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**NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER**

There will be no meetings of the Linn County Bar Association and the Linn Law Club in December.

**LCBA BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE**

The annual Bench-Bar Conference and Ceremony to recognize 50-year members of the LCBA will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 from 4-7 P.M. at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Carnegie Library on the main level. There will be an hour of CLE, followed by a recognition ceremony for this year's class of 50-year members of the LCBA, after which will be a social time with food, beverages and music. The event is free of charge to LCBA members. For more information, visit the Linn County Bar Association website at [www.linncobar.org](http://www.linncobar.org).

**NEW COURT ORDER IN DIVORCE CASES**

As of November 19, 2007, couples who file for divorce in Linn County are ordered to enroll their children ages 6-16 in an educational workshop designed and led by Kids First Law Center. The 3 hour class will: (1) help children understand what to expect from the legal process in an age-appropriate way; (2) provide children with a safe place to discuss their feelings about divorce; (3) show children they are not alone and that divorce is not their fault; and (4) teach children practical skills to handle emotions and adjust to family changes. The class includes an "Ask the Lawyer" segment. Children are grouped by ages (6-9, 10-13, 14-16) and 10-12 kids attend the class at a time. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer at any classes, please contact Laura Ebinger at [laura@kidsfirstiowa.org](mailto:laura@kidsfirstiowa.org) or (319) 365-5437.

**MEDIATOR TRAINING**

A primary mediation class (40 hours of CLE, including 2 hours of ethics), will be held on January 7-11, 2008 at the Drake Legal Clinic in Des Moines. The instructor is Dean

Richard M. Calkins, formerly with the Drake Law School. For information, contact Susan Ewing at 515 – 283-0311 or [amta@dwx.com](mailto:amta@dwx.com)

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.judicial.state.ia.us).

### **AMENDMENT TO IOWA RULE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

Effective November 19, 2007, Iowa Rule of Professional Conduct 32:7.4, dealing with communication of fields of practice and specialization, was amended. To review this amendment, visit the website at [www.judicial.state.ia.us](http://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](http://www.judicial.state.ia.us).

### **COURTHOUSES OF IOWA**

A Limited Edition Print of the “Courthouses of Iowa,” available through the Iowa State Bar Association, is selling for \$50, which includes shipping. Proceeds from the sale will go to support the ISBA Public Service Project. For more information, go to [www.iowabar.org](http://www.iowabar.org)

### **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](http://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**

#### **Associate Wanted**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.

### **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](http://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.

### **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](mailto: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 December. 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).**