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NEXT LCBA EVENT: LAST CHANCE SEMINAR - DECEMBER 13, 2018

The Linn County Bar Association's Annual Last Chance for Ethics Seminar will be held **Thursday, December 13, 2018** at Eastbank Venue & Lounge (Smulekoff's Building), 97 3rd Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the presentation will begin at 4:00 p.m.. This event is free to any dues paid LCBA member. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be available. Cash bar for drinks. Guests and non-members are welcome to attend for \$25.

The CLE is worth two hours of state ethics credit. Presenters are Hon. Jason Besler of the Sixth Judicial District on “Transition to the Bench & Ex Parte Communications”; and University of Iowa Law School Professor Josephine Gittler on “Ethical Issues in the Representation of Client with Diminished Capacity”.

If you have not paid your 2018 – 2019 dues, please do so now! To check your dues payment status (if you have not paid yet, there is a \$25 late fee) contact Leigh Van Dee at lvandee@lwclawyers.com or phone (319) 365-1184. The dues policy can be viewed [at this link](#).

Thank [Phillip Seidl of Seidl & Seidl, P.L.C.](#) for organizing this event.

LINN LAW CLUB NEWS

Thank you to everyone who donated and volunteered to help with the Linn Law Club Annual Holiday Gift Drive! Donations exceeded last year’s total of \$11,694 and will be able to help adopt more than 100 individuals! We look forward to acknowledging the Linn County legal community’s efforts more at next month’s Bench-Bar Event.

For those still interested in volunteering, Linn Law Club is hosting the Wrapping Party to wrap purchased gifts this Friday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m.. The event will be at RSH Legal, 425 2nd St. SE, #1140, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401. Food and refreshments will be provided. Parking is available in the adjacent parking garage as well as on-street around the building.

For more information on any of the above opportunities or for any questions, please contact Law Club President Crystal Pound at cpound@spmbllaw.com or linnlawboard@gmail.com. Attorneys interested in learning more about Linn Law Club and more upcoming events and opportunities should join the Club’s email distribution list by contacting LinnLawBoard@gmail.com.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

The Board of Governors is seeking nominees for its Citizenship Award. Any LCBA member may nominate any other LCBA member for this award. The following factors will be considered in determining the award recipient(s):

1. Active participation in civic organizations that provide services to others in the community, state and/or country (not necessarily just to other lawyers);
2. Active participation in activities designed to further the interests of the Iowa bar (whether at the local, regional or state level);
3. Demonstrates a strength of character and ability to motivate others to action to benefit the community, state and/or country; and

4. Supports, promotes and “goes above and beyond” to further the interest of others in the local community.

Current Board of Governors members and LCBA officers are not eligible for this award. Please submit your nominations for the Citizenship Award to LCBA president-elect Phillip D. Seidl at pseidl@sccrlaw.com by **Thursday, December 20**. The Citizenship Award(s) will be presented at the Bench Bar event on January 24.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY – JUDGES WILLIAMS and ROBERTS – JAN. 18

You are cordially invited to attend the joint investiture ceremonies of Northern District of Iowa United States Magistrate Judge Mark A. Roberts and United States District Judge C. J. Williams on Friday, January 18, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the United States Courthouse, Courtroom 1, 111 Seventh Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremonies. RSVPs are due by December 31 to investiturersvp@iandcourts.gov.

BENCH-BAR GALA & 50 YEAR HONOREE RECEPTION – JAN. 24

All Linn County Bar Association members are cordially invited to attend the LCBA's 2019 Bench-Bar Gala on Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 4:30 –7:00 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art.

*****NOTE – This is a different date than listed in the November Scriptum.*****

The Bench-Bar Event will feature:

- A tribute to our 50 year members of the LCBA
- Recognition of any retiring judges
- Recognition of the recipient of the LCBA’s annual Citizenship Award.

Complimentary hors d’oeuvres, wine and beer will be served. Please plan to attend this important and fun event! This event is free of charge to all dues-paid LCBA members.

BENCH BAR AFTER WORK GET-TOGETHER – FEB. 27

Mark your calendars! An informal bench bar get-together will be held on Wednesday, February 27 starting at 5 p.m. at Whitestar Ale House, 305 2nd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. All courthouse staff and LCBA members are invited!

SIXTH JUDICIAL JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2019

The Sixth Judicial District has issued the District Court Judge Assignments for 2019. The assignment list is posted on the LCBA website at: <http://www.linncobar.org/wp-content/uploads/DJAssign2019.pdf> A copy is also at the end of this issue of the Scriptum.

