

LINN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 15, 2007
Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

President Allison Heffern called the meeting to order at approximately 12:15 p.m.

President Heffern welcomed the following judges: From the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa: Reade and Scoles; From the 6th Judicial District Court: Judge Beckelman and retired Judge Good; and Associate Judge Wilson.

The following guests were introduced: Laura Ebinger, new attorney at Kids First (by Jenny Schulz).

No attorneys were proposed for membership.

The following attorneys were admitted for membership: Laura Ostrander, White & Johnson; Chris Coon, Iowa Legal Aid; Laura Ebinger, Kids First.

Treasurer Todd Anderson distributed a Treasurer's Report and advised the LCBA is still solvent.

Jim Kringlen, managing attorney of Iowa Legal Aid Cedar Rapids' office announced two upcoming CLEs: (1) CLE and Silent Auction, A Benefit for Iowa Legal Aid, November 27, 2007 at the Holiday Inn in Coralville. This event will be held in conjunction with the Johnson County Bar Association meeting. (2) Divorce 102, November 30, 2007, presented on the ICN. This seminar is free of charge to any attorney who agrees to take a family law case referred by Iowa Volunteer Lawyers or Pro Bono projects. Kringlen also announced another CLE is planned for December 6, with Judge Beckelman and attorney Mark Zaiger presenting.

Tim Van Pelt, vice-president of Linn Law Club, announced the Club will be holding its 6th annual Holiday Fund Drive and is hoping to exceed last year's donation total of \$9,000. Van Pelt distributed a flyer regarding this. The Club will also be mailing information to area firms.

President Heffern invited members to view the LCBA website, www.linnco.org, which has a lot of information of interest to the LCBA members. For example, information on the upcoming Legal Aid CLE, as well as information on CLEs that have been approved for LCBA seminars, is available on the website.

President Heffern announced the 2008 Bench-Bar event will be held Tuesday, January 8, 2008. More information will be available as the event draws nearer.

President Heffern announced that LCBA member Ian Thornhill, who practices with the Attorney General's office in Cedar Rapids, has been deployed to Iraq to help re-establish

the Iraq criminal court system. Thornhill has sent the LCBA reports from Iraq, which are posted on the LCBA website.

Roger Stone of Simmons Perrine introduced the speaker, Hon. David Baker, judge with the Iowa Court of Appeals. Judge Baker provided an update as to happenings with the Iowa Court of Appeals.

/s/ Stephanie Hinz
Secretary