



**MISSOURI
ORGANIZATION
OF DEFENSE
LAWYERS**

**26th Annual
Meeting**

**“The Art of Trial
Advocacy:
Communication
and Persuasion”**

June 2-4, 2011

Big Cedar Lodge ♦ Ridgedale, MO

Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers

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Dear MODL Member:

Stop what you are doing and make plans now to attend MODL's 26th Annual Meeting, June 2-4, 2011 at the Big Cedar Lodge, Ridgedale, Missouri. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with Missouri's finest defense attorneys and treat your family to a great time at one of the nation's premier destination spots! There is no better setting for a family get-away than Big Cedar Lodge.

MODL has put together a meeting providing excellent CLE programming and ample time to mingle with friends and peers! Combine excellent CLE programming with the incomparable Big Cedar Lodge setting and you don't want to miss this event. We have doubled-down on the family fun and coupled it with timely CLE programs and a great line-up of speakers. The CLE programming will qualify for both Missouri and Kansas CLE hours, including ethics hours.

Don't dare leave your family at home as we have planned fun events for all ages. The President's Welcoming Reception begins it all on Thursday evening. On Friday evening, don't miss the reception, dinner and family fun. We will again have a relaxed buffet dinner followed by games and activities for the evening. There will be an inflatable and other surprises for your little ones. All participants can enjoy a shooting gallery, carnival midway games, and the popular Pop Noggins, an exciting video experience that utilizes the green screen technology to superimpose your heads onto professional dancing bodies. Up to four people at a time can perform to some of the greatest songs of all time, and each participant gets a CD of the performance! An amazing video game gallery with 25 games will be created especially for MODL. This is guaranteed fun for the kids! Rumor has it that casino fun will return for the evening for those preferring more adult entertainment.

Golfers will enjoy this year's tournament at one of Missouri's finest courses, Branson Creek. If you don't golf, you can stay at the resort and spend the afternoon in one of Big Cedars many pools, or hit the Branson strip for the Titanic Museum, White Water Fun Park, and much more.

Reservations are required and space is limited. We hope that you can come and bring your family for what will be a terrific weekend. Big Cedar has several different room types available, with a wide range of prices to suit your needs. The cut-off date for rooms is Tuesday, May 3, 2011. Be aware, however, that our reserved block of rooms will likely sell out well before that date! Please call now and make your hotel reservations directly with Big Cedar at 417-339-5233.

Leave the office at work and come join us for a great family weekend at the 2011 MODL Annual Meeting!



Best regards.

Jay L. Smith

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2011 MODL Convention Chair

AGENDA

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2011

- 1:30 p.m. **MODL BOARD MEETING**.....Lakeview C
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **PRESIDENT’S WELCOME RECEPTION**.....
.....Grandview Pre-Assembly
*Sponsored by Midwest Litigation Services
and Midwest Trial Services*
- 8:00 p.m. **DINNER ON YOUR OWN**
Plan dinner with your friends at one of Big Cedar’s Restaurants:
Devil’s Pool Restaurant – *Dinner reservations are recommended*
Worman House Restaurant – *Reservations are recommended*
Buzzard Bar – *No reservations required*
Or Branson’s Great Restaurants - for options visit:
www.explorebranson.com or www.meetinbranson.net/docs/private-dining.html

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2011

- 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **FAMILY BUFFET BREAKFAST**.....Grandview Ballroom C
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION/EXHIBITS OPEN**.....Grandview Ballrooms A & B
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS**.....Grandview Ballrooms A & B
LOU LEONATTI, LEONATTI & BAKER, P.C., MEXICO, MO
- 8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. **“THE HONOR IN SERVICE”**.....Grandview Ballrooms A & B
ROB MCGOVERN, FALLS CHURCH, VA
This presentation will focus on the personal lessons Rob has learned in leadership and service from the inspirational and heroic figures in his life. The quiet, unassuming and often unknown people who come along in life from family to the National Football League, to September 11, 2001, to the military and Iraq and Afghanistan.
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. **“THE MEDIA AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT”**
.....Grandview Ballrooms A & B
LOU LEONATTI, LEONATTI & BAKER, P.C., MEXICO, MO
ED STROESSER, COMMUNIQUE, JEFFERSON CITY, MO
Can the media impact a jury trial? We study a case in which the jury may have been impacted by media coverage. Find out how it happened and what you can do to represent your client’s best interests.

