

In Memorium: Randall Johnston, May 20, 1948 - Mar. 28, 2023



2020 BCBA President **Randall Johnston** recently passed away on March 28, 2023. Randall was a longtime BCBA member and a respected lawyer and member of the Columbia community.

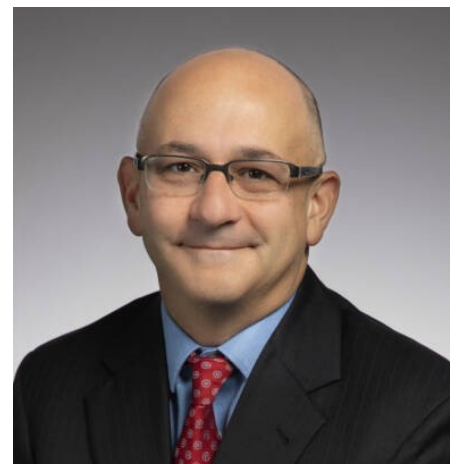
A Celebration of his Life will be held at the Country Club of Missouri on May 27th, from 4 - 6p.m. In his memory, in lieu of flowers, Randall and his family request that donations be made to Mary Lee Johnston Community Learning Center, www.mljclc.org.

Randall's full obituary is available [here](#).

May Meeting to Feature Dean Paul Litton on the Death Penalty

This month's BCBA meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Columbia County Club. Mizzou Law's Interim Dean and R.B. Price Professor of Law Paul J. Litton will present a program titled "Missouri's Capital Aggravating Factors: Do They Reduce the Risk of Bias and Arbitrariness." The CLE has been approved for 1.0 hours of Ethics and Elimination of Bias credit, and the program ID is 721807.

The cost of the BCBA meeting is \$16 per person and can be paid at the door. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. Make checks payable to the "Boone County Bar Association."



Please RSVP to attend this meeting by 3:00 p.m. Monday, May 8 by clicking the RSVP button on the Boone County Bar's [website](#).

New and Improved BCBA Website in the Works

The BCBA has contracted with a local web design agency to help update the BCBA website. The new website will include an expanded BCBA history section. Members are encouraged to provide the Newsletter Editor/Webmaster with historical information that might be of interest to include on the website. Please send proposed submissions/information to: Lear Werts LLP at bcbaneews@learwerts.com.

BCBA Hosts Bench-Bar Social

The 2023 Bench-Bar Social was held Thursday, May 4 on the veranda at the Boone County History & Culture Center for BCBA members, judges, and court staff. A good time was had by all!



BCBA Bench-Bar Social (Continued)



BCBA Scholarship Applications Due by June 15

The BCBA will award a \$2,500 scholarship to a 2023 graduate of a Boone County High School who intends to pursue a higher education with an accredited four-year post-secondary institution. The scholarship may be renewed for one additional year.

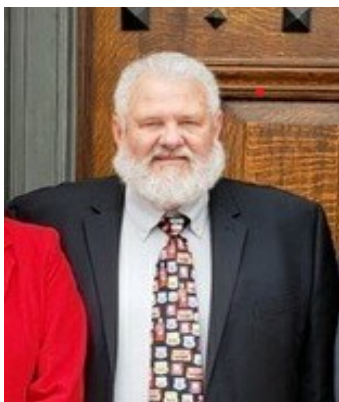
Full-time residents of Boone County with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher who enrolled as a full-time undergraduate in an accredited college or university and have shown an interest in the legal profession or participated in law or public affairs activities are eligible. Completed applications must be submitted to **Brian Hajicek**, BCBA SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, 1103 E. Broadway, Columbia, MO 65201. The [application](#) and [instructions](#) may be found online.

BCBA Member Jose Caldera Presented at the April BCBA Meeting on JAG Corps

Jose Caldera of Smith Lewis, LLP spoke to the BCBA on the purpose and function of the military JAG Corps. Jose is a Captain in the U.S. Army and was recently deployed as a JAG officer. Following a discussion of the role judge advocates general play in the military, Jose spoke about his own experience and duties while deployed. Following his presentation, Jose answered audience questions, and his wife, **Jessica Caldera** of Harper, Evans, Wade & Netemeyer spoke about the special challenges of being a military partner.



Mid-Missouri Legal Services Recognizes Two Great Leaders



Truman Allen

Mid-Missouri Legal Services Board of Directors and Staff express heartfelt appreciation to Truman Allen and Max Lewis who recently stepped down from the Board after many years of dedicated service.

Truman Allen served as an MMLS board member for 25 years. He served as Board President for several of those years, and was on every Board committee at one time or another. He advised the Executive Directors as the program grew to represent more low-income families, and he was a mentor to staff attorneys over the years. Truman is a strong advocate for his clients and for low-income individuals who cannot afford legal services.



Max Lewis

Max Lewis served on MMLS's board for 14 years. Max is deeply committed to helping people achieve access to the courts and other justice systems. Max contributed his valuable experience and perspective as a pro bono attorney devoted to representing people who otherwise could not afford legal representation. Over the past 14 years, Max guided MMLS in establishing priorities and service delivery systems to address the access to justice gap that low-income individuals and families face.

