



**DECATUR BAR ASSOCIATION
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The Executive Board and I look forward to an exciting year for our Bar Association. Please let me know, if you have any ideas for how we can better serve you, our profession or our community.

THE RETURN OF THE CORN ROAST

Mark your calendars for the return of the Decatur Bar Association Corn Roast. It will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22nd at Fletcher Park in Mt. Zion. The food will be catered by Nelson's. The menu will consist of BBQ, bratwursts, hotdogs, sweet corn, other sides and dessert. Please bring lawn chairs. Attorneys are encouraged to bring their significant others, spouses and children. All courthouse staff is invited as well. Anchor Court Reporting is sponsoring the beer, and Central Illinois Title is sponsoring liquor and wine. The executive committee is looking forward to bringing back this popular event, and we hope to see you there! If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Regan Lewis at Regan.Lewis@hsbattys.com

COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

The Decatur Bar Association has several standing committees. The Executive Board urges that you participate by becoming an active member of one of the committees. Please call me or send an E-mail about your area of interest. Some committees which could use additional members are: CLE, Website, Young Lawyers and Social.

SALVATION ARMY COOKOUT

The tentative date for the Salvation Army Cookout is October 3, 2014. As usual, it will be held in the Salvation Army parking lot. More details to come.

MACON COUNTY SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT JUDICIAL VACANCIES

As most members know, a vacancy exists for the office of Associate Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit due to the appointment of Associate Judge Timothy Steadman to the office of Circuit Judge for the County of Macon. Applications for the vacancy must be received by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts on or before 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 2014. Please see the attached flyer.

In addition, another vacancy will soon exist for the office of Associate Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit, due to the retirement of Circuit Judge Katherine McCarthy and Associate Judge Bollinger's uncontested race for her position.

Chief Judge Webber informs that the Administrative Office will require applications for both vacancies. Judge Webber further informs that the first vacancy should be filled by mid September. However, due to time constraints and for purposes of efficiency, interviews will be conducted for both positions during the application process for the first vacancy. After the first vacancy has been filled, all the applicants will be contacted to determine if they would like to be considered for the second vacancy as well. If an applicant only applies for the second vacancy, they will be granted an interview.

PRO BONO CLE

Mike Bergman of the Public Interest Law Initiative and Carol Craig are planning a CLE in conjunction with the Sixth Circuit Pro Bono Committee. The CLE will be held at the Decatur Club on Friday, September 12, 2014, over the lunch hour. The CLE program is free; however, there will be a cost for lunch. An exact start time is still to be determined. The program will discuss how to communicate and work effectively with pro bono clients. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Craig at ccraig@midlandsb.com.

MEMORIALS

Two of our members have passed in the past several months. We are in the process of planning memorials for Marshal Sussler and Jack See.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Every year the Decatur Bar Association sponsors a holiday party for members and guests. Different firms have hosted the event each year. If any firms are interested in hosting it this year, please let me know.

**Sincerely,
Lindsey Wise**