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **“UNLOCKING THE SECRETS TO A GREAT VOIR DIRE”**
Grandview Ballrooms A & B
**JACK T. BANGERT, SHERMAN TAFF BANGERT THOMAS & CORONADO,
 KANSAS CITY, MO**
 With many years of trial experience under his belt, Jack Bangert is prepared to take the audience beyond the basics. He will unlock the doors to the next level of voir dire by sharing with the audience the keys to increasing the odds of selecting jurors best qualified to provide a favorable result for your client.
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **BREAK/EXHIBITS**.....Grandview Ballrooms A & B
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **“VIEWS FROM THE INSIDE: A DISCUSSION WITH IN-HOUSE COUNSEL”**Grandview Ballrooms A & B
 MODERATOR: **RANDA RAWLINS, SHELTER INSURANCE,
 COLUMBIA, MO**
 PANELISTS: **TRACEY CHAPPELL, JACKSON COUNTY COUNSELOR’S
 OFFICE, KANSAS CITY, MO**
CHARITY ELMER, COXHEALTH, SPRINGFIELD, MO
**DANA FRESE, HEALTHCARE SERVICES GROUP,
 JEFFERSON CITY, MO**
**BRIAN WALLER, SHELTER INSURANCE,
 COLUMBIA, MO**
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **“THE YEAR IN REVIEW: AN UPDATE ON MISSOURI CASE LAW”**Grandview Ballrooms A & B
**KORI S. CAREW, BAKER STERCHI COWDEN & RICE, L.L.C.,
 KANSAS CITY, MO**
 The presentation is a survey of appellate court decisions rendered by Missouri courts over the last year. The opinions relate to various areas important to civil defense counsel, including the Supreme Court Rules, evidence, instructions, and appellate practice. The intent is to bring the civil defense lawyer up to speed on recent decisions that may be relevant to his or her practice.
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **FAMILY BUFFET LUNCH**.....Grandview Ballroom C
(golfers pick up box lunch at Branson Creek Golf Club)
- 12:30 p.m. **FISHING TOURNAMENT**.....Dock
 A fishing excursion on Table Rock Lake! You may pick a partner or we will pair anglers, 2 to a boat. Fee of \$100 per person includes 4 hour pro Angler 175 boat rental (2 per boat) and weigh-in fee. If you use your own boat, you must be present at the start, the fee is \$25.00. We will meet at the dock at 12:30 p.m., weigh in is at 5:00 p.m. Sign up on registration form. **Fishing Tournament Entries must be received by May 23 so that the boats can be reserved.**

- 12:30 p.m. **BOX LUNCHES FOR GOLFERS**.....Branson Creek Golf Club
- 1:00 p.m. **GOLF TOURNAMENT**.....Branson Creek Golf Club
1001 Branson Creek Blvd., Hollister, MO
www.bransoncreekgolf.com
- 1:30 p.m. **BRANSON AREA ACTIVITIES**.....On Your Own
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **COCKTAIL HOUR**.....Grandview Ballrooms A-C
Reception and cocktails. There will be special carnival drinks and food for the kids!
- 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **“BUFFET, ENTERTAINMENT AND ACTIVITIES”**
.....Grandview Ballrooms A-C
A casual buffet-style dinner with food selections for all ages. You'll have a hard time keeping the young and young-at-heart away from the carnival games, video games, casino and other entertainment. This is an evening of family fun that won't soon be forgotten!