LCBA 2018 CLE SUMMARY

The following 2018 LCBA programs have been (or will be) approved for CLE credit:

Iowa Activity ID #	Date of Program	Program Description	Iowa Credit Hours	Ethics Hours
289949	2/15/18	Iowa Supreme Court Case Highlights – Justice Waterman	0.75	0
297024	3/22/18	EDMS and Continuances – Hon. Chris Bruns and Kellee Cortez	.5	0
297025	4/19/18	School Law – Cedar Rapids Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Brad Buck	.5	0
302096	6/21/18	Legislative Update – Sen. Rob Hogg	.5	0
302097	7/12/18	Summer Outing	3.25	1.0
308438	9/20/18	Prof. Todd Pettys – Iowa’s Constitutional History	.5	0
tba	11/15/18	Hon. Susan Christensen – Pro Se Family Law Forms	.5	0
tba	12/13/18	Last Chance Seminar	2.0	2.0

NOTE! This summer the District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa each adopted an amended Local Rule 83 eliminating the requirement of six hours federal CLE biannually to be able to practice in federal court. Under the amended rule, which is effective immediately, federal CLEs are **NO LONGER REQUIRED**. The only requirements for continuing to practice in ND & SD Iowa are now (1) admission and good standing in the Iowa bar, and (2) payment of an annual fee.

LCBA MEETING CALENDAR

The Linn County Bar Association holds regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of September – November, February – April and June.

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

MEDIATION and PARENTING COORDINATOR TRAINING

Crilley Mediation Services will be presenting the following training opportunities in upcoming months.

- 40-Hour Family Law Mediator Training: **April 8-12, 2019**
- 16-Hour Parenting Coordinator Training: **May 2-3, 2019**
- Coaching Emotional Positivity During Mediation & Dispute Resolution: **Date TBA**

Please visit www.CrilleyMediation.com for more information and to download the Registration Form for these trainings. If you have any questions, please call Christine Crilley at (319) 363-5606 or email her at cmm@crilleylaw.com.

NEW MEMBERS

The Linn County Bar Association has no new members to announce this month.

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

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

Applications are now being taken for the position of **Linn County Magistrate Judge** to fill the unexpired term of Judge Cynthia Finley. The term runs January 1, 2019 to July 31, 2021. Applications are available at the office of the Clerk of Court, Linn County

Courthouse, Cedar Rapids, Iowa and must be completed and returned to the Clerk of Court no later than 4:30 p.m. on December 19, 2018. A letter of interest and résumé of qualifications should accompany the completed application. The Judicial Magistrate Appointing Commission will meet on December 21, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in the Linn County Courthouse to select and appoint the judicial magistrate. Applicants selected for an interview will be notified of their interview place and time by letter, phone or email. Applicants must be residents of Linn County, Iowa, or a resident of a county contiguous to Linn County, and less than 72 years of age as of January 1, 2019. A candidate must be admitted to practice law in Iowa, unless the person is not admitted to practice law *and* held a magistrate position on April 1, 2009. EOE.

RSH Legal is a Cedar Rapids-based law firm dedicated to representing injured people and their families. We do not represent insurance corporations. Our firm proudly handles claims involving work injuries, motor vehicle collisions, medical malpractice, nursing home neglect, premises liability, trucking accidents, and social security disability. We are seeking to hire two associate attorneys for the following positions:

A workers' compensation attorney. 2 years of experience in this practice area is preferred, but not required. For more information and instructions on how to apply, please visit: <https://www.fightingforfairness.com/employment/work-comp-attorney/>

A civil trial attorney with 0 to 5 years of experience, who will be working alongside Pressley Henningsen on significant wrongful death, professional negligence, and complex tort cases. For more information and instructions on how to apply, please visit: <https://www.fightingforfairness.com/employment/civil-litigation-attorney/>

Law office space available in the building at 2720 1st Ave NE in Cedar Rapids. Space includes 11 offices, 5 secretary spaces, library, 3 conference rooms, and copy/break area. Ample parking is available. Please direct questions to Shannon Thompson at 319.366.8800 x25.

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.

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 LCBA 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.linncoabar.org. A link to each day's court schedules is posted on the home page. You can also see the judge assignments, local Orders and the court's contact numbers under the Court Schedules & Info menu.

The website also has contact information for all LCBA members at www.linncoabar.org/directory/attorneys/index.html. Advise the LCBA webmaster 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. The first membership year is free. Annual base membership dues for all others is listed on the LCBA's website at: <http://www.linncoabar.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.linncoabar.org/wp-content/uploads/220265.pdf>

Dues notices for the 2018-2019 LCBA membership year were emailed to members in August and September of 2018 from invoicing@messaging.squareup.com to the email address the LCBA has on file for you. Our invoices say "Linn County Bar Association" and include our logo. If you did not receive your dues notice, please contact the LCBA at linncobar@gmail.com. Members who do not timely pay their dues invoices will be charged a \$25 late fee.

Only LCBA members current on their dues may attend LCBA sponsored events such as the Last Chance Seminar CLE, Bench-Bar gathering and LCBA day at the Kernels.

Current annual base membership dues are \$150 for members admitted to any bar 5-49 years and \$120 for members who have been admitted to any bar fewer than five years. There are also special dues amounts for government employees, employees of certain non-profit organizations, and full-time judges and certain other government entities. Please see the full dues policy here: <http://www.linncoabar.org/about/dues/>

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: Brassiere Georges

Vous entrez dans un très beau restaurant. Le decor est chic, et les lumieres brillent. Tout le monde dit que quand on est à Lyon, il faut vraiment aller à la Brasserie George. Le restaurant existe depuis 1836 et il a une histoire riche. Je savais que c'était parfait pour la premiere soirée de mes grandparents à Lyon. Depuis que nous sommes arrivés nous sommes enchantés par l'ambiance et l'atmosphere de cette brasserie.