Truman and Max generously gave their time and talents to MMLS. Every non-profit should be so lucky to have such dedicated Board members.



Engraved Clocks to Be Presented to Max and Truman

BCBA To Be Recognized for 35 Years of Support for Columbia Public Schools' Partners in Education Program

Columbia Public Schools (CPS) has announced that the BCBA will be presented an award as part of its Partners in Education Week to recognize the BCBA's 35-year partnership with CPS' Social Studies program. CPS has expressed its appreciation to the BCBA and will present an award in person at a breakfast celebration later in May. Congratulations to the BCBA in recognition of this important milestone!



BCBA Welcomes Four New Members

Blake Shier, Securities Division—Office of the Missouri Secretary of State, 600 W. Main Street, Jefferson City, MO, 65101, (816) 730-7772, blake.shier@sos.mo.gov.

Deidre Wood, TGH Litigation, 28 N. 8th St., Suite 317, Columbia, MO, 65201. (573) 289-2743, deidre@tghlitigation.com.

Eric McDonnell, Cook Vetter Doerhoff & Landwehr, P.C., 231 Madison Street, Jefferson City, MO, 65101, (314) 939-6909, emcdonnell@cndl.net.

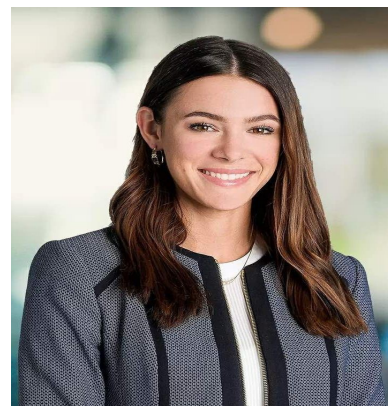
Rebekah Cline, Harper, Evans, Wade & Netemeyer, 401 Locust Street Ste. 401, Columbia, MO, 65201, (573) 442-1660, rccline@lawmissouri.com.



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Eric McDonnell



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Mid-Missouri Legal Services Announces Judicare Attorney Rate Update

Mid-Missouri Legal Services (MMLS) delivers legal services to eleven counties in central Missouri. Private attorneys – through MMLS' Pro Bono and Judicare (reduced fee) programs – are critical to the organization's mission to increase access to justice for low-income families in these communities. **In recognition of the important role private attorneys serve for these communities, MMLS has updated the rate paid to Judicare attorneys to \$100 an hour**, with a maximum amount based on the type of case.



MMLS refers the following cases to Judicare attorneys: divorces, paternity/custody, uncontested guardianships, landlord-tenant, bankruptcy, small business counseling and transactional documents, and wills, financial powers of attorney and beneficiary deeds for the elder, the disabled, or those with a terminal diagnosis.

If you are licensed to practice law in Missouri, please consider volunteering as a MMLS Pro Bono or Judicare attorney. You benefit from valuable experience, access to forms, and advice from experienced staff attorneys. In addition, MMLS saves you time by screening clients, collecting basic case information, conducting merit assessments, and making the referrals. You may accept or reject referrals based on your comfort with both the time commitment and subject matter of the case.

Join MMLS in making a difference in our communities. To learn more or volunteer to be a Judicare attorney, contact Jackie Richmond, Judicare Paralegal, at richmondj@mmls.org.

Missy Marlett, Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office Criminal Division Supervisor, Retires After 32 Years of Service

Missy started with the Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office in April of 1991 in the Criminal Division and became the Assistant Supervisor in January of 1994. In April of 2001, Missy became the Supervisor and has held that position for over 22 years!

Missy has seen many changes throughout the years from different case management systems, moving from paper files to electronic ones, new judges, and many different staff. Through it all, Missy stayed steady and was always ready to serve and do what was needed to get the job done. The 13th Judicial Circuit is grateful for Missy's dedication, work ethic and knowledge of the criminal process. She will be missed.

Please join us to celebrate and wish Missy the best as she moves on to her next chapter on May 24 from 4:00-5:00 in the third floor jury assembly room at the Boone County Courthouse.



April 2023 Treasurer's Report

Submitted by:	Matthew R. Quetsch
For Period Ending:	5/2/2023
Account Balance as of 4/1/2023	\$26,757.67
Receipts 4/1/2023 to 5/2/2023	
Bar luncheon	\$431.00
Bar dues	\$150.00
New Account Promotion	\$150.00
Total Receipts	\$731.00
Expenses 4/1/2023 to 5/2/2023	
Bar luncheon 3/15/2023	\$-960.00
Bar luncheon 4/12/2023	\$-480.00
Exec. Comm. Mtg. 4/7/2023	\$283.52
Deposit for Bench-Bar event	\$-387.50
Total Expenses	\$-2,111.02
Ending Balance as of 5/2/2023	\$25,377.65

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