

FEBRUARY BAR MEETING - UPDATES TO IOWA PROBATE AND TRUST LAW

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2008, 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 **Susan Pence, Second Vice-President and Trust Officer at Iowa State Bank & Trust Company**, discussing recent updates to Iowa probate and trust law. One-half hour of state CLE credit has been approved for her presentation.

Lunch is \$7 and will be provided by Kristeen. 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, February 20, 2008. Thank you so much for your assistance in helping to provide an accurate attendance count for caterer.

RECEPTION IN HONOR OF IOWA COURT OF APPEALS MARCH 3

The Court of Appeals will be holding oral arguments at the University of Iowa Law School on March 3-5. All nine judges will be in Iowa City for the arguments. Here is a link to the scheduled arguments:

http://www.judicial.state.ia.us/Court_of_Appeals/Oral_Argument_Schedule/

The Johnson County and Linn County Bar Associations will be hosting a reception for the Judges on Monday, March 3 from 4:30 to 7:00 pm. Location to be determined. Contact LCBA President Allison Heffern at 366-7641 or via email at aheffern@simmonsperrine.com for more information.

JURISDICTION TASK FORCE FORMED BY SUPREME COURT

The Iowa Supreme Court and the Iowa Judicial Council believe it's time to examine whether Iowa's 34-year-old magistrate framework is meeting the needs of local communities for equal, accessible and high-caliber justice and have established a task force to examine, assess and recommend strategies for enhancing judicial services. One of the members of the Task Force is Judge Nancy A. Baumgartner, who is seeking input from local attorneys. Please e-mail your comments to Judge Baumgartner at nancy.baumgartner@js.state.ia.us.

APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR IOWA SUPREME COURT

The State Judicial Nominating Commission is accepting applications to fill the vacancy that will occur on the Iowa Supreme Court when Justice Jerry Larson retires on May 17, 2008. The

Commission will meet on March 6 and 7, 2008 to select three nominees to submit to the Governor. A Notice of intent to file an application with Secretary of the Commission must be filed by February 21 and a completed questionnaire must be postmarked by February 25, 2008. For more information, go to www.judicial.state.ia.us.

SUMMER OUTING DATE SET

Got the winter blues? It's not too early to start thinking about golf and bike rides. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, July 10, 2008, for the annual Linn County Bar Association Summer Outing. There will be a bike ride, a golf tournament at Hunters Ridge Golf Club with a 1:00 shotgun start, followed by a social hour and a catered dinner afterwards. Plans are underway for a CLE seminar in the morning. Questions or comments, call Dave Thinnes at 363-3185.

ATTORNEYS SHOULD NOTE NEW REQUIREMENT WHEN FILING DISSOLUTION CASES

Couples who file for divorce in Linn County are now required to enroll their children ages 6-16 in an educational workshop about divorce that is led by Kids First. Orders requiring attendance are issued when the petition for divorce is filed, and the couple has 14 days to enroll their child(ren) in a class. The decree of dissolution will not be entered until the certificate of completion is filed with the court. The workshop 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. For more information, please contact Jenny Schulz or Laura Ebinger at 365-5437.

SYMPOSIUM – CLE CREDIT

The *Iowa Law Review* will host a symposium on February 29, 2008, which has been approved for six CLE credits under the Iowa Supreme Court regulations.

Iowa Law Review Symposium and CLE Credit

Friday, February 29, 2008 - 8:15-4:00

Boyd Law Building, Iowa City, IA

Registration Fee: \$30.00 (Six CLE Credits)

The Iowa Law Review is pleased to present its 2008 symposium, *Procedural Justice: Perspectives on Summary Judgment, Peremptory Challenges, and the Exclusionary Rule*. The symposium will be held on February 29, 2008, at the Boyd Law Building in Iowa City, Iowa.

During the event, practitioners and scholars will explore the use and constitutionality of three procedural exclusionary devices: (1) motions for summary judgment, (2) *Batson* challenges during jury selection, and (3) the exclusionary rule in criminal cases. Each panel will be moderated by a judge from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

Over the lunch hour, the symposium will feature a panel of judges from the Eighth Circuit and Iowa federal district courts who will answer questions and discuss issues relating to procedural issues in the federal judiciary. The program has been approved for a maximum of 6 continuing legal education credits under the regulations of the Iowa Supreme Court. For more information,

a detailed schedule, and CLE registration, please visit our website: <http://lawreview.law.uiowa.edu> and click on the symposium link.

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.

ELMO AVAILABLE

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

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 6 725-8029. All completed grant applications must be received by March 7, 2008.

OPEN POSITIONS – ATTORNEY

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.

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.

WEBSITE FOR EMPLOYERS TO SEEK 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 PUBLISHED FOR FREE

As a service to the legal community, Legal Support Professionals of Linn County (öLSPLCö) will publish your öhelp wantedö 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 to Mary Klingler 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

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.

Office share space available ó Newly redesigned and finished office space available for office share arrangement on the 12th floor of Plaza 425 (the former APAC Building). Convenient parking available in immediately-adjacent parkade connected by skywalk. Contact Pete Leehey at pleehey@leeheylaw.com for details.

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.

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 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.

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 6.00% 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.**