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2011

- 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. **FAMILY BUFFET BREAKFAST**.....Grandview Ballroom C
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **“WHAT’S UP IN JEFFERSON CITY: A LEGISLATIVE UPDATE”**
.....Grandview Ballrooms A & B
RANDY J. SCHERR, MODL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
JEFFERSON CITY, MO
A review of legislation considered during the 2011 Legislative Session.
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **“KEYS TO EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION IN FEDERAL COURT”**
.....Grandview Ballrooms A & B
HONORABLE RICHARD E. DORR, US DISTRICT COURT JUDGE,
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, SPRINGFIELD, MO
RYAN DEBOEF, HUSCH BLACKWELL, SPRINGFIELD, MO
This presentation will focus on how to effectively present your client's case in federal court. The presentation will focus on a series of communication methods and tips that create maximum impact from the perspective of a sitting U.S. District Judge and a former federal law clerk. Among the topics that will be discussed are counsel's credibility, writing techniques, oral argument, scheduling matters, discovery disputes, proper courtroom attire and decorum, and the use of technology.

- 9:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **“HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD? ETHICS GONE WILD”**
Grandview Ballrooms A & B
GARY MILLER, MILLERMEYER LLP, INDIANAPOLIS, IN
 “Lawyers have been portrayed in films and television for years. This presentation takes a look at lawyers and judges through the eyes of the public and places it in the context of our ethical rules and obligations.” From confidentiality to conflicts to stunting, from Atticus Finch to Ally McBeal to Harry Korn, this program is entertaining and informative.
Qualifies for 2.4 hour Ethics
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **BREAK/EXHIBITS**.....Grandview Ballrooms A & B
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **“VIEWS FROM THE BENCH: MOTIONS AND TRIAL – WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN’T”**.....Grandview Ballrooms A & B
 Moderator: **THE HONORABLE WILLIAM RAY PRICE, JR.,**
CHIEF JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI,
JEFFERSON CITY, MO
- Panelists: **THE HONORABLE JODIE CAPSHAW ASEL,**
13TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, COLUMBIA, MO
THE HONORABLE RACHEL BRINGER,
10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, HANNIBAL, MO
THE HONORABLE ANN MESLE,
16TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, KANSAS CITY, MO
THE HONORABLE MARK ORR,
38TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, OZARK, MO
THE HONORABLE PATRICK ROBB,
5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ST. JOSEPH, MO
THE HONORABLE DAVID LEE VINCENT III,
21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, ST. LOUIS, MO
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. **MODL Awards Luncheon**.....Grandview Ballroom B
- ◆ Membership Meeting
 - ◆ Service Awards
 - ◆ Outstanding Legislator Awards
 - ◆ Retiring Board Member Recognition
 - ◆ Ben Ely, Jr. Award
 - ◆ President’s Award

*9.3 hours Missouri CLE which includes 2.4 hours Ethics
 Kansas CLE (applied for)*

Mark Your Calendar!

June 7-9, 2012 ◆ Chateau On The Lake ◆ Branson, MO

ABOUT YOUR SPEAKERS



ROB McGOVERN grew up in New Jersey after graduating from Holy Cross College. He was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs. Rob played Linebacker & Special Teams for two seasons and finished his NFL career playing for the Pittsburgh Steelers and New England Patriots. Rob graduated from Fordham University Law School and became a prosecutor for the legendary Robert Morgenthau in the Manhattan District Attorney Office where he witnessed the World Trade Center attack as it unfolded. He served in the rescue and recovery operations at ground zero before volunteering to go on full time active duty with the U.S. military. As an Army Judge Advocate, CPT McGovern deployed to Afghanistan in 2002 and 2003. After returning from Afghanistan, CPT McGovern was assigned to prosecute SGT Hasan Akbar for his grenade attack on fellow Soldiers in the 101st Airborne Division at the start of the Iraq war. CPT McGovern volunteered for deployment to Iraq where he served with Task Force 134 prosecuting captured Iraqi insurgents and foreign terrorists. CPT McGovern left active duty military service in 2009 to take a position as a Senior Trial Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in the Human Rights and Special Prosecution Section in Washington, D.C. Rob is now a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve and he lives in Virginia.



