

CLE Program on “JD Advantage Careers” at Next BCBA Lunch

The January meeting of the BCBA will be held on January 10 at the Columbia Country Club and will feature a panel discussion moderated by BCBA President **Jennifer Rodewald**. The panel will include Sarah Reesman – Director of Public Interest and JD Advantage Careers for the University of Missouri School of Law, Chris Harris – Assistant Vice President and Wealth Management Advisor for the Central Trust Company, and Brian Waller – Vice President of Government Relations, Shelter Insurance Companies. Meal service will begin at 11:30 a.m. with the presentation to begin around noon. The cost is \$16 per person and can be paid at the door. Make checks payable to the “Boone County Bar Association.” Please RSVP to attend this meeting by 3:00 p.m. Monday, January 8 by clicking the [RSVP button](#) on the BCBA’s website.

2024 Marks 35th Anniversary of Formal Organization of BCBA

Though the history and roots of the BCBA date back much further, the BCBA formalized its organization and officially incorporated in 1989. The incorporators were: Marvin (“Bunky”) Wright, Steve Scott, and Craig Van Matre. And, the first Board was: Marvin (“Bunky”) Wright, David Evans, Ron Smull, Elton Fay, Scott Forrest, Scott Orr, and Sara Miller.



Dan Knight Memorial Plaque on Display at the Courthouse

Please join Dave and Sandy Knight and Ed and Debby Clausen to celebrate the legacy of our colleague, Dan Knight, with a plaque at the Boone County courthouse. You can view the plaque in the stairwell leading to the 4th floor of the courthouse.

Save the Date - February BCBA Meeting on the 14th

Mark your calendars and clear your schedules for the February meeting of the BCBA, which is scheduled for February 14 at Columbia Country Club. Happy Valentine’s Day!



Time to Pay 2024 BCBA Dues

BCBA annual membership dues for 2024 are now due. Please send \$50/lawyer dues (or \$25 per lawyer for government or public interest attorneys) to:

Matt Quetsch, 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. And, dues are reduced to \$25 per lawyer for government or public interest attorneys. Please provide the 2024 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 here.](#)

13th Circuit Seeking Juvenile GAL & Parent Contract Attorneys

The 13th Circuit is selecting contract attorneys for 2024 who are willing to serve as GAL or represent indigent parents in juvenile and family court. To qualify, you must be in compliance with the training requirements specified in § 484.302 RSMo. [Here you may find the full details and application.](#)

Missouri High School Mock Trial Competition Seeking Area Schools to Participate

The Missouri High School Mock Trial Competition was founded by The Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis in 1979 and is BAMSL's longest-running program. The competition is financially supported by the Saint Louis Bar Foundation and the Missouri Lawyer Trust Account Foundation with program support from the Lawyers Association of Kansas City Young Lawyers Section and the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association. The mock trials are structured like real courtroom trials and follow similar rules and procedures. Students learn first-hand how the legal system works and what role judges, lawyers, juries, and witnesses play in the court system. The program is seeking mid-Missouri schools to participate in the mock trial competition. For additional information and or to assist, please contact Danny Barnett-Foster at 314-485-3803 or dbarnett@bamsl.org, or Jeff McPherson at 314-609-4446, jmcperson@atlpl.com.

Toni Kardon Celebrates 25 Years of Service in Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office



Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office Civil Team Manager, Toni Kardon, is celebrating her 25th year of service in the clerk's office. Congratulations Toni started with the clerk's office in 1999, part-time as a family court clerk. In 2011, Toni transitioned to the Family Court Assistant Manager. Two short years later in 2013, Toni was promoted to the Family Court Manager. In 2016, Toni was ready for a new challenge and was promoted to the Civil Team Manager. The clerk's office has had the honor and pleasure of having Toni as a part of the team for the past twenty-five years. Toni's commitment and loyalty are unmatched. Please help us congratulate Toni on this silver anniversary!

Mid-Missouri Mock Trial Invitational Seeking Judges

Columbia College and the Board of Advocates at the University of Missouri-Columbia Law School will host the Mid-Missouri Mock Trial Invitational tournament on Saturday, January 20 through Sunday, January 21. Columbia College and the BOA began hosting AMTA events in 1999 and look forward to their 25th year of hosting. The tournament is four rounds and will have 26 teams. The tournament will be conducted in person at the Law school and adjacent buildings. The tournament hosts need attorneys to serve as Judges for the 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 criminal case. Judges are needed for all rounds, which begin Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Those interested in Judging or in need of further information may contact Professor Barry Langford at Columbia College, brlangford@ccis.edu or (573-875-7484). Further information about intercollegiate mock trial may be obtained at <https://www.collegemocktrial.org/>.

2024 BCBA Executive Committee to Take Office

The 2024 BCBA Executive Committee began its term effective January 1. The Executive Committee includes: President: **Jennifer Rodewald**, Vice President: **Emily Little**, Secretary: **Jordan Hudspith**, Treasurer: **Matt Quetsch**, Editor/Webmaster: **Lear Werts LLP**, and At-Large Members **Myia McKenna** and **Skip Walther**. The executive committee of the BCBA will be comprised of the officers, two at-large members, and immediate past president, **Becky Thompson**.

BCBA Holiday Party and Awards Presentation a Joyous Occasion

BCBA Members and guests gathered for a fun and festive evening at the County Club of Missouri for the annual holiday party on December 13. At the party, **Mark Langworthy** was presented with the 2023 Outstanding Service Award and **Phebe LaMar** was presented with the 2023 Distinguished Professional Award. Congratulations, Mark and Phebe!



