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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Friday October 10, 2008	Luncheon at Bass Pro featuring Judge Powell, Judge Wimes, Judge Byrn
Thursday October 30, 2008	Social Diamond Bowl on the Independence Square
Friday November 14, 2008	Luncheon V's Italian Restaurant
Friday December 12, 2008	Christmas Party Law Office of John Sommer
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!!



Welcome to another year of the Eastern Jackson County Bar Association. Please mark your calendars with the scheduled luncheons. All luncheons will be \$20 unless stated differently. All luncheons will commence at 11:45 and run until 1 pm. unless otherwise noted.

At this time we are experiencing difficulties with on-line reservations. Your check to Nick Cutrera, the executive secretary, is the best reservation.

The Federal Courts on both sides of the state line are establishing a Federal Court Advocate Bar Association. Anyone practicing in Federal Court may wish to take advantage of this new association of judges and lawyers.

Eastern Jackson County's representative to the board of the Jackson County Law Library, Debbie Blakely, has resigned, and Jake Doleshal has been appointed to fill that position. I want thank the other members who expressed an interest in serving on that board.



Register Online

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

IN MEMORY

Renee (Sayer) Robertson, longtime associate with McElligott, Ewan, Hall & Kimminau, P. C. in Independence, Missouri passed away on August 20, 2008 after a three year battle with breast cancer. She leaves to survive her husband Michael, her five year old son Ryan and three year old son Evan, along with parents, siblings and many family and friends.

Renee's family has requested that we send along to Renee's friends and colleagues in the Bar their thanks for support received by Renee over the course of her treatment.

An education fund has been arranged to benefit Ryan and Evan. Anyone wishing to contribute may do so by sending their contribution to:

"Robertson Children Education Fund"
c/o Charlotte Nenninger
14170 Forest Circle Drive
Chesterfield, MO 63017

LOCAL ATTORNEY INDUCTED INTO INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS

Wyrsh, Hobbs & Mirakian, P.C., is pleased to announce that James R. Wyrsh has been inducted into the International Academy of Trial Lawyers. The Academy's purpose is to cultivate the science of jurisprudence, promote reforms in the law, facilitate the administration of justice, elevate the standards of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession and cherish the spirit of brotherhood among the members. Active Academy membership is limited to 50 Fellows from the United States and includes Fellows from over thirty countries throughout the world.

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.

- Easy to find
- Plenty of Parking
- 50 yards from door to Courthouse

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Call **Bob Welch** or **Mike Albano** at 816-836-8000 for rental inquiries.

Please join us for an open house on October 10th
From: 4:00 to 7:00 for refreshments and appetizers
At: 311 West Kansas, Independence, MO 64050



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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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To send information to EJCBA, mail to:

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE AS REP FOR LEAP—LETTER FROM MARK PARRISH

Dear Association Presidents:

Welcome to the Board of Lawyers Encouraging Academic Performance ("LEAP"). As President of one of our core associations, you also have a position on the Board of LEAP. We are looking forward to an exciting year, culminating with our annual fundraising luncheon event on Fat Tuesday, February 24, 2009.

As you may already be aware, LEAP is a not-for-profit foundation established in 1994 to provide children in need with mentoring services. It is the local legal profession's designated beneficiary and a unique, joint professional effort comprised of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Young Lawyers Section, the Eastern Jackson County Bar Association, the Association for Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City, Lawyers Association of Kansas City, Lawyers Association of Kansas City Young Lawyers Section, Jackson County Bar Association, Hispanic Bar Association, and the Mid-America Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel.

Since its inception, LEAP has raised more than \$700,000 for various Kansas City charities, primarily Operation Breakthrough. LEAP's lawyers and judges serve as mentors, reading to the children and helping with homework; its cash donations go to supplies, equipment and personnel.

Please join us for our 2009 kick-off meeting at noon on September 30, 2008 at Operation Breakthrough, 3039 Troost Ave, Kansas City, MO 64109. Our business portion of the meeting will be followed by a tour of Operation Breakthrough. Lunch will be provided. You may also delegate your position on the LEAP Board to another association officer or member.

Please RSVP to Vickie Schatz at , so we will know how many lunches to order. We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations are in order to Bob and Ellen Welch for being named Sugar Creek Citizens of the Year!

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