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NEXT LCBA EVENT: KERNELS GAME MAY 18

The next regular “meeting” of the LCBA will be held **Wednesday, May 17** at Veterans Memorial Stadium, 950 Rockford Road SW, Cedar Rapids. Join your fellow LCBA members for a **12:05 p.m.** Cedar Rapids Kernels baseball game. This event is free to all dues-paid LCBA members. Detailed information was emailed to LCBA members earlier this month.

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS: JUNE 15

The Annual Meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held on [Thursday, June 15](#), from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art on Third Avenue SE across from Greene Square Park. Parking is available behind the building on the Second Avenue side. The speaker will be announced in the next Scriptum.

During the meeting, elections will be held for vacancies on the LCBA Board of Governors. The LCBA's Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of nominees to be placed on the ballot for election:

President-elect

Amy Reasner, Lynch Dallas, P.C.

Secretary

Ann McCrea Nazette, Marner, Nathanson & Shea, LLP (term 2017-2019)

Board of Governors

Lisa Stephenson	CRST	(term 2017-2018)
Megan Dimitt	Lederer Weston Craig PLC	(term 2017-2020)
Jim Kringlen	Iowa Legal Aid	(term 2017-2020)

Current President-Elect Darin Luneckas will become President at the Annual Meeting.

In addition to the names submitted by the Nominating Committee, any member of the Association may have his or her name placed upon the ballot for a position by submitting to the LCBA a petition with at least 10 LCBA members' signatures. Nomination petitions shall be submitted to LCBA President Caitlin Slessor (cls@shuttleworthlaw.com) at least four weeks prior to the June 15 Annual Meeting. Members will vote on and elect the officers and governors for the open positions at the Annual Meeting.

LINN LAW CLUB NEWS

The Linn Law Club sand volleyball season is here! There is still time to sign up to join the team. If you are not available every week, you can sign up as an alternate. Volleyball games are Wednesday nights at The Sag Wagon, 827 Shaver Rd NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. To join, email LinnLawBoard@gmail.com. The league schedule is as follows:

June 7th - 6:50 p.m.
June 14th - 8:00 p.m.
June 21st - 7:00 p.m.
June 28th - 6:00 p.m.

The team will meet at Sag Wagon 30 minutes prior to game time for drinks and socializing, and non-volleyball players are welcome to join as well.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Linn Law Club Board for the 2017-2018 year please email LinnLawBoard@gmail.com. The Club will be holding elections in June. More details on position descriptions and application deadlines to come.

If there are any attorneys who would like to join the Linn Law Club email list, please email LinnLawBoard@gmail.com

IOWA SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES COURT FURLOUGH DAY and OTHER BUDGET REDUCTION MEASURES

The Iowa Supreme Court issued a Supervisory Order on May 9 addressing measures the court is taking this year to address the Legislature's recent de-appropriation of funds to the Judicial Branch budget. One of these measures is a court closure day Friday, May 26. The Supervisory Order can be viewed at [this link](#).

THANK YOU TO HIGH SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD PRESENTERS

Thank you to our terrific LCBA volunteers who are presenting the Iowa State Bar Association's American Citizenship Award at area high schools this spring. The awards are presented at each school's Senior Recognition ceremony to a student or students who have best demonstrated a knowledge and understanding of the principles of American citizenship.

Volunteer presenters this year were Landon Dufoe, Casey Rigdon, Mark Seidl, Jim Kringlen, Rae Kinkead, Corey Luedeman, Crystal Usher, Hon. David Baker, Hon. Patrick Grady, Stephanie Hinz, Natalie Ditmars, Mark Parmenter and Jill Handley.

SAVE THE DATE! SUMMER OUTING

Save the date for the 2017 LCBA Summer Outing: **Thursday, July 13**. New this year at our Elmcrest location will be options to play tennis and enjoy their beautiful pool and cabana facilities while others are golfing, biking or kayaking. More details will be included in the evites each LCBA member will receive prior to the event.

The LCBA thanks US Bank Trust Department for its generous donation to the Summer Outing budget.

