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DOCKET CALL

THE CLAY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

December 2002

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Christmas Luncheon

The Bar Association Christmas Luncheon was held December 13, 2002, at Harrah's Casino in North Kansas City. With over one hundred in attendance, James W. Jeans, Sr. spoke to the membership on *Professionalism in Advocacy*.

The Distinguished Attorney Award was presented to the Honorable William E. Turnage.

Also recognized at the program were the original incorporators of The Clay County Bar Association, those persons being:

Max Von Erdmannsdorff
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Max Von Erdmannsdorff, Joseph Y. DeCuyper, James G. Trimble, David D. Lodwick, Michael J. Maloney, Ward B. Stuckey, Stephen Crain, Richard E. McFadin, P. Wayne Kuhlman, Thomas E. Sims, Honorable William E. Turnage, and Ronald P. Zolotor were all in attendance.

Governor Appoints Sutton Associate Circuit Judge for the 7th Judicial Circuit

On December 12, 2002, Gov. Bob Holden appointed Janet Sutton as Clay County Associate Circuit Judge, 7th Judicial Circuit.

Sutton, 37, currently serves as chief assistant prosecuting attorney in the Clay County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and as Municipal Judge of Excelsior Springs, Missouri. She serves as chair of the Clay County Child Fatality Review Board and is an advisory board member of the Children's Advocacy Center. Sutton earned Bachelor's and Juris Doctor degrees from the University of Missouri - Kansas City.

In announcing the appointment, the Governor stated, "In addition to her extensive background in governmental law, Janet is a pillar of her community. Her long list of volunteer activities is a perfect example of how dedicated she is to her community. Clay County is lucky to have her."

Sutton will replace Jane Pansing Brown, who resigned to take a position in the United States Attorney's office. Other members of the panel from whom the Governor chose were Michael Reardon, former Clay County Prosecuting Attorney and Dennis Davidson, an attorney in civil practice.

Public Service

People's Law School: The Clay County Bar Association and the Young Lawyers Committee, as a public service to the community, are sponsoring a People's Law School.

The Program presented once a week for six weeks will discuss various law related topics.

Classes start on January 23, 2003, and continue through February 27, 2003, at Winnetonka High School from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Distinguished Attorney Award

The Clay County Bar Association is honored to present this year's Distinguished Attorney Award to the Honorable William E. Turnage.

Judge Turnage received his A.B. degree from William Jewell College, and his J.D. degree from Washington University. He practiced law in Liberty from 1950 to 1953 and from 1953 to 1974 was a member of the law firm Sevier and Turnage. He was appointed by Governor Christopher Bond to the Missouri Court of Appeals in 1974 and served until 1994. He has since served as a Senior Judge.

Bar Foundation

The Clay County Bar Foundation is continuing to provide scholarships to area high school seniors who have an interest in pursuing a career in public service and/or law. The Foundation has awarded twelve scholarships to date.

Also as a public service and to commemorate the 215th-year anniversary signing of our Constitution, the Bar Foundation has been providing pocket copies of the United States Constitution to area schools. Lawyers have been to schools and presented programs to nearly five hundred students on the judicial system and the U.S. Constitution.

New Attorneys

We welcome two newly admitted lawyers as they begin their practice of law within our Bar and in Clay County:

- ❶ Karen Krauser, who is an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Clay County. Karen graduated from Park College and UMKC Law School.
- ❷ Megan Fuller practices with Steve Fuller in North Kansas City and Kansas City Legal Aid Municipal Defense Unit. Megan graduated from UMKC and UMKC Law School.

CLE Programs

This year The Clay County Bar Association sponsored a number of CLE Programs. A listing of the Programs with Missouri and Kansas credit are as follows:

| <u>LAST REPORTING YEAR</u> | | | |
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| Date | Program | Missouri | Kansas |
| 03-01-02 | Depositions from A to Z | 4.2 (0 ethics) | 4.0 (0 ethics) |
| 04-06-02 | View from the Bench Honorable Laura Denvir Stith and Clay County Judges (Spring Bar Luncheon) | 1.2 (0 ethics) | 1.0 (0 ethics) |
| 04-19-02 | Personal Injury Cases | 4.8 (0 ethics) | 4.5 (0 ethics) |
| 06-07-02 | Ethical, Statutory and Case Law Update | 4.8 (1.2 ethics) | 4.5 (1.0 ethics) |
| <u>THIS REPORTING YEAR</u> | | | |
| 08-23-02 | Technology in Court | 1.2 (0 ethics) | pending |
| 08-30-02 | Westlaw Training | 1.2 (0 ethics) | pending |
| 10-11-02 | The Art of Opening Statements Fred Wilkins (Fall Bar Luncheon) | 1.0 (0 ethics) | pending |
| 11-01-02 | Law Office Practice | 4.4 (4.4 ethics) | 4.0 (4.0 ethics) |
| 12-13-02 | Professionalism in Advocacy James W. Jeans, Sr. (Christmas Bar Luncheon) | 1.0 (0 ethics) | 1.0 (0 ethics) |