ED STROESSER is president of COMMUNIQUÉ, Inc., a strategic communications firm founded in 1979. COMMUNIQUÉ serves regional and national clients from its headquarters in Jefferson City, Missouri. Ed is a Missouri School of Journalism graduate.



LOU LEONATTI is a member of the law firm of Leonatti & Baker, P.C. in Mexico, Missouri. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri - Columbia School of Law. He is a Fellow in the American College of Trial lawyers; a Member of the Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Jury Instructions and Charges-Civil; President of the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers; Faculty member for the MODL Trial Academy; Past Member of the Executive Council of the Association of Defense Trial Attorneys; authored several Chapters for Mo Bar CLE; he was nominated by President Bush (6/29/92) to become a member of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri; and was appointed by the Circuit Court of Cole County as a Special Assistant Attorney General to investigate the Office of Governor's Compliance with the Open Meetings Law. He concentrates his practice in the areas of personal injury law, municipal law, and insurance defense."



JACK T. BANGERT is a Senior Partner in the firm of Sherman, Taff, Bangert Thomas & Coronado, P.C. He is also an Adjunct Professor in Trial Advocacy at the University of Missouri at Kansas City School of Law. He has taught at numerous trial academies including the Missouri Bar Trial Academy, the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers Trial Academy, the Missouri Judicial Trial College and the IADC Trial Academy. Mr. Bangert concentrates his practice in civil cases involving serious personal injury or death and has recently expanded his litigation services to include mediation and arbitration. Mr. Bangert is a past President of the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers, Legal Aid of Western Missouri, and Board of Trustees of the Law Foundation of the University of Missouri at Kansas City among other organizations. Mr. Bangert has been named to the Best of the Bar in litigation by the Kansas City Business Journal. Mr. Bangert has also been named a Top 100 Super Lawyer for Missouri and Kansas in litigation. His acknowledgements have included among others, the Inaugural Legal Leader of the Year Award by the Daily Record, the Ben Ely, Jr. Outstanding Defense Lawyer Award for Missouri, and the Alumni Achievement Award in Law from Westminster College.



RANDA RAWLINS currently serves as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for Shelter Insurance Companies in Columbia, Missouri. Prior to taking that position in 2002, she was in private practice for 20 years in Kansas City, Missouri. Her practice primarily consisted of insurance defense and business litigation. She tried numerous cases in both state and federal courts in the Kansas City area, as well as in surrounding counties. She was awarded the Lon O. Hocker Award by the Missouri Bar in 1994 for outstanding trial advocacy. She is a Past President of the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers.



TRACEY CHAPPELL was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama. Ms. Chappell received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Jacksonville State University and is a 2000 graduate of the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law. In August 2002, Ms. Chappell was instrumental in the formation of the law firm of Connor, Clark-Sann Chappell and Rivers, LLC. She later left the firm and opened a general solo practice. Ms. Chappell has worked as in-house counsel for Allstate Insurance Company where she was responsible for the assessment and litigation of all lawsuits filed against the Company throughout various cities in Missouri. She is presently employed by Jackson County, Missouri as in-house counsel and operates as lead attorney over the litigation, worker's compensation, unemployment and personal injury units.



CHARITY ELMER is the General Counsel of CoxHealth. She has responsibility over the Legal Department which handles all things legal and risk for CoxHealth as well as all of its subsidiaries and affiliates. CoxHealth is a 3-hospital, non-profit health system that provides tertiary health care services to a 22 county service area in southwest Missouri and employs approximately 8,000 employees. Her duties include hiring and working closely with outside counsel on a variety of legal matters. Ms. Elmer's department is also responsible for securing all insurance for the CoxHealth System as well as administration of the System's employee workers' compensation program. She has been at CoxHealth for 7 years. Prior to working for CoxHealth, she worked for Blackwell Sanders in Springfield. Ms. Elmer received her undergraduate degree from Drury University and her law degree from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, School of Law.



