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President's Message

Our next meeting is Friday, March 28, at Carraba's in Independence. Our speaker will be Eastern Jackson County's own, Presiding Judge Marco Roldan, and Jackson County Executive Mike Sanders. We anticipate receiving an hour of CLE credit for this luncheon. Hopefully, you will find valuable information in this issue of the Beagle. In this issue you will find items regarding the annual CLE on April 11, and information regarding sponsorships and door prizes for the Steak Fry on May 2. If you have news of interest to the Bar, such as office moves, new hires, deaths, etc., you may send notices and announcement to me or directly to Bill Piedimonte via e-mail or telephone.

Randall Cain
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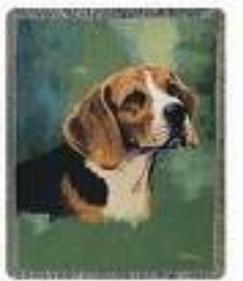
Reminder of Coming Events

March 28, 2014 - Luncheon at Carrabas

April 18, 2014 - 8:30 to 12 CLE at Drumm Farm

April 26, 2014—10:00 to 2:00 Volunteer Project at Regional Animal Shelter in Independence. Lunch Provided

May 2, 2014 - Annual Steak Fry at Rhapsody in Independence ***New Location!***



Register Online

You can now register for an event online at the bar website, www.ejcba.com,

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Announcements

STEAK FRY SPONSORSHIPS:

For \$300.00, your firm will be listed on a banner as one of the sponsors of the Steak Fry. Please contact me or Nick Cutrera if you'd like to participate.

STEAK FRY DOOR PRIZES:

As many of you know, one of the best things about the Steak Fry is the door prizes. Many of you have made donations in the past, and we of course encourage you to continue. This year, we intend to place a card on each table that lists all of the contributors of door prizes. HOWEVER....to be listed, we **MUST** receive your donation by April 30!

CLE NEWS: CHIP ROBERTSON TO ADDRESS EJCBA

Last minute details re the CLE program are still being worked out, but we are pleased to announce that formal Missouri Supreme Court Justice Chip Robertson will be making a presentation. Judge Robertson has gone back into private practice, and he recently obtained a pivotal victory in the 8th Circuit regarding the stacking of Under-Insured Motorist policies. Chip will be discussing stacking in general, and his case in particular.

News You Can Use

As many of you know, a few years ago the Missouri legislature passed a law allowing defendants to introduce evidence, in personal injury cases, of insurance company discounts and write-offs. Those can often be substantial, which means that both the settlement and trial value of cases are sometimes substantially reduced.

This seems unfair to many of us, as the upshot is the defendant gets to take advantage of a benefit for which the plaintiff alone has contracted, but that's the law. There is, however, a very good argument to be made that this law should not apply in under-insured and uninsured motorist cases. Anyone desiring a trial brief on this matter should contact me, as I have one I can e-mail to you.