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NO LCBA MEETING IN JANUARY

There will be no regular meeting of the Linn County Bar Association this month due to the terrific turnout for the 2008 Bench-Bar Conference & 50-Year Recognition Ceremony held January 8, . The next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art.

LINN LAW CLUB

The Linn Law Club's Holiday Gift Drive was a smashing success! This year the Club adopted 25 families, consisting of approximately 100 people. This was all due to the generous donations received from bar members, totaling \$8000. The Club is giving three awards this year to our biggest donors: Jeffrey Berg gave the largest personal donation of \$1000; Bradley & Riley attorneys collectively gave the highest total, with donations of over \$1800; and Riccolo & Semelroth receive special recognition for donating the most-per-attorney, with a total donation of \$1250. These three groups accounted for about one-half of our donations. Thanks to all winners and donors! Awards will be given in the form of personally-delivered baked goods during the week of January 14th. Keep your eyes on your break rooms in the coming week.

The Linn Law Club will be holding its next monthly meeting on Thursday, February 7, beginning at 5:30 at Zin's, on 2nd Ave. SE, in downtown Cedar Rapids (on the corner of 2nd Ave. and 3rd St.). The Club will provide drinks for members. We hope to see a big winter turnout of young attorneys. Warm yourself with a glass of wine, mingle with colleagues, swap stories, and meet new people. We look forward to seeing everyone, and encourage you to bring a friend. E-mail Caitlin Slessor at cslessor@qwestoffice.net with questions or contact information of any recent hires or new members.

CLE FOR 2007

LCBA Functions :

A list of approved CLE for LCBA functions in 2007 is shown on the website (www.linncobar.org) or by clicking here: [LCBA CLEs approved for 2007](#)

Family Law Committee:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>CLE Hours</u>	<u>Activity No.</u>
February, 2007	Presentation By CSRU Attorneys	1.0	41867
March, 2007	Certified Divorce Financial Analysis	1.0	42818
April, 2007	New Procedures in Juvenile Court	1.0	43524
May, 2007	Tips For Effective Appellate Practice	1.0	44056
June, 2007	Legislative Update	.75	44467
September, 2007	Law Office Technology E-filing And Safeguarding Data	1.0	46289
October, 2007	Tax Issues For FamilyLaw	1.0	46741
		1.0 FED CLE	
November, 2007	Effective Appellate Practice	1.0	47585
December, 2007	Joint Physical Care In Iowa After Hynick And Hanson	.75	47793

BANKRUPTCY NEWS

Please visit the website for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Iowa (www.ianb.uscourts.gov) to learn more about (1) an increase in fees in Chapter 11 cases, and (2) public access to transcripts of court proceedings.

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.

JUDICIAL BRANCH AWARD PROGRAM

The Iowa Judicial Branch is seeking nominations for its annual award program, the purpose of which is to recognize exemplary public service by court personnel and to acknowledge outstanding contributions to the administration of justice by persons who are not members of the court system. There are six award categories. Anyone may nominate a candidate for a particular award, and nominations are due by February 14, 2008. For a copy of the nomination form and more information, please go to www.judicial.state.ia.us.

COURT OF APPEALS CALENDAR FOR 2008

A copy of the Court of Appeals calendar for 2008, delineating the dates the Court will be in session and the dates the opinions will be filed, can be seen at to www.judicial.state.ia.us.

NEW OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

The Iowa Supreme Court has created a new Office of Professional Regulation which will assume responsibility for administrative duties for state court administration, the Supreme Court Clerk's office and the office of boards and commissions, including the Commission on Unauthorized Practice of Law and the Attorney Disciplinary Board. Over the next 6-10 months, the court will adopt a series of rules to fully implement this realignment. For more information, visit to www.judicial.state.ia.us.

IOLTA GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Iowa Supreme Court Lawyer Trust will accept applications for grants under the IOLTA program for the grant period that begins July 1, 2008. Organizations may obtain grant request application forms by contacting the Account Commission, Judicial Branch Building, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319, or by calling 515 – 725-8029. All completed grant applications must be received by March 7, 2008.

OPEN POSITIONS – ATTORNEY

Brady & O'Shea

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.

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

AEGON USA

In-House Attorney- Commercial Mortgage Special Servicing. 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.

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.

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.

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.linncohar.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.

ELMO AVAILABLE

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

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.

USURYRATE

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 6.25% for the month of January and 6.00% for the month of February. 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.