DANA FRESE is currently employed as Claim and General Counsel for Healthcare Services Group in Jefferson City. In his current position, he supervises litigation of insureds by outside defense counsel, reviews insurance coverage issues and handles all general litigation and legal matters for the companies. Mr. Frese was previously a shareholder at Carson and Coil, P.C. where he practiced from 1987 to 2010. At Carson and Coil, he served as outside general counsel for Healthcare Services Group and other insurance operations and businesses, including supervision of defense counsel. He also performed insurance defense work for several insurers. Mr. Frese is a graduate of Missouri Southern State College with a degree in Business Administration (majors in accounting and marketing/management). He is also a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law. He is a member of the Cole County Bar Association, Missouri Bar, American Bar Association, Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers (current board member) and the Defense Research Institute.



BRIAN WALLER has been in-house counsel at Shelter Insurance since 1999. He manages claims-related lawsuits in Missouri, Indiana, and Tennessee and counsels claims branches in those states, providing coverage analysis, advice on state and federal law, and legal guidance in the claims function. Mr. Waller received his Juris Doctor from the University of Missouri School of Law. Prior to Shelter, he was in private practice at Sotta & Crane, P.C.



KORI S. CAREW was born in Calgary, Alberta, grew up in Nigeria, her family is from Sierra Leone, and she now lives in Kansas with her family. Ms. Carew earned her B.A. degree from Westmar University and her J.D. degree from Drake University Law School. She is a member in the law firm of Baker Sterchi Cowden & Rice, L.L.C., where she focuses her practice on various aspects of tort liability, product liability and employment litigation. She has 1st and 2nd chair trial experience and defends individuals and corporations in all phases of litigation. Ms. Carew's experience includes representing one of the world's largest retailers in a variety of tort and product liability claims. Her labor and employment experience includes having worked extensively with unions, negotiating and revising employee policies to comply with federal and state law, and investigating and defending claims of discrimination before administrative agencies and in civil litigation, and representing clients through all phases of litigation in employment cases once a lawsuit is initiated. She has been an active member and served in leadership positions in the American Bar Association, The Missouri Bar YLS, Jackson County Bar Association where she served as President, Association of Women Lawyers of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association, and Earl E. O'Connor Inn of Court. Ms. Carew also is a member of the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers where she serves on the Board. She actively serves at Mercy Church KC, and is a Board Member with New House Women's Shelter and the Kansas City Alliance Against Human Trafficking and is committed to public service. Ms. Carew also presents CLEs on various aspects of litigation and trial practice and diversity issues.



RANDY J. SCHERR is President and founder of R. J. Scherr and Associates and a principal in the lobbying firm of Scherr, Winter LLC. He holds both a Bachelor and a Master of Arts Degree in Political Science. Mr. Scherr has been actively involved in the political and legislative process in Missouri on a full time basis for 30 years and represents over 30 clients before the Missouri Legislature. Mr. Scherr is the Executive Director for the Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers.



JUDGE RICHARD E. DORR is the U.S. District Court Judge for the Western District of Missouri. Judge Dorr began his law practice in 1968 as an Assistant Missouri Attorney General. He then entered the U.S. Air Force and served on Active Duty in Texas and Germany as a Judge Advocate until 1973, at which time he began his private practice in Springfield, Missouri. Judge Dorr's last position in private practice was managing partner for the Springfield office of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin. His primary area of practice was civil litigation. Judge Dorr was first nominated for U.S. District Court Judge, Western District of Missouri, by President George H. W Bush in 1992. This nomination expired because it was not confirmed before the end of President Bush's term. In March 2002, Judge Dorr was again nominated for the Western District Bench by President George W. Bush. This nomination was confirmed in August, 2002, and he immediately took the bench.



RYAN DeBOEF received a juris doctorate, order of the coif, from the University of Missouri - Columbia in 2005. Ryan began his law practice with the Springfield, Missouri office of Husch & Eppenberger, LLC. In 2006, Ryan accepted a clerkship with U.S. District Court Judge Richard E. Dorr, and he served as Judge Dorr's law clerk for three years. In 2009, Ryan resumed his private practice with the Springfield, Missouri office of Husch Blackwell, LLP. Ryan is a civil litigator, and his practice focuses on federal litigation and representing employer's in labor and employment disputes.