In other words, this is my story, er, review. This restaurant was located in an old building of some grandeur. It had a high ceiling, was nominally decorated but exquisite, seating for more than 150, and, although completely filled, the sound of many voices was unnoticeable. An eight page menu was presented to each of us and selections were made. My wife and granddaughter ordered the baked salmon served in a cream sauce and I ordered the roasted leg of rabbit. That is right. Rabbit!! In addition, the starters included a salad that contained leafy greens and cucumbers mixed with a creamy dressing. It was very good. At the same time, we were served French bread and provided a bottle of red wine that had the characteristics of Merlot, but had a different name. Upon completion of the starters, the entrée was served. The salmon looked and tasted great (as I was told). The leg of rabbit was served in a bed of red wine sauce and came with the sides of mashed potatoes and green beans. The rabbit was moist and very tasty. It was exquisite. I would order it again.

The entree was followed by a plate of three cheeses. Very appropriate. I tasted all of them but finished none. And then the dessert. Chocolate mousse. I was surprised. Very heavy. Very chocolate. Very difficult to eat. Only ate a few spoonfuls. This was a very good four course meal. The service was terrific (see the exception following).

The exception goes like this. The waiter gave us a bill for \$83 euros. Just right. I gave him my American Express credit card. He came back two minutes later and handed me the charge slip. It said the charge was for \$833 euros. I said that this is a mistake. He said you are right. I will give you \$750 euros. I said thanks. Just put it back on my credit card. He said "I cannot, I can only give you cash for the mistake. It is \$750 euros. I will bring it to you in a minute." Away he went. I was not sure what was going to happen next as the whole conversation was in French on the waiter's part and English on my part. The waiter quickly returned and counted out six-one hundred euro bills and three-fifty euro bills and rapidly walked away. I was stunned. I ended up with all of this euro cash and a large charge against my credit card.

As you can probably guess, this restaurant was not located in Cedar Rapids or Linn County. This restaurant is located in Lyon, France. My granddaughter wrote the introductory paragraph that explains some details about the restaurant. I thank her for the introduction.

Gene the Critic

P.S. Our granddaughter was also our interpreter. She did a great job.

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT - DISTRICT COURT JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS For 2019

Judges	Jan. 7- Feb. 3	Feb. 4 – March 3	March 4 – March 31	April 1 – May 5	May 7 – June 2	June 3 – June 30	July 1 – Aug. 4	Aug. 5 – Sept. 1	Sept. 2 – Oct. 6	Oct. 7 – Nov. 3	Nov. 4 – Dec. 1	Dec. 2 – Jan.5
Anderson	Johnson	Linn Adm	Johnson PJ	Linn	Iowa	Johnson PJ	Johnson	Benton	Linn Crim	Johnson	Jones	Johnson
Besler	Iowa	Linn	Linn	Benton	Linn	Linn	Jones	Johnson	Linn Admin	Tama	Linn	Linn Crim
Bruns	Johnson	Iowa	Linn Adm	Linn	Benton	Linn Admin	Linn	Jones	Linn	Linn Crim	Tama	Linn Admin
Chappell	Johnson PJ	Jones	Linn	Johnson	Tama	Linn Crim	Johnson PJ	Iowa	Johnson	Johnson	Benton	Johnson PJ
Chicchelly	Benton	Linn Crim	Linn	Jones	Johnson	Linn	Tama	Linn	Linn	Iowa	Linn Admin	Linn
Grady	Linn Crim	Linn	Jones	Iowa	Linn Admin	Tama	Linn	Linn Crim	Iowa	Linn	Linn	Benton
Hoover	Linn	Tama	Linn	Linn	Linn	Linn	Linn	Linn	Benton	Linn	Linn	Linn
Kepros	Linn Admin	Johnson	Tama	Johnson	Johnson PJ	Iowa	Linn	Johnson PJ	Linn	Johnson PJ	Johnson	Jones
McKeever	Jones	Linn	Johnson	Tama	Johnson	Linn	Iowa	Johnson	Johnson PJ	Benton	Johnson PJ	Johnson
McPartland	Linn	Johnson	Iowa	Linn	Linn	Benton	Linn Admin	Linn	Jones	Linn	Linn Crim	Tama
Miller	Tama	Johnson PJ	Johnson	Johnson PJ	Linn Crim	Johnson	Benton	Linn Admin	Johnson	Jones	Johnson	Linn
Thornhill	Linn	Benton	Linn Crim	Linn Admin	Jones	Johnson	Linn Crim	Tama	Linn	Linn	Iowa	Linn
Turner	Linn	Linn	Benton	Linn Crim	Linn	Jones	Johnson	Linn	Tama	Linn Admin	Linn	Iowa