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## NEXT LCBA EVENT: BENCH-BAR GATHERING

All Linn County Bar Association members are cordially invited to attend the LCBA's 2017 Bench-Bar Event. The Bench Bar Conference will be Thursday, January 19, 2017 from 4:30 –7:00 PM at Cedar Rapids Museum of Art. The Bench-Bar Event will feature:

- A tribute to our 50 year members of the LCBA (H. Nick Gloe, Scott E. McLeod);
- Recognition of Hon. Robert Sosalla and Hon. Jane Spande on their retirement;
- Recognition of the recipient of the LCBA's annual Citizenship Award.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer will be served. We will also have the pleasure of a repeat appearance by guest musicians Carlis Faurot and Mike Maas.

Please plan to attend this important and fun event! This event is free of charge to all dues-paid LCBA members.

### **LINN LAW CLUB NEWS**

The Linn Law Club will be competing in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cedar Rapids YMCA Trivia Night on Friday, February 17. There are only 10 spots available on the team and those who are interested in joining should do so prior to February 1 if they would like to assist in choosing this year's costume theme. More information will follow through the LLC email list. Contact LLC President Katie Frank ([kfrank@spd.state.ia.us](mailto:kfrank@spd.state.ia.us)) or Vice-President Laura Hyer ([lhyer@bradleyriley.com](mailto:lhyer@bradleyriley.com)) for more information.

### **FARRELL HABEAS CORPUS LECTURE FEB. 2**

LCBA member Brian Farrell will deliver a short lecture titled "Against the Winds of Tyranny: International Habeas Corpus, Human Rights, and the Rule of Law" at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, in the Senate Chamber of the Old Capitol. The talk will be followed by a reception in the Supreme Court Chamber celebrating the publication of Farrell's book, *Habeas Corpus in International Law*, by Cambridge University Press. The book is available at Next Page Books in NewBo and online. [http://events.uiowa.edu/event/against\\_the\\_winds\\_of\\_tyranny\\_international\\_habeas\\_corpuss\\_human\\_rights\\_and\\_the\\_rule\\_of\\_law#.WHgGRctOKhA](http://events.uiowa.edu/event/against_the_winds_of_tyranny_international_habeas_corpuss_human_rights_and_the_rule_of_law#.WHgGRctOKhA)

### **NEW DISTRICT COURT PROCESS: CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES**

Beginning in Linn and Johnson Counties on January 2, 2017, the Sixth Judicial District began initiating case management conferences (CMCs) to manage criminal cases in a more effective manner. By eliminating the traditional pretrial conference and managing criminal cases via a CMC system, the court will schedule an initial CMC earlier in the pendency of the criminal case, allowing more effective Judicial management in order to avoid last-minute discovery issues and avoid clogging the docket up with unrealistic trial dates for criminal cases and enhance firm trial dates for both criminal and civil cases. For more information, please see the official notice from the court at the end of the prior issue of the Scriptum.

## SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE NOMINEES NAMED

The Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission has announced its two nominees for the vacant District Court Judge position: **Andrew Chappell** of Iowa City and **Michael LaHammer** of Mount Vernon. The nominees will be submitted to the governor, who will make the appointment to the bench. The vacancy is due to the retirement of Hon. Robert Sosalla.

## SAVE THE DATE! KERNELS GAME

Save the date for the LCBA day at the Kernels: **Wednesday, May 17, 2017** 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.

## DUES REMINDER

Dues invoices for the 2016-2017 year were sent to all LCBA members this past August, and reminder invoices were recently sent to those who had not yet paid. Please be advised that any member who has not paid dues yet will need to pay a \$25 late fee. If you are not sure whether you paid your dues, please contact Leigh Van Dee at [lvandee@lwclawyers.com](mailto:lvandee@lwclawyers.com). For information on dues amounts, please see the section below titled "How to Join the LCBA and Dues Information."

