

**SPEAKER TO BE ANNOUNCED**

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association, which will be held on **Thursday, March 15, 2007**, beginning at noon at the Cedar Rapids Art Museum on Third Avenue S.E. across from Greene Square Park. The meeting room is located on the third floor. Parking is available behind the building on the Second Avenue side. The lunch will be catered by Kristeena's. **Please RSVP to the LCBA Attendance Committee's e-mail so we can have an accurate head count for lunch.**

As of press time, the identity of the speaker and program was unknown. A separate e-mail will be sent to LCBA members, providing this information.

**LINN LAW CLUB**

The next Breakfast with the Bench is scheduled for April 10, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. at the Blue Strawberry Coffee Co. in downtown Cedar Rapids. Coffee and breakfast pastries will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Natalie Ditmars at 364-2467 or at [nditmars@tewlaw.net](mailto:nditmars@tewlaw.net).

**DONOR ADVISED ENDOWMENT FUNDING REQUEST DEADLINE**

Do you know a non-profit organization that could benefit? Annually, the Linn County Bar Association Donor Advised Fund distributes grants to nonprofit organizations. The committee that reviews requests for these funds uses the following guideline to determine which organizations will receive funding: *"The funds will be used to advance the efforts of the legal profession, assist those in need of legal services, or provide intervention or educational services to assist those who might be at risk to become involved adversely in the legal system."* **The application form can be found at the LCBA website** or you can call Phil Hershner (368-4568) or contact him at [phil.hershner@usbank.com](mailto:phil.hershner@usbank.com) for a copy of the funding request form.

**All applications must be returned by no later than April 6, 2007.** Mail to: Phil Hershner, U.S. Bank Trust Dept., P.O. Box 3013, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406, or e-mail to [phil.hershner@usbank.com](mailto:phil.hershner@usbank.com).

**SUMMER OUTING**

Mark the date of Thursday, July 12, 2007, on your calendars now. This is the date selected for the annual Linn County Bar Association Summer Outing. There

is CLE planned for the morning, golf and a bike ride planned for the afternoon, followed by a social hour and dinner. This has been a great opportunity to relax and socialize with other lawyers and judges. A very special dinner is planned, so be sure to attend this year. Additional information will be provided as the date draws closer. Questions can be directed to Dave Thinnes at 363-3185.

### **DISTRICT ASSOCIATE JUDGE POSITION**

A vacancy exists for a District Associate Judge position due to the appointment of Fae Hoover-Grinde as District Judge. Applications are available at the Court Administrator's office in the Linn County Courthouse or may be requested via e-mail from [harold.soppe@jb.state.ia.us](mailto:harold.soppe@jb.state.ia.us). Completed applications must be delivered to the Court Administrator's office no later than 1:00 p.m. on March 19, 2007 and a copy sent to each Nominating Commissioner by that same date and time.

### **PARTY - SAVE THE DATE!**

All LCBA members are invited to a FREE cocktail party on Thursday, April 26, 2007 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the CR Chop House. Join the Kids First Law Center in celebrating its 2nd year anniversary of providing free representation to children. Like last year, the party will feature drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and an auction of items that showcase the talent of local attorneys. Hope to see you there! Call Jenny Schulz at 365-KIDS if you're interested in sponsoring or co-sponsoring the event.

### **CALLING ALL TALENTED ATTORNEYS (THAT'S YOU!)**

At the Kids First benefit on April 26, we will again auction off items that showcase the talents/skills of area attorneys. We know you have a life outside of work, so don't be shy--we need your donation! Donate a craft you made or part of a collection, offer to teach a lesson, or host a party at your house. And if you claim you have no talent, you can auction your willingness to not engage in an annoying habit for a day to give your colleagues some peace! Call Jenny Schulz at 365-5437 or e-mail [jenny@kidsfirstiowa.org](mailto:jenny@kidsfirstiowa.org) to suggest an auction item (from you or an attorney that you want to volunteer!). [Thanks for your participation.](#)

### **WANT ADS**

**For Sale:** Solid walnut conference room table, approximately 8 feet. Made in the Amanas, 1984. Has Amana stamp. \$5,000 or best offer. Contact Stephanie at P O Box 8177, Cedar Rapids, IA 52408-8177.

**Associate Wanted:** Senior attorney working toward semi-retirement seeks an associate to join current association. Person with real estate and litigation experience and interest in additional work should apply. Responses held in

strictest confidence. Reply to Carson Reporting, LCBA, P O Box 74127, Cedar Rapids, IA 52407.

**Attorney Wanted:** Seeking attorney who wishes to build a private practice. First three months of rent free. Phone system, state-of-the-art void mail, own phone number and phone line, DSL, server, scanner, fax, copier, conference room, free convenient client parking, IowaDocs, Child Support Guidelines software, some legal assistant services available. Send resume and letter of interest to the attention of Stephanie at P O Box 8177, Cedar Rapids, IA 52408-8177. All inquiries held in strictest confidence.

