

Legal Ethics Counsel to Present at BCBA Lunch



The March meeting of the BCBA will be held on March 13th at the Columbia Country Club and will feature a presentation from Legal Ethics Counsel Melinda Bentley titled “Ethics Update from the Missouri Legal Ethics Counsel” which will include a discussion on recent changes to the Rules of Professional Conduct, opinions in disciplinary cases, recently published Informal Advisory Opinions, and more. The program has been approved for 1.2 hours of ethics CLE credit. 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, March 11th by clicking the [RSVP button](#) on the website.

Ms. Bentley’s PowerPoint materials are available [here](#).

Gretchen Yancey Sworn in as New Family Court Commissioner

Gretchen Yancey was sworn in as the new Division VIII Family Court Commissioner for the 13th Circuit Court on March 7th, 2024. The ceremony was held at the Boone County Courthouse. Yancey will primarily preside over dissolutions, motions to modify, and paternity cases. “It is an honor for me to become a part of the 13th Circuit Court, and to shift my work from advocating for clients to working behind the bench. I look forward to doing my part to support fairness, access and efficiency in our circuit,” said Yancey. Prior to becoming Commissioner, Yancey was a partner at Van Matre Law Firm, P.C., has over twenty years of experience in family law litigation and mediation. Yancey graduated from Drury University in 1998 with a double-major in English Literature and Speech Communication; and earned her juris doctor in 2000 from the



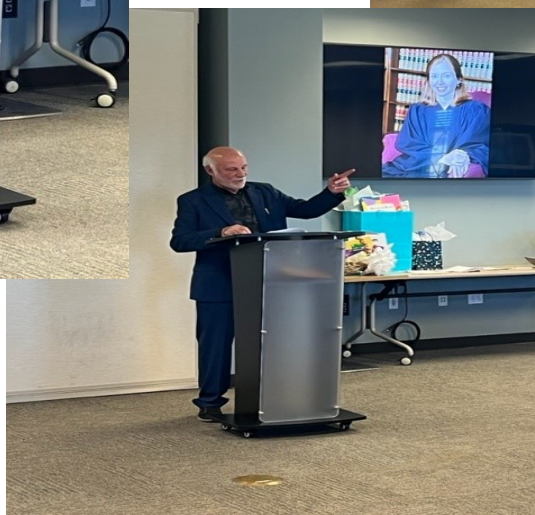
University of Missouri. Yancey is the Vice President of the Missouri Chapter of the Association for Family and Conciliatory Courts, a former Board Member of the Missouri Bar Association Family Law Committee, and served as President of the Boone County Bar Association in 2021.

Photographs from Comm. Yancey's Swearing in (Continued)



Members and Others Gather to Celebrate Commissioner Sara Miller's Retirement

After 30 Years working devotedly as Family Court Commissioner for the 13th Judicial Circuit Court, **Sara Miller** retired on February 28, 2024. A farewell event was held at the Boone County Courthouse, which was emceed by retired Judge **Gary Oxenhandler**. Judge Oxenhandler noted that Commissioner Miller "is the most genuinely delightful person that [he's] ever met" and that she exemplifies the consummate judge. Commissioner Miller and her family then hosted a gathering at Logboat Brewing Company following the courthouse ceremony.



Judges Needed for Moot Court Competition

The Mizzou Law Board of Advocates is hosting its final competition of the 2024 season - 1L Moot Court. Volunteer judges are needed for the competition. The prompt this year is an exciting First Amendment issue concerning off-campus student speech. The competition takes place at Hulston Hall on March 18 - 21. Volunteers receive free CLE credit hours. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and rounds will begin at 6:30 p.m. A judges' meeting will be made available at least a week prior to the competition.

Here is the link to sign up to volunteer: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E45A9AD22A0FBC25-48100984-1lmoot#/>



Deadline to Pay BCBA Dues is April 1

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.](#)

Missouri Chapter of Family and Conciliation Courts Spring Conference in Columbia on April 4 - 5



The Missouri Chapter of the AFCC is hosting its Spring Conference in Columbia on Thursday, April and Friday, April 5 at Mizzou's law school in the courtroom located in Hulston Hall. There will be an approximately 9.3 CLE hours available. More details about the program and information on how to register are [available here.](#)

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.