Holiday Party (Continued)



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 Counsel Emeritus for Univ. of Missouri
- 2019: **Skip Walther** of Walther, Antel & Stamper
- 2020: **Wally Bley** of Bley Evans, LC
- 2021: **Elton Fay** of Grimes, Fay & Kopp and
Gary Stamper of Walther Antel & Stamper
- 2022: **Bruce Beckett** of Smith Lewis, LLP
- 2023: **Phebe LaMar** of Smith Lewis, LLP

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.
- 2021: **Angela Peterson** of Columbia Family Law Group
- 2022: **Daniel Knight**, Boone County Prosecuting Attorney
- 2023: **Mark Langworthy**, Esq.



Employment Opportunities

Legal Counsel | Jefferson City



The Office of Administration is seeking an attorney to join the legal team in the Commissioner's Office. In this position, you will work closely and collaboratively with OA and statewide leadership to provide legal guidance in the areas of personnel administration and labor relations; contracting; information technology; facilities management, design and construction; budget and planning; accounting; prescription drug monitoring; office of child advocate; office of equal opportunity; and general services such as the state's workers' compensation program, the legal expense fund, and fleet vehicle management. Applicants must have a Juris Doctorate from an accredited institution and a current license in good standing to practice law in Missouri. If you have questions about this position please contact Recruiter@oa.mo.gov.

Experienced Legal Counsel | Jefferson City



The Office of Administration is seeking an experienced attorney to join the legal team in the Commissioner's Office as a senior legal counsel. This position will focus on representing and advising the Division of Facilities Management, Design and Construction in various areas including design/build, engineering, and construction contracts; drafting deeds, leases and similar documents; statutory and regulatory compliance; real estate transactions and leasing; and managing lawsuits involving the division handled by the Attorney General's Office. Applicants must have a Juris Doctorate from an accredited institution, a current license in good standing to practice law in Missouri, and at least 10 years of professional legal experience. Significant non-legal work experience in relevant fields may be substituted for a portion of the required legal experience. If you have questions about this position please contact Recruiter@oa.mo.gov.

Assistant Director of CLE | Jefferson City

The Missouri Bar seeks an assistant director to assist in managing a team to develop, coordinate, and market continuing legal education publications, programs, and

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conferences through various delivery methods to improve Missouri lawyers' knowledge of the law and to assist them in fulfilling their minimum continuing legal education requirements. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in business or a related field. A law degree is preferred. Program management and team management experience is desirable. Experience in planning adult continuing education programs is helpful. Position is located in Jefferson City. Some travel required. Hybrid remote work schedule (three days per week in office in Jefferson City, two days remote) and excellent benefits. Compensation commensurate with experience. Please send cover letter, resume, and salary requirements via email to hrdept@mobar.org.

Employment Opportunities (Continued)

CLE Attorney | Jefferson City



The Missouri Bar seeks a CLE attorney to develop and coordinate continuing legal education programs and conferences through various delivery methods to improve Missouri lawyers' knowledge of the law and to assist them in fulfilling their minimum continuing legal education requirements. Applicants must be a licensed Missouri lawyer in good standing. Law practice experience is helpful. Experience in CLE or other curriculum development is desirable. This position requires a high degree of communication and collaboration with volunteer lawyers, judges, and staff. The ideal candidate will be highly organized, possess the ability to multitask in a fast-paced environment, and be extremely detail oriented. Position located in Jefferson City. Some travel required. Hybrid remote work schedule (three days per week in office in Jefferson City, two days remote) and excellent benefits. Compensation commensurate with experience. Apply by sending cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to hrdept@mobar.org. Candidate review begins Dec. 18, but the posting will remain active, and applications will continue to be accepted until the position is filled.

Planning Ahead? Here are the 2024 BCBA Meeting Dates

January 10; February 14; March 13; April - TBD Bench/Bar gathering; May 8; June 12; July 10; August 14; September - TBD Annual Picnic; October 9 (also, charity golf tournament on October 14; November 13; December - TBD Holiday Party.

Also, be on the lookout for other upcoming BCBA events, such as Commissioner **Sara Miller's** retirement celebration and Commissioner **Gretchen Yancey's** investiture ceremony. More details to come!

New Members:

Matt Uhrig and **Alexander Brown**, both of the Law Office of Matt Uhrig LLC, 501B South Henry Clay Blvd., P.O. Box 640, Ashland, MO 65010. Phone: 573-657-2050, Fax: 573-657-2051. Matt's email address is matt@muhriglaw.com and Alexander's email address is alexander@muhriglaw.com and the firm's website is www.mulawoffice.com. They both practice plaintiff's civil litigation, criminal defense, and work compensation law.

BCBA Members on the Road

BCBA member **Mark Langworthy** and his wife made the road trip to Dallas, TX in December for the Cotton Bowl to cheer on the Mizzou Tigers. Apparently it's a small world, because Mark ran into Jim Butcher, Jr. (son of late BCBA member Jim Butcher for whom our annual picnic is named) while dining at Terry Black's BBQ. And Mark brought us home a Tigers victory, too!



December 2023 Treasurer's Report

(December's report unavailable at time of publication.)

Instead, here's an update on the Young Lawyers Committee. A festive group of young lawyers gathered on December 20 at Broadway Brewery for the Young Lawyers Committee's annual holiday lunch and white elephant gift exchange. The Missouri Bar Young Lawyers Section Council generously sponsored the event. A fun time was had by all! During the gathering, the YLC selected **Landon Miller** of the Faber Law Firm as it's new Chair. Be on the lookout for upcoming YLC events. Congratulations , Landon!



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