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Bar to Elect Officers, Consider Funding Requests for 2009

Election of Washington County Bar Association officers for 2009 will be conducted at the next meeting, Monday, Dec. 1, at noon at the Clarion Inn.

The slate of nominees will be presented then and nominations will be taken from the floor if offered.

In addition, President Boyce Davis will report that the Association distributed \$15,250 to worthwhile projects in Northwest Arkansas during 2008.

Included are Northwest Arkansas Red Cross Chapter, \$1,000; Truman Smith Fund in the Fayetteville Foundation; \$1,000 for Projects Graduation in Fayetteville, Prairie Grove and Lincoln, with half going to Fayetteville and the balance split evenly between the other two; United Way of Northwest Arkansas, \$1,000; Arkansas Paralegal Association, \$250; Washington County Historical Society, \$1,500; and \$500, Judge Tom Keith's retirement roast.

A total of \$7,500 was approved in 2007 for the Truman H. Smith fund payment but the Association did not have the money on hand to pay it until well into this year. The Treasury now holds a balance in excess of \$6,000.

Here are the requests for 2009:

The state bar association will be recognizing in June those attorneys who have practiced for 50 years. The 2009 class will include solo practitioners Bass Trumbo, Hugh Kincaid and Jim Cypert. State Bar President Rosalind Mouser requested \$500 per honoree from the county bar but after speaking with the honorees, Davis said he would recommend to the incoming WCBA president that the bar should donate \$500 to the Truman H. Smith Fund in the name of these honorees.

Donna Pettus suggested that the local bar contribute \$1,000 to the event next summer at which she will be installed as President of the Arkansas Bar Association. On Dec. 1 that the Association fund that request.

In addition, Katherine Shurlds is asking the bar association to help sponsor a special project through the journalism program. See the request following this story.

Funds requested for 'Judges Day' CLE, Publication

A funding request from Katherine Shurlds:

For more than five years, I have directed the annual Bar/Media Seminar for local journalists and attorneys wishing to earn CLE. The seminar was held in November, but this year, a larger event is being planned in association with The Donald W. Reynolds Center for Courts and Media, a program of the National Judicial College.

In the past, the Bar has helped sponsor the yearly seminars. During most years, the project has produced a small profit for the association. I do not expect a profit this year, but I am asking for \$1,000 to offset expenses for the following:

In Spring 2009, I am teaching a seminar called "Covering the Courts." As a part of the course, the journalism department is affiliating with the "Judges in J-Schools" project sponsored by The Donald W. Reynolds Center for Courts and Media, The National Judicial College and The Reynolds School of Journalism at the University of Nevada, Reno. The program pays the expenses to bring a visiting judge into the journalism program for a day of interaction. I have worked in the past with Gary Hengstler, the NCCM director, as well as with Arkansas Supreme Court Justice Annabelle Clinton Imber, who has agreed to be the primary visiting judge.

On Monday, April 20, Justice Imber and Justice Robert L. "Bob" Brown have agreed to help present a full day's worth of instruction around the topics of Fair Trial vs. Free Press. I will also recruit some local judges, attorneys or law professors to present some of the topics. I have already contacted Michelle Payne at the UA law school to arrange for CLE certification so that we will draw from and serve the legal community as well. I hope to make the program appeal not just to our journalism students, but also to political science, pre-law and law students, as well as the public at large.

The students in my Covering the Courts class will be assigned to write news stories on topics relating to the law presentations:

- an overview of the American judicial system
- the first and sixth amendments
- the role of the courts defining press rights
- reporter's confidential sources from the court's perspective
- cameras in the courtroom
- and ethical considerations for attorneys.

These are also the topics of the CLE presentations that day; as you notice, one of the submissions for approval is an hour in ethics.

I plan to publish these stories in a tabloid newspaper (probably eight pages) that will be distributed in the Traveler and at the seminar.

We will charge a token amount for the six hours of CLE, but would like to keep it a small amount. The \$1,000 will go toward publication of the tabloid and some expenses associated with the CLE.

I hope that the bar will consider this request. I guarantee the event will be well planned and successful and will reflect well on the Bar.