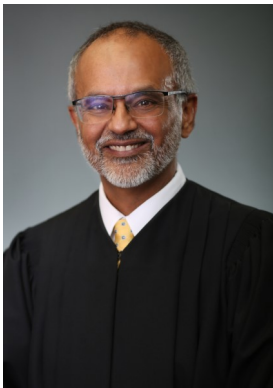
Missouri Court of Appeals to sit at MU School of Law



The Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, is scheduled to convene court Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at the University of Missouri School of Law in Columbia.

The arguments will be held at Hulston Hall on campus. Beginning at 1:30 p.m., a three-judge panel consisting of Judges Alok Ahuja, Judge Cindy Martin and Judge Tom Chapman will hear oral arguments in four cases on the docket.

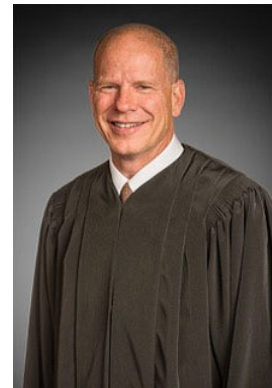
After the oral arguments, the judges will take time to discuss the court system, explain the proceedings and take general questions from the audience.



Alok Ahuja



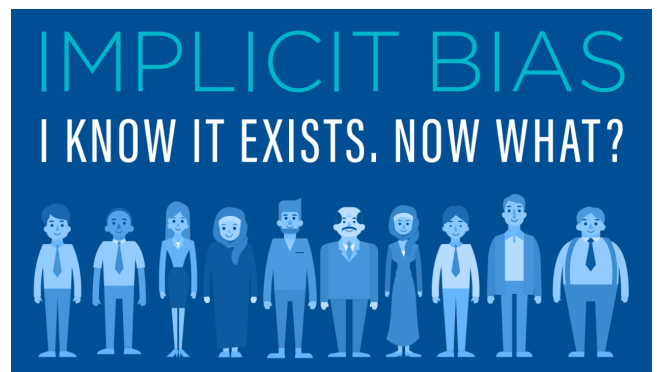
Cynthia L. Martin



Thomas N. Chapman

Save the date: April 10 Ethics and Elimination of Bias CLE

On April 10, 2024, Jessica Caldera, JD, and Brian McAndrew, MSW will present, "Elimination of Bias in the Criminal Justice System," at the April BCBA meeting discussing bias in the juvenile disciplinary and adult criminal justice systems. This presentation will consider discrepancies in the way these systems address individuals based on age, race and other factors and how juvenile offenses can have long term consequences. It will help identify areas of implicit bias and further discuss how those in the legal profession can acknowledge bias and contribute to a more just system for all.



This program has been approved for CLE: 1.2 total hours, including 1.2 ethics hours and

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@atltp.com.

Save the Date: Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium set for April 25 & 26

The 43rd Annual Kansas City Estate Planning Symposium is scheduled to be held on April 25 and 26, 2024, 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 \$495, or pick a single day for \$445. For more information, visit www.KCEPS.org, or contact KCEPS Board Member Jason Simmons at (573) 447-3355 or Jason@CrippsandSimmons.com. Registration is now open.

February BCBA CLE Program Highlights Missouri Bar Info.



At the BCBA meeting last month, Missouri Bar Executive Director Mischa Buford Epps gave a presentation on a variety of details about the Missouri Bar. The presentation included a discussion about the leadership of the Bar, the various departments within the Bar, the CLE programs the Bar conducts, the variety and scope of the many member benefits that the Bar provides, among other things.

February 2024 Treasurer's Report

Submitted by:	Matthew R. Quetsch
For Period Ending:	03/01/2024
Account Balance as of 02/01/2024	\$5,576.65
Receipts 02/01/2024 to 03/01/2024	
Dues	\$2,700.00
Holiday Party	\$30.00
February Luncheon	\$554.00
Total Receipts	\$3,284.00
Expenses 02/01/2024 to 03/01/2024	
January Luncheon	\$-480.00
Total Expenses	\$-480.00
Ending Balance as of 01/31/2024	\$8,380.65

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