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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Friday December 12, 2008	Christmas Party Law Office of John Sommer 5:00 pm until..... Free drinks and appetizers
Friday January 16, 2009	Luncheon Courthouse Exchange Legislative Luncheon
Friday February 13, 2009	Luncheon Salvatore's on 40 Highway
Friday March 20, 2009	Luncheon Saw Mill Lounge
Friday April 17, 2009	CLE Seminar
Friday May 8, 2009	STEAK FRY!!



The "Beagle" contains a calendar of upcoming events. Please put these items on your calendar to participate. Most of the attendees at the lunches receive 1 hour of CLE.

The group has many new members thanks to the efforts of Nick Cutrera and his staff. Please take advantage of the lunches and social events. Meeting fellow attorneys socially makes your cases easier.

The Board of Directors voted to match donations up to \$1,000 to a scholarship fund in honor of Judge Kelly Moorhouse. Details will be provided as soon as the family provides instructions.

The Board also approved funds to update the web site. Please be patient while we update our web site.

Invite a friend to the socials and luncheons!

KELLY MOORHOUSE FUND

**Donations may be sent to:
Gracen & Jordan Moorhouse
3520 NE Logwood Circle
Lee's Summit, MO 64064**



Register Online

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

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER 13 DOCKETS

On November 17, 2008, the Western District of Missouri Bankruptcy Court will continue with the new procedure for Kansas City chapter 13 dockets. The purpose of the new procedure is to remove cases with an agreed continuance or settlement from the court docket BEFORE the judge takes the bench.

Matters have been scheduled for hearing at 9 AM and at 1:30 PM. Check your hearing notice for the time.

Staff from the court and the chapter 13 trustees office will be available 30 minutes before the start of the docket. You can report last-minute agreed settlements or court filings to court staff and the matter may be removed from the court docket. You will also have an opportunity to discuss a settlement or continuance with opposing counsel and/or with the chapter 13 trustee.

Promptly at 9 AM and 1:30 PM, the courtroom deputy will call the docket in case number order. When the case is called by the courtroom deputy, counsel for both movant and respondent must be present to communicate with the clerk about the status of the matter on the docket. To expedite this process, speak clearly from your location in the courtroom. There is no need to move to the podium. If your matter is not settled, be prepared to inform the courtroom deputy of the status of the matter including when you contacted opposing counsel or the chapter 13 trustee, and whether you have provided or filed required information. As you are waiting for your case to be called, you may continue to quietly discuss settlements/continuances with opposing counsel and/or the chapter 13 trustee.

You must appear when your case is called. Failure to appear may result in entry of an order denying relief if movant fails to appear, or granting relief if respondent fails to appear.

After the courtroom deputy has called all cases once, you will have an opportunity to announce any agreed continuances or settlements reached since your case was initially called.

The courtroom deputy will produce a revised docket, removing cases that have been settled, continued or where parties failed to appear. The judge will take the bench to hear all remaining matters.

As always, you are encouraged to pursue settlements and resolve issues with opposing counsel or the chapter 13 trustee prior to the day of court thereby avoiding a court appearance altogether. This procedure will give parties one more opportunity to settle prior to hearing. If you have any questions, please contact Kristina Richardson at kc13orders@mow.uscourts.gov.

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SALARIES

The Commission on Judicial Salaries will be meeting to make a recommendation on judicial salaries.

The chair of the commission is Tim Huffier, who is the CEO of Centres in Fenton, MO. The Commission has 10 members, including retired judge Holstein from Springfield. The governor never appointed his 12 members, but the Commission will move forward nevertheless.

The four public meetings are set as follows:

- Kansas City, November 18, 9:00 a.m.
- Springfield, November 18, 7:00 p.m.
- St. Louis, November 24, 5:00 p.m.
- Jefferson City, November 25, 9:00 a.m.

The locations of the meetings are not set yet, but you can contact Dan O'Hearn at the Supreme Court for additional information. If anyone wants to provide information or testimony, Dan's the guy to contact for that, as well. His e-mail address is daniel.ohearn@courts.mo.gov.

FEDERAL COURTS ADVOCATES SECTION

The Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association recently has developed and implemented a Federal Courts Advocates Section. The purpose of the section is to:

- Enhance the relationships among attorneys who practice in the Western District of Missouri and the District of Kansas Federal Courts, U.S. attorneys, judges, magistrates and others who have an interest in the Federal Courts;
- Promote the professional development, welfare, interests and education of the members of the section;
- Promote the sound administration of justice;
- Provide meaningful services and educational programs for the benefit of the members of the section and the Federal Bar;
- Encourage involvement of the members in activities of the Federal Bar; and,
- Provide members opportunities to assume leadership roles in Federal Bar activities.

In addition to helping to ensure your awareness of this new section and its initiatives, this message is also intended to inquire and, with your response, determine if the organization you represent as an officer or executive has any entity or enterprise that also is engaged in activities with



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As you utilize this site, please give us feedback about the site and its effectiveness. We appreciate your input to help make our site informative and functional.

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the Federal Courts of the District of Kansas and the Western District of Missouri. If so, we will welcome awareness of such and the opportunity to work with you.

I look forward to your response regarding any structures or activities for which we can serve as colleagues, partners or a resource.

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**CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING FUNDRAISER
KROSS'S LOUNGE**

*Every Tuesday in
December
7:00-9:00pm*

Fundraiser for the CCRC

Andrea Welch and friends will be wrapping. All proceeds go to CCRC. Cost is \$1 to \$3 depending on size. Donations of all amounts welcome!

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(816) 525-0003

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Independence, MO

Across from Independence Courthouse!

Please call Bill Piedimonte for information
816-836-8900

Welch, Martin & Albano Law Offices

Executive Makeover law office, steps from the Jackson County Courthouse in Independence, is hard to miss. With the colorful mural of Harry Truman on the side of the building and an impressive new façade, this eye catcher has been the talk of the town. Boasting an entirely new interior full of granite, marble and tile, this building makeover is a must see. Six attorney offices are available for rent and include secretarial space. Low monthly rent includes virtually every requirement for a successful practice.

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