

IOWA COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE BAKER TO SPEAK AT NOVEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2007, beginning at Noon, at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art on Third Avenue SE 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. This month's speaker will be the Honorable David L. Baker, Iowa Court of Appeals judge. Judge Baker was in private practice 25 years before his appointment as a District Court Judge in the Sixth Judicial District in 2005. He was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 2006. Judge Baker will discuss current happenings in the Court of Appeals.

Lunch is \$7 and will be provided by Kristeena's. As usual, if you are planning to attend, please e-mail your response to jmccall@lynchdallas.com. If you are unable to attend, you do not need to e-mail unless you wish to. If you are unable to attend the luncheon meeting after you have already sent an RSVP at an earlier time, please respond to Jeannie at the e-mail address listed herein or call her at 365-9101, ext. 142, to advise that you are now unable to attend. **Remember:** Your RSVP's are very important! We need to have your RSVP's no later than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, 2007. Thank you so much for your assistance in helping to provide an accurate attendance count for the caterers.

LCBA BENCH-BAR GATHERING & 50 YEAR RECOGNITION CEREMONY JANUARY 8

Save the Date! The Annual Linn County Association Bench-Bar gathering will take place on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, during late afternoon, at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art. The program will consist of a free one-hour CLE, followed by a reception to recognize 50-year members of the LCBA. Further details will be announced in the next Scriptum. Please contact Scott McLeod at smcleod@lynchdallas.com for any questions regarding the Bench-Bar gathering, and Steve Pace at sjp@shuttleworthlaw.com for any questions regarding the 50 year recognition ceremony.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR DISTRICT COURT EXEMPLARY AWARDS

The Sixth Judicial District Awards Committee is now accepting nominations for Sixth Judicial District Recognition and Awards Program. Nominations are due November 30, 2007. For a copy of the Memo from District Court Administrator Carroll Edmondson, more information about the program and the five award categories, please visit the LCBA website at www.linncoabar.org.

**UPCOMING CLE OPPORTUNITIES FROM IOWA LEGAL AID
AND THE VOLUNTEER LAWYERS PROJECT**

CLE AND AUCTION: A BENEFIT FOR IOWA LEGAL AID will be held in conjunction with the Johnson County Bar Association dinner meeting on **Tuesday, November 27. A two-hour Legal Ethics CLE takes place from 3:00 to 5:00.** Cedar Rapids lawyer Iris Muchmore will be one of the presenters. For details, go to <http://www.probono.net/link.cfm?9024>

DIVORCE 102 continuing legal education seminar on **Friday, November 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.** over the Iowa Communications Network will include as presenters Iowa Supreme Court Justice Brent R. Appel and Hon. Robert B. Hanson of the Fifth Judicial District. The session is free of charge for

attorneys who agree to take a simple divorce case referred by Iowa Volunteer Lawyers or Pro Bono Projects. For attorneys who choose not to take the simple divorce referral, the cost is \$75. Approval of 4 hours state (including 0.5 hour legal ethics) and 0.5 hour federal CLE is anticipated. For details, including locations and a registration form, go to <http://www.probono.net/link.cfm?9023>

SAVE THE DATE: Cedar Rapids will be the origination site for **VLP POTPOURRI CLE seminar over the ICN the morning on Thursday, December 6**. Presenters will include Judge Marsha Beckelman and Attorneys Mark Zaiger and Corey Luedeman. Details on the four-hour program will be available in the near future on the [probono.net/iowa](http://www.probono.net/iowa) calendar.

INCREASE IN JUROR PAY

Pursuant to a Supreme Court Order dated October 22, 2007, Iowa Court Rule 22.31(1) was amended to increase juror pay to \$30 per day. For more information, go to www.judicial.state.ia

NEWS FROM BANKRUPTCY COURT

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Iowa has upgraded its electronic filing system to Version 3.1.6, effective October 29, 2007. For more information on the changes, go to www.ianb.uscourts.gov.

The Northern District Bankruptcy Court volunteers its services to provide a series of financial responsibility presentations to high school students, designed to alert students to the many consequences of consumer credit abuse. The Court is exploring the potential for “adjunct staff” to assist with its presentations. If you are interested and want to obtain more information, please visit the Court’s website shown in the paragraph above or e-mail the Clerk of Court at sean_mcavoy@ianbuscourts.gov.

OPEN POSITIONS – ATTORNEY

Law Clerk Position, Northern District of Iowa

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa is seeking applications for an elbow law clerk to Chief Judge Linda R. Reade to begin approximately January 14, 2008. The position will be located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Incumbent will be hired for the period commencing in January, 2008 until August 1, 2008, with the possibility of an additional year. Applicants should submit a resume and cover letter outlining their qualifications by not later than December 1, 2007. *Minimum qualifications:* A degree from a law school of recognized standing in the upper one-quarter of the class (or certified completion of all law school studies and requirements, and merely awaiting conferment of degree) is required. Applicant must possess excellent research and computer skills, be organized, a team player and highly motivated. Law Review experience, publication of a noteworthy article in a law school publication or other scholarly publication, moot court experience or prior legal employment is preferred. *Please see complete posting at www.iand.uscourts.gov*

Staff Attorney – Kids First Law Center

Kids First seeks to hire a full-time staff attorney. For more information, please read the flyer at the end of this issue.

Associate Wanted – Brady & O’Shea, PC

Brady & O’Shea, PC, is seeking an associate with 1-2 years of experience to work primarily in litigation. Please send your resume to Brady & O’Shea, PC, 2735 First Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402 or e-mail to bbrady@bradyoshea.com. All inquiries will be held in strictest confidence.

