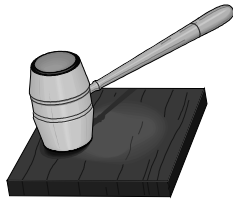


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DOCKET CALL

THE CLAY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

November 2003

CALENDAR

Meetings/Events

Dec. 5 - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Ameristar Casino
Featuring 2003 Distinguished Attorney Award and election of 2004 Officers

Upcoming CLEs

Jan. 9 - Finnigan's
12:00 Lunch
12:30-4 p.m. Program

Jan. 30 - Finnigan's
12:00 Lunch
12:30-4 p.m. Program

Feb. 20 - Finnigan's
12:00 Lunch
12:30-4 p.m. Program

Watch your mail for details.

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James J. Fluker
and Kathryn Shepherd-Porter,
co-Editors



Christmas Luncheon

The annual Christmas Luncheon of the Clay County Bar Association will be Friday, December 5, 2003 at 11:30 a.m. at the Prairie Room at the Ameristar Casino.

The cost to members will be \$20.00 per person and includes *one trip to the "bar" for refreshment*. Non-members' cost is \$30.00 per person.

Business and festivities will include the announcement of the 2003 recipient(s) of the CLAY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION *DISTINGUISHED ATTORNEY AWARD* and the election of new officers and directors to the association.

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**The Clay County Bar Association
Announces requests nominations
for the**

2003 *DISTINGUISHED ATTORNEY AWARD*

Each year an attorney, attorneys or former members of the judiciary in Clay County are recognized by the members of The Clay County Bar Association for their service to the community. That attorney or jurist is a person who has distinguished him or herself among their peers for their efforts to improve and promote the legal community in Clay County, Missouri, both within the Bar and to the general public as well. He or she is recognized at the December Bar Luncheon each year and an individual plaque is given to them and their name is placed on a permanent tribute installed in the Bar Association Lounge in the Courthouse. The permanent plaque reads:

The Clay County Bar Association recognizes with honor and respect the following attorneys for their distinguished legal service to the community.

Nominations for the award are now open and will remain open until November 17, 2003. Members of the Bar Association may submit nominations by letter or fax to James A. Fluker, Director, Clay County Bar Association, 1919 Buchanan, North Kansas City, Missouri 64116, Fax (816) 221-4243 or e-mail at jfluker@juno.com, until the close of business on November 27, 2003. The nominations will then be tallied by the board who will make the final decisions and announce the recipient(s) at the December Bar Luncheon.

Please take the time to nominate and recognize an attorney or jurist whom you believe made a difference in our profession.

Got Forms?

If you missed the June Personal Injury Seminar, you don't want to miss out on the great forms that were provided. Why reinvent the wheel? These forms will save you countless hours in organizing your files and obtaining the information necessary to evaluate a personal injury claim. They include HIPPA compliant authorizations as well as forms to obtain Social Security & military records. Included in the package is an invaluable outline and recent case law concerning Medicaid, Medicare, & ERISA liens. This package is a MUST for your practice even if you handle only one PI case a year.

Just send \$25 payable to the Clay County Bar c/o James H. Thompson, Jr., 851 NW 45th St., Suite 210, Kansas City, Mo. 64116.

Missouri Bar President Addresses Clay County Bar

2003-04 Missouri Bar President, William M. Corrigan, Jr., addressed The Clay County Bar Association at its October Luncheon Meeting on October 24, 2003 at Cascone's. Mr. Corrigan is from the St. Louis firm of Armstrong Teasdale LLP and was installed as President of the Missouri Bar on October 3, 2003.

Mr. Corrigan gave a PowerPoint presentation during the luncheon on the importance of lawyers in the legislature. His presentation highlighted the arguments he made in the September-October 2003 issue of the *Journal of the Missouri Bar*, in his article on the President's Page "The Argument for Lawyers in the Legislature: A Proud History of Service."



Clay County Bar Association Fall Classic Golf Tournament

The 2003 Clay County Bar Association Golf Tournament was held September 19 in Paradise Pointe on a beautiful and just perfect day. Everyone enjoyed a great barbeque lunch provided by Mr. George McCall "We Smoke Like Dat Barbeque." A raffle was held during lunch and the grand prize was won by Judge Janet Sutton. Congratulations, Judge Sutton!

The First Place Team of Gary Mouse, Vince Cono, Dan Box and John Crump shot a 12 under par 60. The Second Place Team, led by Larry Buccero also included Paul Mudd and Trey Pettlon, edged out the Third Place Team of Ryan McMillin, Rick Rose, Anthony Bologna and Mickey Robinson. Ryan also won the "Closest to the Pin" prize on the most difficult hole (#10). Special thanks to our beer cart driver, Judge Maloney, who made his way around the course so many times and so quickly that he is now being recruited by NASCAR.

Special thanks to our sponsors: Midwest ADP; Northland Dependency Services; G.M. Peters Insurance Agency; Sheridan's Custard of Liberty; Donald T. Norris, Prosecuting Attorney and Dennis C. Eckold, Mediator. Special thanks also to Andrea Bolstad and Katharine Shepherd Porter for their assistance during the Tournament. Special thanks also to our friends at Paradise Pointe, John Marquardt and staff for their great assistance. The course was in magnificent shape and everyone had a great time. Hope to see you at next year's event.

Dennis C. Eckold
Golf Tournament Chairman

Clay County Bar Foundation Scholarship Program

The Clay County Bar Foundation Scholarship Program is looking forward to its third year of offering scholarships to high school seniors throughout the Clay County. Last year four scholarships were awarded to seniors through this program.

The Foundation is funded in part by proceeds from the golf tournament and the sale of a limited number of the Hamil prints (the original of which hangs in the attorneys' lounge) which are still available for sale as a means to contribute to and fund the Foundation's programs.

For prints or further information, call Doug Noland at 816.454.5800.

A Statutory Look

Heads up. Section 485.077.1 RSMo (2001) requires that all written depositions to be used in court must be prepared and certified by a certified court reporter (CCR) whose registration number must also appear on the certification. Depositions by CSR and RPR are not acceptable under the statute. There is an exception under Rule 57.03(c) for video taped depositions.

Settlement Week Is Coming

The Seventh Judicial Circuit is sponsoring its second biannual Settlement Week on June 1-4, 2004. This is a demonstration project showcasing a variety of ADR processes authorized by Supreme Court Rule 17: Arbitration; Mediation; Early Neutral Evaluation; Mini-trial and Summary jury trial.

Counsel and litigants may register to participate in Settlement Week at the courthouse free of charge. The panel of dispute resolution neutrals will be scheduled to provide services in half-day increments on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (or by special arrangement).

Consider using Settlement Week for . . . pending civil disputes, appeals to associate or circuit court, domestic relations property disputes or discovery disputes.

For more information or to register to participate, contact Kathleen Bird, Office of Dispute Resolution Services, at (816) 792-7681.

The post-Millennium Portrait

2004 is almost here and with it will come our newest Clay County Bar Portrait. MEMBERS ONLY – be a part of our collective history.



Dear Friends,

*We sincerely appreciate our association
with you and wish you and yours most Happy
Holidays and Peace in the coming year.*

*The Clay County Bar Association
Board and Committee Chairs*



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