LCBA 2017 CLE SUMMARY

The following 2017 LCBA programs have been approved for CLE credit:

Iowa Activity ID #	Federal Activity ID#	Date of Program	Program Description	Iowa Credit Hours	Ethics Hours	Federal Credit Hours
253803	n/a	2/16/2017	LaSheila Rice, Cedar Rapids Civil Rights Commission	0.50	0.00	0.00
257369	n/a	3/16/17	Judge Kepros - EDMS Challenges and Tips	0.50	0.00	0.00
262149	n/a	4/20/17	John Monroe – Mental Health Commitments	0.50	0.00	0.00

LCBA MEETING DATES 2016-2017

The Linn County Bar Association will hold its regular monthly meetings the third Thursday of the month September – November, February – April and June. The meeting dates for 2016-2017 are listed below. Meetings are held at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art from 12-1 p.m. A notice will be published should the location, time or date be changed for any meeting.

Thursday, September 15, 2016
Thursday, October 20, 2016
Thursday November 17, 2016
Thursday, February 16, 2017
Thursday, March 16, 2017
Thursday, April 20, 2017
Thursday, June 15, 2017 (tentative; meeting June 23 if ISBA Annual Meeting same date)

There is no regular monthly meeting during the following months due to other LCBA events scheduled as indicated: December (Last Chance Ethics CLE); January (Bench Bar Event); May (LCBA Day at the Kernels); July (Summer Outing); and August.

NEW MEMBERS

The Linn County Bar Association is pleased to welcome the following new members:

- 1) **Robin L. DeCook**, Ackley, Kopecky & Kingery, LLP
- 2) **Ben Roberson**, Scheldrup Blades PC

TRANSITIONS

If you would like to announce your law firm comings and goings, new office locations, attorneys named to partnership, or whatever your “NEWS” is, please let us know and we will put it in TRANSITIONS section of the Scriptum. Submissions should be sent to webmaster@linncobar.org.

WANT ADS

The District Court of Iowa in and for Linn County is seeking applicants for two law clerk vacancies. Applications are due May 22. Please see [this link](#) for more information. (May 2017)

Office space for one lawyer available starting June 1, 2017 in prime location at the corner of 1st Avenue and 10th Street NE. Address is 866 1st Avenue NE. Options on sharing overhead and/or staff. Call Mark to discuss. 319.366.7888. (May 2017)

Klinger, Robinson & Ford LLP is looking for an attorney to become associated with the firm. The ideal candidate will have experience/interest in one or more of the following areas of the law: bankruptcy, civil trial work (including family law), corporate, real estate and probate. For the right candidate, eventual partnership is a strong possibility. The firm seeks a long term association, not someone looking to build a resume only to relocate or change firms. For more information or to forward a resume contact Jeff Taylor at 319-395-7400 or e-mail him at jtaylor@krflawfirm.com (April 2017)

Office Space Available: One or two offices (12' x 13' and 13' x 13') are available in a convenient location near Blairs Ferry Road/Edgewood Road in Hiawatha. Includes use of a large conference room, receptionist space, free onsite parking, and high-speed computer network including wireless. Office furniture also available. Contact Anne K. Wilson at awilson@annwilsonlaw.com or 319.775.0136 (December 2016)

Kirkwood Community College offers 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

If you would like to publicize open attorney positions or available law office space in your building, let us know and we will publish it here. Contact webmaster@linncobar.org. We will run your “Want Ad” for three (3) consecutive Scriptum editions. If your space or employment needs are met during your three-month Ad run, though, please drop us a line so we know to delete your Want Ad from future issues.

COLLABORATIVE LAW & MEDIATION TRAINING

Attention Mediators, Lawyers, CPAs, Financial Planners and Child Advocates:

On September 7-8, Christine Crilley is presenting a comprehensive Collaborative Law Training. The training will help you to develop a basic plan to set up a collaborative law practice or to use the knowledge gained to become more effective with other people that you encounter. This training meets the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals Minimum Standards for a Collaborative Basic Training, which is a requirement for membership in many local Collaborative Law organizations.

On September 11-15, Christine will be presenting a comprehensive 40 hour Family Law Mediator Training to provide a thorough background in dispute resolution.

For more information or to sign up visit www.crilleymediation.com or call Christine Crilley at (319) 363-5606.