**For Sale:** Multi-line Vodavi telephone system, 10 phones. Contact John Lane at 363-3839.

**Office Space for Rent.** Attractive modern office building in suburban setting. Ample free parking for staff and clients. Conference room, kitchen, updated office equipment and phones. 1-4 offices to rent on short or long-term contracts. Call Dave Mullin or Anne Laverty at 395-9191.

**Office Space Available.** Office space is available with other sole practitioners in the historic Averill House located in a developing medical area, 1120 2nd Avenue S.E., Cedar Rapids. Includes phone system with voice mail, DSL, two conference rooms, free client parking and available paralegal services. Furnishings and office equipment available. Very reasonable overhead expense. Contact Wm. F. Olinger at 319 - 364-0113 or [wmfolinger@aol.com](mailto:wmfolinger@aol.com).

**Associate Wanted for Downtown Law Office.** Prime downtown office space available in the Dows Building. Newer office equipment, large office, very reasonable. Case referrals available. All inquiries to 364-1538; ask for Mary.

**For Sale.** Very nice refinished 6-foot solid oak office desk and an antique refinished 7-foot tall oak armoire with doors and book shelves inside. Call Scott at 365-9101.

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO IOWA RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE**

The Supreme Court Advisory Committee has proposed amendments to the Iowa Rules of Civil Procedure. The proposed amendments primarily address the discovery and production of electronically-stored information and they incorporate a number of recent amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Supreme Court seeks public comment regarding the proposed amendments. Comments may be submitted by May 1, 2007. For more information, go to [www.judicial.state.ia.us](http://www.judicial.state.ia.us).

**APPLY NOW FOR 2007-08 ISBA COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, SECTIONS**

ISBA President-Elect Joel Greer will be making appointments in the next several weeks to the various committees and section councils for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007. For more information on these appointments, please go to [www.iowabar.org](http://www.iowabar.org).

### **LCBA MEMBER CONTACT INFO ON LCBA WEBSITE - UPDATE YOURS TODAY!**

Did you know contact information for all LCBA members is available to the public via the LCBA website? However, some of the contact information listed on the website is out of date! Please take a minute to view the information listed for your name at [www.linncoabar.org/directory/attorneys/index.html](http://www.linncoabar.org/directory/attorneys/index.html) and let the LCBA webmaster know if any changes need to be made. You can contact the webmaster from the LCBA website by clicking on the "Contact" link at the top of the LCBA home page.

### **PLACEMENTS NEEDED FOR PARALEGAL INTERNS**

The Kirkwood Community College Paralegal Program has an unusually large intern class to place this summer. If you have a need for an intern in your office, please contact Wendy Geertz at [wendy.geertz@kirkwood.edu](mailto:wendy.geertz@kirkwood.edu).

### **ELMO AVAILABLE**

Your LCBA has purchased an Elmo for use at the Linn County Courthouse. For use, call the Court Administrator to schedule.

### **UPDATED, CORRECT E-MAIL ADDRESSES REQUESTED**

If you know of someone who is not receiving this publication via e-mail, please have them contact Karen Seltrecht at [kseltrecht@ureach.com](mailto:kseltrecht@ureach.com) so she can verify the correct e-mail address for that individual.

### **NOTIFICATIONS OF CHANGES OF ADDRESS**

If you have a new address, please notify the Linn County Bar Association at P. O. Box 74127, Cedar Rapids, IA 52407-4127, **or via e-mail, to:** [kseltrecht@ureach.com](mailto:kseltrecht@ureach.com).

### **SUBMITTING ITEMS TO THE SCRIPTUM - DEADLINE**

If you have an item to submit to this publication, **please send the information via e-mail to** [mklingler@tewlaw.net](mailto:mklingler@tewlaw.net). If e-mail is not available, please have the information typed and either mail it or fax it to Mary Klingler at Terpstra, Epping & Willett, 118 Third Avenue S.E., Suite 500, Cedar Rapids 52401-1424 (fax - 364-0923). The deadline for submitting items is the Monday date that is 10 days

before that month's LCBA meeting, which is held on the third Thursday of the month (sometimes the first Monday, sometimes the second Monday).

### **ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR FILLING STAFF POSITIONS**

Pat Brush, Employment Committee Chair of the Legal Support Professionals of Linn County, encourages any attorney looking for someone to fill a vacant staff position to call her at 366-7641.

### **USURY RATE**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 535.2(3)(a), 2005 Iowa Code, the Superintendent of Banking has determined that the maximum lawful rate of interest provided for in said section shall be 6.75% for the month of March. Please note the exemption in subsection 2 of said Chapter 535.2. **The usury rate is available on the Internet at [www.idob.state.ia.us](http://www.idob.state.ia.us).**