GARY MILLER served as Judge in the Marion Superior Court, Civil Division, Room 5 in Indianapolis from January of 1991 until December of 2008. He received his A.B. degree from Indiana University in Bloomington in 1977, and his J.D. in 1980 from the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis. Gary has served as an adjunct Professor of Law at the Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis since 1992. He teaches Trial Practice and Professional Responsibility. Judge Miller is active in the Indianapolis Bar Association and served as President in 2003. He is a fellow of the Indiana State Bar Association and the Indianapolis Bar Association. He has been on the Board of the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis Alumni Association since 1993, and completed a term as President in 2000-2001. In 2008, Gary was awarded the IU Alumni President's Award which is the highest award given by the Alumni Association to a volunteer leader. Judge Miller started the law firm of MillerMeyer LLP upon his retirement from the bench and now concentrates his practice in the areas of mediation, civil and criminal litigation and as a consultant on legal ethics issues. He continues to serve as a Senior Judge in a number of Indiana courts.



JUDGE WILLIAM RAY PRICE, JR. was appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court in 1992. Before joining the Court, he practiced law with Lathrop & Norquist (now Lathrop & Gage) in Kansas City from 1978-1992. He served as a member of the firm's three-person Executive Committee and as chairman of the firm's business litigation section. Chief Justice Price graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Iowa in 1974. He attended Yale University Divinity School for one year on a Rockefeller Fellowship and graduated *cum laude* from Washington and Lee University School of Law in 1978. Prior to his appointment, Chief Justice Price served as President of the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners, and as a Director of Truman Medical Center. He has also served as a member of the Alumni Council of Washington and Lee University and as Vice-President of the Conference of Chief Justices. In addition to serving on the Court, Chief Justice Price is Chairman of the Board of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals, a member of the Board of Directors of The Advanced Science & Technology Adjudication Resource Center and a member of the Advisory Board of the Searle Civil Justice Institute. Chief Justice Price was born on January 30, 1952. He grew up in Keokuk, Iowa. He and his wife Susan were married in 1975 and have two children who live in St. Louis.



JUDGE JODIE CAPSHAW ASEL received her undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She was an assistant prosecuting attorney and then an assistant public defender from 1976 to 1980. For the following ten years, she was in the private practice of law. After an appointment to the bench in 1991 to fill an unexpired term as Associate Circuit Judge in Boone County, Asel was elected in 1992 and re-elected in 1994, 1998, and 2002. In 2006, she was elected Circuit Judge in the 13th Judicial Circuit and continues to serve in that capacity, presiding over civil and criminal dockets. Judge Asel is currently on the Executive Committee (Secretary/Treasurer) of the Missouri Circuit Judges' Association. She has served by appointment on the Supreme Court's Judicial Education Committee continuously since 1993 and is now Vice-Chair of that committee. Asel is also currently a member of the Supreme Court's Coordinating Commission for Judicial Education. She has previously served on other Supreme Court committees (Case Management, Fine Collection, Legislative Steering, and Family Law) and committees of The Missouri Bar (Foresight Committee and Division of Judicial Administration). Asel was a member of the Executive Council of the Judicial Conference of the State of Missouri for twelve years. She was on the Board of Directors of the Missouri Association of Probate and Associate Circuit Judges for seven years, including terms as Vice-President and President. She served on the Executive Committee of the Boone County Bar Association for three years, including terms as Vice-President and President. A resident of Columbia since 1968, she is married to Don Asel and has three daughters.



