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Street Law Program Topic of Bar Address Monday

Joe L. Bussell, a 3L at the University of Arkansas School of Law, will be the guest speaker for the Washington County Bar Association meeting Monday, Aug. 3, at noon at the Clarion Inn. Bussell will talk about a program he created locally last fall to allow law students to teach high school and undergraduate students about basic concepts of the law that are important to all young adults. The program is called Street Law.



Bussell is a native of Brinkley who came to northwest Arkansas in 2001 to attend the university, where he earned his bachelor's degree. He lives in Fayetteville with his wife, Alejandra, and his 2-year-old daughter, Madison. While a law student, he has served as president of the Hispanic Student Bar Association, student coordinator of the Immigration Law Clinic, historian/pro bono coordinator for Phi Delta Phi honors fraternity, and captain of the law school's Walk to Cure Diabetes team.

The Street Law Program team uses interactive hypotheticals to teach young people about basic criminal law, criminal procedure, consumer law, defamation involving social networking Web sites, and constitutional rights. The program was created to make young people more aware of the law and change the concept that the law only applies to those breaking it. By teaching young adults about how the law affects their everyday lives, students become more aware of their surroundings and are encouraged to seek out an attorney early on when faced with a legal dilemma

Judge Mashburn to be Recognized at September Bar Meeting

The presentation planned for the Aug. 3 meeting to recognize Judge Mike Mashburn has been postponed until Sept. 14, the day of the September bar meeting.

Judge Mashburn recently announced his retirement from the bench and the association will recognize him at the beginning of the September meeting, followed by the annual performance by the Gridiron Show singers.



Library Offers Training

Erin Dallas, training specialist for Thomson Reuters, presented a two-day Westlaw training for lawyers and judges at the Washington County Public Law Library at the Washington County Courthouse in late July. The event drew 32 professionals and was co-sponsored by the Washington County Law Library and Thomson Reuters.

Benton County Judges Issue Probate Case Requirement

Because of a recurring problem with how to close estate files at the end of the administration and still get the required receipts filed, the three judges in Benton County who hear probate matters are asking the attorneys to be sure their order authorizing final distribution does *not* close the case. After final distribution, the judge will sign the order closing the case and discharging the administrator when the receipts have been filed.

Policies Approved for ‘Classified Ads’ in Newsletter

The Washington County Bar Association approved in July the following policy concerning the publication of “classified ads” in the newsletter. The policies will be published on the Web site.

As a member benefit, bar association members may have short advertisements printed for free in the newsletter, under the following conditions:

- A member in good standing may have two ads per year printed for free in the newsletter. The ad must be related to the profession – an office for rent, office furniture for sale, help wanted, etc.
- Maximum 500 words per ad.
- No photographs will be published with the ad.
- The same ad (or for the same property, etc.) will not be printed a second time.
- The ad must be received via e-mail at least one week before the newsletter deadline, which is one week before the bar meeting, which is held on the second Monday of each month.

Bagwell Joins Deborah Sexton Law Office

Deborah Sexton is pleased to announce that Tracy F. Bagwell has joined the Deborah Sexton Law Office.

Bagwell grew up in Fordyce. He received his undergraduate degree from Arkansas State University and his law degree from the University of Arkansas School of Law in Fayetteville. He also received a master of laws in taxation from Southern Methodist University. Bagwell is married to Bryn Bagwell, and they have two daughters – Maddie and Andie.

July Minutes

President John Burrow called the meeting to order. A motion was made to approve the minutes and treasury report. The motion was seconded and the minutes and treasury report were approved.

Guests were introduced.

Katherine Shurlds made a motion that we develop some policies for the Washington County Bar Association members who place ads in the monthly newsletter. The motion was seconded and approved. The policies will be published in the newsletter.

President Burrow made a motion to start working on the dicentennial photo composite for the courthouse. He received a proposal from a photographer to take the pictures and prepare the composite for \$35 per person. The motion was seconded and approved.

President Burrow introduced the guest speaker, Washington County Judge Marilyn Edwards. She discussed issues she has been dealing with in the first six months of her tenure. The ice storm created substantial damage to the county. The county was able to use its own employees and not hire any outside contractors to clean up after the ice storm, thereby saving the county money. The county will be receiving FEMA money in the near future.

The work on the parking deck is set to begin in September and needs to be finished in 365 days. If it is not finished within one year, the contractor will pay penalties for every day that it is late.

The renovations to the old courthouse have begun and the county has saved money on the bids. The county has laid 50 miles of new asphalt on the roads so far this year. Judge Edwards answered questions from bar members.

There was no further business and President Burrow adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Snively
Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Previous balance - \$8,227.92

Credits - \$190.00

Debits - \$11.00

New Balance - \$8,406.92

August Judges' Calendars

Judge Barry

Aug. 11 – Fort Smith
Aug. 13 - Fayetteville
Aug. 18 - Hot Springs (ap)
Aug. 19 – Hot Springs (divisional)

Judge Gunn

Aug. 7 – defaults at 8:30 a.m.
Aug. 19 - Madison County
Aug. 20 – Little Rock
Aug. 21-defaults at 8:30 a.m.

Judge Hendren

Aug. 3 – No court
Aug. 10 – Fayetteville
Aug. 17 – Fayetteville/Fort Smith
Aug. 24 – Harrison/Hot Springs
Aug. 31 – Fayetteville/Texarkana

Judge Lindsay

Aug. 5, 19, and 26 - defaults at 8:30 a.m.
Aug. 20 – Madison County at 9:00 a.m.

Judge Mashburn

Aug. 3, 7, 10, 14, 21, 24, 28, and 31
– defaults at 8:30 a.m.
Aug. 17 - Madison County

Judge Smith

Aug. 6 and 7 – out for Judicial Education Committee
Aug. 10 – Madison County
Aug. 17, 18, and 19 - Vacation
Aug. 20 – Criminal plea day
Aug. 24 – Madison County

Judge Storey

Aug. 11 – Madison County

Judge Zimmerman

Mondays: Criminal Cases
Tuesdays: FINS Cases
Wednesdays: Dependant/Neglect Cases
Thursdays: Criminal/FINS Cases
Fridays: Domestic Relations Cases
Aug. 7 - Madison County



WCBA '08 Officers
John Burrow, President
Brock Showalter, Vice Pres.
Tim Snively, Sec'y/Treas.



Information

Dues

\$30 a year

\$10 new lawyers

Due in January

Mail to P.O. address below or pay at meeting

Addresses

Dues, advertising payment and other business:

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No problem – You can always find the newsletter at

<http://home.swbell.net/kshurlds/>

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How to Submit Newsletter Items

Please submit items for the newsletter by the 20th of the month for the next month.

Send submissions to Katherine Shurlds at <mailto:kshurlds@uark.edu> or fax to 575-4314. Or send information to 833 E. Ash St., Fayetteville, 72703.

Phone messages may be left at 443-9061.

Whenever possible, please submit items by e-mail so that they do not have to be retyped. Attached files often present a problem so just send the text itself in the e-mail message. Please do not send files as WordPerfect.