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Plan now for MoBar Annual Meeting

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2002-2003 BCBA President

“Don’t Stop Thinking about Tomorrow!”

It is not too early to block out Oct. 1-3, 2003 on your calendar to attend the Missouri Bar Annual Meeting, which will take place in Columbia for the first time.

The planning committee includes several members of our bar, and meeting events are taking shape. We are planning to feature the best Columbia has to offer in the way of entertainment, food, hospitality, networking and Mizzou traditions.

The central focus of the meeting will be the plenary sessions with outstanding speakers and forums. Topics such as the legal aspects of life science research, faith-based programs, legal consequences (intended and unintended) of the 2001 Patriot Act, and the status of affirmative action 50 years after *Brown v. Board of Education* are among subjects under consideration.

As customary, several CLE tracks will be offered, which promise to be practical and stimulating.

As hosts for this event, we want to have full participation from our bar. Please offer your suggestions and mark your calendars now. You won’t want to miss this historic event on our home turf!

Lawyers’ role in mediation is March 12 meeting topic

One hour of CLE credit will be awarded for attendance at the March 12 BCBA program, “Understanding the Advocate’s Role in Mediation.”

The meeting will be held at Boone Tavern, 811 E. Walnut St., Columbia. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m., and the program will begin at noon.

RSVP: To reserve your spot for this meeting, contact BCBA Secretary **Scott Wilson** at 443-4500 or send email to him at scott@hineslawfirm.com by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11.

The featured speaker will be BCBA member **Sarah J. Read**, who was a partner at Sidley Austin Brown & Wood in Chicago before moving to Columbia with her husband. Mediation is a focus of her practice.

Sarah said she will discuss the mediation process and how lawyers can effectively act as advocates or neutrals.

It is also anticipated that a proposed change in the local mediation rule will be unveiled at the meeting. Presid-

ing Judge Gene Hamilton appointed a special committee to study the rule, and a proposal was presented to the court en banc at its March 3 meeting. Bar comments will be sought before the revised rule is adopted.

Upcoming events

Also, mark your calendar for these upcoming meetings:

April 29: The annual Bench-Bar Dinner will be held at the MU Alumni Center.

May 14: Steve B. Smith of Williams-Keepers CPAs will speak.

June 11: State Auditor Claire McCaskill will speak.

July 9: Columbia Mayor and BCBA member **Darwin Hindman** will speak.

August (date TBA): Congressman Kenny Hulshof will speak.

September (date TBA): The annual picnic and election of officers will take place this month in hopes of having cooler weather than the usual late August date.

96 members still owe 2003 dues

Of 288 dues-paying members, 192 had paid and 96 had not paid 2003 BCBA dues by Feb. 28. Dues were payable beginning Jan. 1, and those who have not paid by April 30 are subject to being stricken from the rolls.

A bylaws change increasing annual dues from \$25 to \$40 was approved at the Feb. 12

BCBA meeting. Dues are waived for sitting and retired judges and for members who have been licensed in Missouri for at least 50 years or who have reached the age of 75.

Use the coupon below to make your dues payment, and please note if your contact information has changed.

2003 Boone County Bar Association Dues Payment/Waiver Form

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Optional settlement conferences urged

Recommendations by the BCBA Family Law Committee to make settlement conferences optional and to initiate a study of juvenile policies and procedures have been forwarded to the 13th Judicial Circuit Court En Banc.

In addition to recommending that settlement conferences no longer be mandatory, the committee suggested that clients should not be required to attend

unless it is likely they will actively participate.

The committee urged the court to create a task force to study "policies and procedures currently in place in the juvenile law system" and suggested the task force be asked to report its findings and recommendations within one year of appointment.

It is anticipated the recommendations will be on the court's agenda on April 7.

Local rule on withdrawal is amended

Local Rule 21.4 recently was amended to incorporate an updated reference to the Rules of Professional Conduct. The updated rule appears on the BCBA web site. The rule now

refers to Supreme Court Rule 4-1.16 instead of the outdated references to Rule 4, Code of Professional Responsibility, Canon 2, Ethical Considerations 2-32 and Disciplinary Rule 2-111.

Around the bar . . .

The BCBA Partners in Education Committee thanks those who volunteered as judges and evaluators for the Mid-Missouri Region High School Mock Trial Competition held at the Boone County Courthouse on Feb. 1 and 22. Volunteers were: Dan Dunham, Doug Shull, Emily Little, Janice Harder, Dan Simon, Scott Wilson, Michelle Monahan, Bill Ellis, Steve Wyse, Keith Essmeyer, Bruce Farmer, Carl Edwards, Lorna Hilt, Kris Crews, John Miller, Keith Brunstrom, Betty Parrigin, Brian Sleeth, Truman Allen, Paul Yarns, Melissa Nulls, Jonathan Woodward, Kimberly Shaw, John Clark, and Tom Azar.

About 45 BCBA members attended the regular meeting on Feb. 12 to hear a CLE-credit program on courtroom technology presented by Debbie Weaver of Courtroom Technologies Consultants and Jimmy LoMonaco of Conference Technologies.

Samantha Harris recently relocated her office to 811 Cherry St., Suite 309, Columbia 65201. Her new telephone and fax numbers are 442-8160 and 442-8170, respectively.

As reported last month, **Kimberly Shaw** and **Valerie Leftwich** have moved their firm to 2620-C Forum Blvd., Columbia, 65203. They now advise that their phone and fax numbers have changed to 234-1375 and 234-1379, respectively.

A large copy of the new BCBA photo composite has now been hung in the Counsel Chambers at the Boone County Courthouse. Stop by and take a look at it if you have not already done so. Copies of the composite still can be ordered from Creative Photo, phone 875-1841.

The phone list for the Boone County Circuit Clerk's office on the BCBA web site recently was updated.

Welcome to the following new BCBA members: **Stephan Bell**, Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corp.; **Charles Bender**, Division of Legal Services, Department of Social Services; **Mark Flanegin**, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel; **Sarah E. Giboney**, Smith Lewis LLP; and **Shannon Sorensen**, Mid-Missouri Legal Services Corp. Also welcome to returning member **Kelly Mescher**, Office of the University Counsel.

Treasurer's Report by Bob Buckley

Account balance as of 1/22/03	\$4,127.69
Receipts 1/22/03 - 2/28/03	
Dues	+1,905.00
Interest	+0.45
Disbursements 1/22/03 - 2/28/03	
Accent Press (<i>Newsletter</i> printing)	-66.83
Midwest Mailing (<i>Newsletter</i> mailing)	-73.59
Boone Tavern (Executive Committee)	-70.80
Boone Tavern (guest lunches)	-50.00
Four Corners Framing (composite for Courthouse)	-223.10
Account balance as of 2/28/03	\$5,548.82