JUDGE RACHEL BRINGER is the presiding Circuit Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, which includes Marion, Monroe, and Ralls Counties. Prior to serving as judge, Rachel was State Representative for eight years and practiced law in Palmyra. She also served as the assistant prosecutor in Marion County from 2000-02 and was a law clerk for Judge Reinhard with the Missouri Court of Appeals, Eastern District from 1995-97. A member of the South Union Baptist Church in Maywood, Judge Bringer has taught Sunday school and is a pianist. She is also a former member of the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of Hannibal LaGrange College and the Boards of Directors of the American Red Cross, Palmyra Kiwanis, and the Palmyra Chamber of Commerce. She currently serves as a member of the Mark Twain Home Foundation Board and the Hannibal Arts Council. A 1989 graduate of Palmyra High School, Judge Bringer graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts with honors in English from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1992. She received her juris doctor from the University of Missouri-Columbia Law School in 1995, where she served as a member of the Missouri Law Review. Judge Bringer has been honored for her work by the Missouri Judicial Conference, the NAACP—Hannibal branch, the Missouri Bar, the Missouri Farm Bureau, and the Missouri Association of School Administrators. Born September 19, 1971, and raised on a farm in Marion County, Judge Bringer lives in Palmyra.



JUDGE ANN MESLE is the presiding Circuit Court Judge of Division 7, 16th Judicial Circuit. Prior to serving as Judge, she was employed with Achtenberg, Sandler & Balkin, P.C. - 1972 – 1976; Southwestern Bell Telephone Company – 1976 – 1993; Lathrop & Norquist/Lathrop & Gage, L.L.C. – 1993 – 2000. Judge Mesle’s law related activities include: KCMBA— President 1997; Missouri Institute for Justice--President 2006 – 2007; Missouri Board of Law Examiners. 1999 – 2001; Fellows of the American Bar Foundation; Fellows of the Missouri Bar Foundation; UMKC Law Foundation-- President 1994 – 1996; Lawyer’s Ass’n of Kansas City. Board 1984 – 1987; Ross T. Roberts Inns of Court--Master/Judicial Master, 1999 – 2008; Inns of

UMKC Judicial Master. Judge Mesle’s honors include: Mo. Bar Theodore McMillian Judicial Excellence Award, 2010; UMKC Law School “Lifetime Achievement Award”, 2006; “Patrick Kelley Distinguished Service” Award, UMKC Law Alumni Ass’n, 2003; “Michael Coburn Professional Excellence” Award; Inns of Court, 2001; KCMBA “President’s Award” 1991; UMKC Law Alumni Ass’n “Law Alumni of the Year” 2000; Ass’n for Women Lawyers “Woman of the Year” Award, 1999; Honorary Editor, UMKC Law Review, 1998-1999; Ingram Magazine’s “Players” 1998; UMKC Law Foundation “Best Friend” Award, 1997; K.C. Business Journal, “Top 25 Kansas City Attorneys” 1994. Judge Mesle’s community activities include: UMKC Trustees, 1998 to 2010; Park University Trustees, 1999 to 2009; Diastole-Hospital Hill, Inc., Board member 1998 to present.



JUDGE MARK ORR graduated from Drury University, B.A.; University of Missouri – Columbia, J.D. Engaged in private law practice 1986-2002. Served as Christian County Prosecuting Attorney. Elected Christian County Associate Circuit Judge: 2002. Elected Circuit Judge for 38th Circuit Christian and Taney Counties: 2006.



JUDGE PATRICK ROBB is the Presiding Judge of the 5th Judicial Circuit. He received his B.A. degree from Southeast Missouri State University and his J.D. degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. He was elected Circuit Judge in the 5th Judicial Circuit in 1988 and reelected in 1994, 2000, and 2006. He has served as Presiding Judge of the 5th Judicial Circuit since 1995. He presently serves as Chair of the Supreme Court Committee on Procedure in Criminal Cases and Chair of the Presiding Judges’ Executive Committee.



