.collegemocktrial.org

BCBA Member News

Christine Stamper punched her ticket to the IRONMAN World Championships by finishing Ironman Cozumel on November 20, 2022. This was Christine's 14th Ironman finish. The event consisted of 2.4- mile swim, 112-mile bike, followed by a 26.2 mile run. The 2023 Ironman World Championships will be held in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i October 12-14. The IRONMAN World Championship has etched a reputation as the pinnacle of the triathlon landscape and an iconic global sporting event. The legendary course takes athletes through the barren lava fields of the Big Island and provides the setting for the ultimate test of strength and grit. Christine looks forward to joining a small handful of local athletes, and the first Boone County Bar member, to toe the starting line next year. Special thanks to **Hon. Gary Oxenhandler** for providing real-time weather reports via text during the stormy marathon.



Mid-Missouri Legal Services Hiring Family Law Attorney



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Legal Services**

Providing Free Legal Aid Since 1978

MMLS has full-time openings for staff attorneys to provide representation in family law cases, including, adoption, divorce, custody, paternity and modification proceedings, as well as adult and child guardianship cases, and orders of

protection. Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited law school and must be: 1) licensed to practice law in Missouri, or 2) be eligible to sit for the February 2023 bar examination in Missouri and successfully complete all bar license requirements by 04/30/2023.

The position requires excellent communication skills, analytical skills, work ethic, and a strong commitment to provide quality legal services to low-income and/or vulnerable populations. MMLS offers a professional and friendly environment. MMLS has an experienced family law unit that fosters collegiality and provides guidance and mentoring to new family law attorneys.

MMLS provides an excellent benefit package, including fully paid health, dental, long term disability and life insurance premiums; generous holiday, health leave and vacation days; employer contributions to the MMLS 401(k) plan; and payment by MMLS of Bar dues, CLEs and malpractice insurance. MMLS is a non-profit legal aid program and its attorneys often qualify for multiple law school loan forgiveness and repayment assistance programs.

Salary range begins at \$55,000 with additional salary available based on experience.

Please submit cover letter, resume, three references, and a brief writing sample by email to: admin@mmls.org. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. MMLS is an equal opportunity employer and dedicated to diversity in its staff.

Mid-Missouri Legal Services Seeks Board Member from BCBA

Mid-Missouri Legal Services has an opening on its Board of Directors for a Boone County attorney who believes in and wants to be a part of MMLS' mission to expand access to justice despite the encumbrances of poverty. MMLS' Board provides oversight, sets strategic goals, and builds community and financial support, among other activities in support of free civil legal aid. This is an opportunity to join a great group of attorneys and community members who currently serve on MMLS' Board. If you or a Boone County attorney you know are interested in serving on MMLS' Board of Directors or you would like more information, please contact Kirsten Dunham, dunhamk@mmls.org.



MMLS Thanks BCBA for Chipping in for Charity



"Mid-Missouri Legal Services greatly appreciates all who sponsored, donated, planned, and participated in the 15th Annual Chipping in for Charity Golf Tournament in support of MMLS' Veterans Law Project. We especially thank BCBA Community Involvement Chair **Sander Sowers** and Presenting Sponsor Lear Werts LLP for their leading roles in

organizing and supporting the tournament. All of us at MMLS offer our congratulations to the teams and winners who were recognized in the November BCBA newsletter. With your support we are able to provide free legal information, advice and counsel, and representation to low-income veterans. MMLS' Veterans Law Attorney works onsite at Truman VA Hospital meeting with veterans, and we are expanding our outreach to other veterans community groups to reach even more veterans. Thank you so much for the BCBA's continued support and we look forward to seeing you on the golf course next year!"

Welcome to the following new members:

Matt Puthukulam, an attorney at the Columbia office of McCausland Barrett & Bartalos, P.C., 1000 W. Nifong, Bldg. 6, Ste. 230A, Columbia, MO 65203, 573-445-8990.

Delaney Catlettstout, an attorney with the Missouri State Public Defenders Office, 212 Adams Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101, 573-489-8817, delaney.catlettstout@mspd.mo.gov.

David Kirby, an attorney with EquipmentShare, 5710 Bull Run Drive, Columbia, MO 65201, 314-401-9113, david.kirby@equipmentshare.com.



October 2022 Treasurer's Report

Submitted by:	Daniel G. Beckett
For Period Ending:	10/31/2022
Account Balance as of 9/30/22	\$25,665.26
Receipts 9/30/2022 to 10/31/2022	
Dues	\$25.00
Bar luncheon	\$885.00
Total Receipts	\$910.00
Expenses 9/30/2022 to 10/31/2022	
Grimes, Fay & Kopp (reimbursement for bar picnic)	\$-323.84
Hy-Vee (bar picnic)	\$-1,827.26
Smith College (Holly Dickinson Scholarship)	\$-1,250.00
Bank charge (account analysis charge)	\$-3.00
Columbia County Club (bar luncheon)	\$-840.00
Total Expenses	\$-4,244.10
Ending Balance as of 10/31/2022	\$22,331.16

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November 2022 Treasurer's Report

Submitted by:	Daniel G. Beckett
For Period Ending:	11/30/2022
Account Balance as of 10/31/2022	\$22,331.16
Receipts 10/31/2022 to 11/30/2022	
Interest—October	\$0.38
Dues	\$25.00
Relationship cashback from Simmons Bank	\$5.00
Bar luncheon	\$465.00
Golf tournament proceeds	\$28,029.20
Total Receipts	\$28,524.58
Expenses 10/31/2022 to 11/30/2022	
Columbia County Club (bar luncheon)	\$-480.00
Columbia County Club (2022 Chipping for Charity)	\$-6,240.00
Mid-Missouri Legal Services (donation from golf tournament)	\$-22,789.20
Total Expenses	\$-29,509.20
Ending Balance as of 11/30/2022	\$21,346.54

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