PARALEGAL INTERNSHIPS WANTED

Are you interested in helping train and mentor future paralegals? The Paralegal Program at Kirkwood Community College continues to grow. Kirkwood paralegal students are required to intern in a legal environment as part of their education. You can help tomorrow's paralegals gain valuable experience by agreeing to supervise a paralegal intern. The internship requires that the student complete 120 hours in a legal setting, and compensation is not required. If you are interested in mentoring a paralegal intern, please call Greg Clevenger at 398-5576.

COURT SCHEDULES & LCBA MEMBER DIRECTORY ON LCBA WEBSITE

Did you know the Linn County Bar Association publishes each day's court schedules for Linn County District Court, Associate Court and Small Claims/Traffic court? Head over to the LCBA website at www.linncobar.org and click on "Court Schedules & Info" at the top. You can also see the judge assignments, local Orders and court's contact numbers.

The website also has contact information for all LCBA members. You can view the member directory at www.linncobar.org/directory/attorneys/index.html. Let the LCBA webmaster know if any changes need to be made. If you have a new address, please notify the LCBA at P.O. Box 74127, Cedar Rapids, IA 52407-4127, or via email at webmaster@linncobar.org.

HOW TO JOIN THE LCBA and DUES INFORMATION

Membership in the LCBA is open to lawyers admitted to practice in Iowa and who live or work in Linn County. Membership in the LCBA is free the first year of membership. Annual base membership dues for all others can be viewed on the LCBA's website here: <http://www.linncobar.org/about/dues/> A voluntary charitable assessment of \$100 is

included on all dues statement; payment of the assessment is not required. The assessment goes towards funding legal related charitable organizations in Linn County. The membership application is at this link: <http://www.linncobar.org/wp-content/uploads/220265.pdf>

AMENDMENTS TO IOWA COURT RULES

Please click on this link for a list of recent Amendments and New Rules:

http://www.iowacourts.gov/Court_Rules_Forms/Recent_Amendments_New_Iowa_Court_Rules/

RESTAURANT REVIEW: AXEL'S SPORTS GRILL

Many of you will remember the restaurant that opened last year located at 951 Blairs Ferry Rd NE (almost across from Target). After about six months that restaurant shut its doors. Now, a new restaurant opened its doors at the same location. The name of this restaurant is AXEL'S Sports Grill. After driving by this restaurant several times, I knew I had to eat at this new restaurant.

As we entered the restaurant it was obvious that the interior was exactly the same, with one exception. The exception was the creation of a private dining area toward the rear of the first level. Otherwise, the furnishings were the same, the bar was the same, the second level was the same (including the patio on the second level) and even the televisions were the same.

The next step was to check out the menu. Very different. The restaurant theme, based upon the menu and the name, is sports. More specifically, the theme is football, as the menu has the following designated divisions: Training Camp; 1st Quarter; 2nd Quarter; 3rd Quarter; 4th Quarter; Coin Toss and Overtime. The food items included appetizers, salads, sandwiches and pizzas.

My wife ordered the chicken strips and a side of fresh fruit. I ordered the Black and Gold sandwich with a side of waffle fries. The food was promptly served. The service was excellent.

Now for the analysis. The chicken strips were below average. Too much breading and too dry. The fresh fruit was lacking in diversity, quality and quantity. Average at best. The Black and Gold sandwich was very good. Tasty, with a combination of sliced angus brisket, caramelized onions, smoked gouda, Monterey Jack cheese with one slice of pumpernickel bread and one slice of sourdough bread. One slice of bread is black and the other is gold. Hence the sandwich name. Some of you may be thinking it is a reference to the Iowa Hawkeye colors of black and gold. You are probably correct.

This is the problem. The facility is very nice. Very modern. Very upscale. The food was served in a paper container. The fruit was served in a small, plastic throwaway container. The paper and plastic serving dishes are a mismatch to the decor and the facility. This restaurant could be very nice with just a few adjustments, or in legalese, amendments. For example, serve the food on glass dishes. And do a better job with the fresh fruit and chicken strips. Oops, I forgot, add a few more waffle fries to each serving.

Gene the Critic