JUDGE DAVID LEE VINCENT III is a Circuit Judge for the 21st Judicial Circuit in St. Louis County. He was appointed to the Court in 1997 and was retained in office in 2000 and 2006. Prior to his appointment to the Court, he served as an assistant circuit attorney and was engaged in the private practice of law. In addition to The Missouri Bar, he is a member of the Mound City Bar Association and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Judge Vincent is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School. As an undergraduate he attended Tennessee State University-Nashville where he received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. His community service includes Truancy Court Pattonville High School; Mock Trial Coach, Marquette High School and board member for St. Louis for Kids. He was elected to the Board of Governors of The Missouri Bar, serving from 2008-2010. He is a member of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of The Missouri Bar where he has demonstrated strong interest in the topic of professionalism.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Missouri Organization of Defense Lawyers

Group #: 60Q9HA (see enclosed hotel registration form)

Reservation Due Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Check-In time is 3:00 p.m. – Check-Out Time is 11:00 a.m.

Big Cedar Lodge • 612 Devil’s Pool Road • Ridgedale, MO 65739

ATTN: Kim Johnson • Email: kkjohnson@big-cedar.com . Phone: 417-339-5233

DIRECTIONS FROM SPRINGFIELD: 45 minutes south of Springfield. Take Hwy 65 South (about 50 miles). Stay on 65 South (bypass Branson & Hollister) heading towards Arkansas. Turn right at the stoplight on Hwy 86. The Big Cedar Lodge sign will be on your right.

ACTIVITIES

Big Cedar offers a wide variety of complimentary activities for you to enjoy. Relax by the pool, workout in the fitness center or enjoy a game of tennis.

Complimentary Activities:

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| Sand Volleyball | Jogging & Walking Trails | Basketball |
| Miniature Golf | Board Games | Movie/DVD Checkout |
| Canoes & Paddleboats | Nature Trail | Fitness Center |
| Playground | Garden Tours | Puzzles and Games |
| Horseshoes | Tennis | Arcade |
| Fitness Center | | |

Swimming:

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| Devil’s Pool (heated, outdoor) | Brushy Creek (heated, indoor) |
| Swimmin’ Hole (heated, outdoor) | Lazy River (not heated, outdoor) |
| “Wilderness Falls” & The Lazy River at Brushy Creek | |

Kiddie Pools:

- Devil’s Pool Kiddie Pool (heated, outdoor)
- Brushy Creek Kiddie Pool (not heated, outdoor)

Hot Tubs:

- Swimmin’ Hole Hot Tub (outdoor)
- Brushy Creek Hot Tub (outdoor)

LITTLE CEDAR KIDS’ CLUB

Kids’ Club offers lots of complimentary activities for children 4 to 12 years of age. Schedules for all of these activities appear in the monthly activities brochure...bubble gum blowing contests, pool games, worm races, junior golf clinic, scavenger hunt...and that’s just the beginning.

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June 2-4, 2011

Big Cedar Lodge • Ridgedale, Missouri

Registration Form

| | | |
|---|----------|-------|
| MODL Member/Client* | \$465.00 | _____ |
| MODL Young Lawyer Discount* | \$420.00 | _____ |
| MODL 1 st Time Attendees Discount* | \$420.00 | _____ |

I ___ and my spouse/guest ___ will play golf Friday. Golf - \$110.00 per person _____

I ___ and my spouse/guest ___ will fish Friday - \$100.00 per person/includes Boat rental. _____

My partner is _____ or check and we will assign a partner.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

* Includes: Member, Spouse/Guest and Family Registration Fees, Thursday President's Reception, Friday Breakfast, Friday Lunch, Friday Evening Entertainment, Saturday Breakfast and Saturday Luncheon.

YOUR NAME

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME

CHILD NAME(S) & AGE(S)

FIRM/COMPANY NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE

E-MAIL

Sorry, No
Refunds After
Noon, May 23,
2011.

Refunds will be
made if MODL
office is notified
prior to that
time.

573-636-6100

RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND YOUR CHECK TO:

MISSOURI ORGANIZATION OF DEFENSE LAWYERS

P.O. BOX 1072

JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65102

Please make your hotel reservations directly with the Big Cedar Lodge (see enclosed registration form). The cut-off date for room reservations is May 3rd.

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