Additional Attorney Wanted – Gruhn Law Firm

Gruhn Law Firm, consisting of three attorneys, is seeking an additional attorney to join their new offices. Would prefer someone with a minimum of two years experience; however, a recent graduate will be considered. The firm’s primary practice includes litigation, municipal and labor law, including representing many public employers. All inquiries shall be held confidential. This position has potential for significant income. Send resume, professional resumes and letter of interest to: Gruhn Law Firm, 2405 Westdale Drive S.W., Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

General Counsel - NRG Media, LLC

Join one of the nation’s largest Midwestern-based radio broadcasters in small to mid-sized markets headquartered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. As part of the executive team, our General Counsel serves as a resource to our radio stations which cover six states and also handles general corporate matters, corporate governance issues, lease and purchase of property, programming contracts, FCC issues and coordinates M & A work with a team of outside counsel. The ideal candidate will have at least 2 years of related experience with excellent communication and interpersonal skills, a strong business background, a customer service focus, and an understanding of moderate to complex real estate transactions. Radio broadcasting experience is a plus. Our compensation package includes a competitive salary and full range of benefits. See what we have to offer and consider joining our dynamic group of professionals bringing Great Local Radio to the communities we serve. Experience the fun of radio! If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume and salary requirements to: Vicky A. Smith, Director of Human Resources, NRG Media, LLC, 2875 Mt. Vernon Road SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 or email vsmith@nrgmedia.com

In-House Attorney - Commercial Mortgage Special Servicing - AEGON USA

AEGON USA Realty Advisors, a leading commercial real estate lender, seeks an experienced lawyer for its S&P rated Special Servicing unit in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In this role, the incumbent will interpret loan documents, analyze borrower requests, and hire and supervise outside counsel in workouts, foreclosures and bankruptcies. Experience with a rated servicer is preferred. Realty Advisors is among the top commercial real estate lenders in the United States. We are a proud member of the AEGON Group; an international pension, insurance, and financial services organization. AEGON USA is headquartered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with approximately 3400 employees. Visit our website at www.aegonusa.jobs and upload your resume today. Be sure to apply for position #5344.

WEBSITE FOR EMPLOYERS TO LOCATE EMPLOYEES

Kirkwood Community College offers an online Employers Services, available at no charge, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To learn more about this topic, call 398-5689 or go to jobs@kirkwood.edu.

HELP WANTED ADS

As a service to the legal community, Legal Support Professionals of Linn County ("LSPLC") will publish your "help wanted" ad in its monthly publication, *Behind the Bar*. The organization will e-mail the ad to its members, who in turn may know of someone looking for work in the legal community. If you have questions about this service, or if you would like to publish an ad in *Behind the Bar*, the monthly newsletter of LSPLC, please contact Mickala Anderson, Employment Committee Chair, at 355-4292, fax 355-8371; manderson@Aegonusa.com

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS TO THE SCRIPTUM

If you have an item to submit to this publication, please send the information via e-mail to mklingler@lwclawyers.com. 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).

WANT ADS

Vacation Rental: One-bedroom, one-bath, single-family condo, sleeps six, at the Pilot House in the Harbourage at Clear Lake, Iowa. Unit rents by week for \$550 during summer months and \$300 during winter months. Indoor and outdoor swimming pool. Beautiful view of boat harbor from third-floor patio window and deck. Contact Lew Eells at 393-1020 or by e-mail at Lew.Eells@eells-tronvold.com.

Associate Wanted: Senior attorney working toward semi-retirement seeks an associate to join five-person, well-established and well-furnished association in Cedar Rapids. Seeking an attorney with interest on taking on additional work in general practice with emphasis on real estate, litigation and general business. Responses held in strictest confidence. Reply to Carson Reporting, LCBA, P O Box 74127, Cedar Rapids, IA 52407.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.linncobar.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.

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 the LCBA Webmaster at webmaster@linncobar.org so the correct e-mail address for that individual may be added to the e-mail list.

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 at webmaster@linncobar.org.

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 6.50% for the month of November. 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.**

Staff Attorney
Kids First Law Center
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Kids First Law Center seeks to hire a full-time staff attorney. Kids First is a nonprofit children's law center that provides free, quality representation to children in high-conflict custody and divorce cases.

Qualifications: Applicants must be admitted to practice in Iowa. Litigation and family law experience are preferred. Applicants should have excellent oral and written communication skills, be comfortable meeting with children, and be willing to work collaboratively. Applicants must be able to work constructively in high-conflict situations. Ideal qualifications include a demonstrated interest in public interest work and experience working with low-income populations and children.

Job Responsibilities: The attorney will provide legal representation to children in family law cases. As part of the representation, the attorney will meet with child clients, investigate case facts, draft pleadings and participate in court proceedings, and develop and implement creative problem-solving and non-litigation strategies to lessen conflict in families. Applicants must be able to work beyond the confines of a normal business day in order to accommodate child clients.

Salary Information: \$36,400 yearly plus benefits.

Application Process and Deadline Date: Applicants should send a cover letter, resume, references, law school transcript (if in practice less than 5 years), and writing sample to:

Jenny Schulz, Executive Director
Kids First Law Center
621 4th Ave. SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

Or email: jenny@kidsfirstiowa.org

Applications must be received by November 26, 2007.

More information about Kids First Law Center can be found at: www.kidsfirstiowa.org.