Bar Members Invited to Henry Investiture in January

The investiture of newly elected Court of Appeals Justice Courtney Henry is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the Justice Building in Little Rock.

“I would certainly appreciate it if you would make mention of this in the newsletter so that any members of the Washington Bar Association who would like to attend will know that they are invited” Henry said.

Contact Henry’s office at 695-1330 for more details about the ceremony and reception.

Legal Aid Workshop Now in Jefferson Center

The first Legal Aid Workshop at its new location in the Jefferson Center was held on Oct. 29. The subject was "When can you search my home or car?" This was a new topic for the adult education site.

Autumn Tolbert of the Washington County Public Defenders Office conducted the nearly two-hour meeting. There are plans for Tolbert to repeat this workshop in the spring semester.

Treasurer’s Report

Previous Balance		\$8,004.75
Debits	\$3,319.09	
Credits	\$180.00	
New Balance		\$4,865.66

November Minutes

President Boyce Davis called the meeting to order.

Courtney Henry’s Swearing in Ceremony will be held in Little Rock on January 7th at 10 a.m. The nominating committee is nominating one person for President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer. Any member who is interested in being nominated for one of these positions should notify an officer.

A \$500 donation for Judge Tom Keith’s Retirement Luncheon was approved.

Dean Cynthia Nance provided updates on the Law School activities. The law school has four new faculty members: D’lorah Hughes, Criminal Defense and Prosecution Clinic; Elizabeth Young, Immigration Clinic; Brian Gallini, Criminal Law; and Randy Thompson, Law Library Director. Professor Rafael Guzman is retiring after 40 years. Professor Carlton Bailey has been with the law school 30 years and Professor Mark Killenbeck for 20 years. On Oct. 3, Sandra Day O’Connor spoke at the dedication of the courtyard.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chreea Stanimirovic
Secretary/Treasurer

December Judges' Calendars

Courthouse Closed: Dec 24-26 and at noon on Dec. 31, and on Jan. 1.

Judge Barry (479) 582-9067

Dec 3 – Ft. Smith
Dec 10 - Fayetteville

Judge Carson (479) 444-1556

Default Days - December 1, 5, 8, 12, and 19th at 8:30.
Madison County - Dec. 15.

Judge Gunn (479) 973-8420

December 1- Drug Court
December 2- Non-Jury Trials
December 3- Non-Jury Trials-Domestic
December 4- Non-Jury Trials-Domestic
December 5- 8:30 -Defaults
 9:00- Protective Orders
 1:30- Motion Hearings
December 8- Drug Court
December 9- Jury Trial
December 10- Jury Trial
December 11- Non-Jury Trials-Domestic
December 12- Small Cases
December 15- Drug Court
December 16- Madison County Jury Trial
December 17- Madison County
December 18- Judge to Little Rock
December 19- 8:30 -Defaults
 9:00- Protective Orders
 1:30- Motion Hearings
December 22- Drug Court
December 23- Out
December 29- Out
December 30- Out
December 31- Out

Judge Hendren (479) 444-7876

Wk of Dec 1st – Fayetteville
Wk of Dec 8th – Harrison on Monday, Fayetteville
Wk of Dec 15th – Fayetteville

Judge Lindsay (479) 444-1548

December 3rd, December 10th, December 17th, December 31st - Defaults @ 8:30 a.m.
December 18th – Madison County @ 9:00 a.m.

Judge Smith (479) 444-1552

December 8 -- Madison County
December 18 - Criminal Plea Day
December 22 - Madison County

Judge Storey (479) 444-1560

Dec. 3 -- Madison County

Judge Zimmerman (479) 444-1739

Mondays: Criminal Cases
Tuesdays: FINS Cases
Wednesdays: Dependant/Neglect Cases (closed)
Thursdays: Criminal/FINS Cases
Fridays: Domestic Relation Cases
Dec 5th: Madison County



WCBA '08 Officers

Boyce Davis, President
John Burrow, Vice Pres.
Chreea Stanimirovic, Sec'y/Treas.



Washington County Bar Association Information

Dues

\$30 a year

\$10 new lawyers

Due in January

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

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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 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.