

LINN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MINUTES

Cedar Rapids Museum of Art

Thursday, February 18, 2010

President Connie Alt called the meeting to order at approximately 12:20 p.m. She opened the meeting by referencing the handout in regard to “Free Legal Advice for Owners of Flood-Damaged Property” – she explained that there will be 2 CLE’s to teach local attorneys about various issues so they can volunteer to be advocates for flood affected home owners throughout the buy out process. This is a joint Iowa Legal Aid/LCBA program. Horizons is also involved. President Alt asked bar members to volunteer for this worthy cause.

President Connie Alt welcomed the following judges: Judge Ian Thornhill.

The following guests were introduced: Fran Haas, clerk of Chief Judge Reade, introduced guest Ryan Leemkuil, also a clerk of Chief Judge Reade.

The following attorneys were proposed and admitted for membership: Sasha Monthei proposed Amy Burge and Chris Landherr, both of the Scheldrup firm, for membership.

Treasurer Todd Anderson distributed a Treasurer’s Report and advised that we are virtually on the same track as last year. Total assets as of February 1, 2010 are \$76,030.32 (\$57,137.46 in the checking account and \$18,892.86 in the money market account).

Linn Law Club Vice President Lou Ebinger advised that the Club raised over \$5,600 for the holiday fund drive. The largest single donor was Jeffrey Berg and the largest firm donor was Bradley & Riley. The Club is sponsoring a Bench Bar lunch with Judge McPartland at noon on February 23rd in the 12th floor Simmons Perrine conference room. Lunch will be provided.

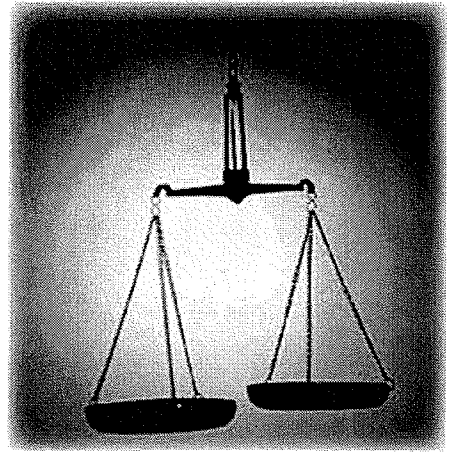
Diane Kutzko, our ABA representative, reported on the winter meeting in Orlando. She explained that she is one of three Iowa delegates (she and one other are elected by the Iowa Bar Board of Governors, the third is elected by the bar at large). She explained that the House of Delegates, the policy arm of the ABA, has decided to focus its efforts on serving as advocates for lawyers. They are moving toward lowering dues to increase membership (only 30% of all lawyers are members, and that number is declining; the goal is 50%). The first decrease in membership dues will be for solo practitioners, judges, legal aid workers, and government workers.

Emily Ellison introduced the speaker, Harold Denton, who spoke about the County Attorney’s office generally.

The next meeting of the LCBA will be on March 18, 2010 at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art.

/s/ Laura C. Mueller
Secretary

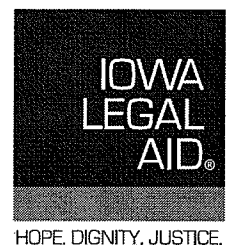
FREE LEGAL ADVICE for Owners of Flood-Damaged Property...



- Do you have questions about the buyout process?
- Do you need legal advice on your rights as the property owner?
- Do you need help clearing the title to your property prior to the sale?
- Do you have other legal questions?

Free Legal Help Provided by the Linn County Bar Association and Iowa Legal Aid. Made possible in part by the Flood 2008 Fund of the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation and United Way of East Central Iowa.

**Call Ali Wilson at Iowa Legal Aid:
1-800-532-1275, extension 1705
or email: flood-buyout@iowalaw.org**



**LINN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT**

FEBRUARY 18, 2010

**LINN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS
AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2010**

Asset	Value
Checking Account	\$57,137.46
Money Market Account	\$18,892.86
Total:	\$76,030.32

**LINN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION ACCOUNTS
AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2009**

Asset	Value
Checking Account	\$53,054.46
Money Market Account	\$18,876.21
Total:	\$71,930.67