## LCBA 2016 CLE SUMMARY

The following 2016 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
242989	n/a	2/18/2016	Dr. Brian Farrell/ Matt Brandes	0.50	0.00	0.00
242990	n/a	3/24/2016	Bruce Walker, ISBA President	0.50	0.00	0.00
243009	n/a	4/21/2016	Brent Long, CRPD - Gun and violent crimes	0.50	0.00	0.00
242949	n/a	6/23/2016	Rob Hogg - Legislative Update	0.50	0.00	0.00
236178	236178	7/14/2016	Summer Outing CLE	3.00	1.25	2.75

244718	n/a	9/15/2016	Carroll Edmondson, 6th Judicial District	0.50	0.00	0.00
246952	n/a	10/20/2016	Lisa Gavin – Legal Needs Post-Disasters	0.50	0.00	0.00
249256	n/a	11/17/2016	Cedar Rapids Mayor Ron Corbett	0.50	0.00	0.00
248769	n/a	12/8/2016	Last Chance for Ethics Seminar	2.00	2.00	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.

### **COLLABORATIVE LAW AND MEDIATION TRAINING**

Crilley Mediation Services will be presenting two training opportunities in upcoming months. These training sessions will form a foundation for a collaborative law and/or mediation practice.

**Collaborative Law Training**, February 22-23, 2017. 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. This Training is for Mediators, Lawyers, CPAs, Financial Planners and Child Advocates. 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.

**40 Hour Family Law Mediator Training**, March 6-10, 2017. Although this training is not intended to be advanced skill training, some advanced skill development may be introduced. This 40-hour mediation training will provide a thorough background in dispute resolution to enable you to develop your own style and area of mediation. The training will help you to develop a basic plan to set up a practice/business in mediation or to use the knowledge gained to become more effective with other people that you encounter.

Please visit [www.CrilleyMediation.com](http://www.CrilleyMediation.com) for more information and to download the Registration Form for this training. If you have any questions, please call Chris Crilley at (319) 363-5606. *(Dec. – Feb.)*

### **NEW MEMBERS**

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

### **TRANSITIONS**

**Ann M. Klostermann McCre**a has joined the Nazette, Marner, Nathanson & Shea, LLP law firm. Her practice will focus on estate planning, guardianships, conservatorships, real estate, corporate, non-profit and tax law. She can be reached at [amccrea@nazettelaw.com](mailto:amccrea@nazettelaw.com) or 319-366-1000.

With the promotion of **Ann C. Gronlund** to partner in the firm, Brady Preston Brown PC is pleased to announce its name change to **Brady Preston Gronlund PC**. **Cara L. Roberts** has joined the firm as an associate. Email addresses of Brady Preston Gronlund personnel are the same but with “@BPGlegal.com” substituted for “@bradyprestonbrown.com”. The website for the firm is [www.BPGlegal.com](http://www.BPGlegal.com).

**Ann Brown Legal** has opened its doors in the historic Warehouse on Third building in downtown Cedar Rapids. The firm will focus on personal injury and employment law and can be reached by calling (319) 826-2250 or visiting the firm’s website at [www.annbrownlegal.com](http://www.annbrownlegal.com).

**Vernon P. Squires** has rejoined Bradley & Riley PC as a shareholder practicing in labor/employment, commercial litigation and intellectual property law

**Gregory T. Usher** has joined the law firm of Lynch Dallas, P.C. Mr. Usher received his Bachelor’s degree from the University of Iowa in 2010, and his J.D. from the University of Iowa in 2015. He is a member of the firm’s public sector group. His practice includes municipal law, school law, labor and employment law, family law, insurance defense and general civil litigation.

Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC is pleased to announce that **Chad D. Brakhahn** has become a member of the firm. He practices primarily in business and commercial litigation, construction and design, probate, estate and trust litigation and appellate advocacy. Mr. Brakhahn earned his JD from Harvard Law School in 2011. He received his undergraduate degree in business management and political science from the University of Nebraska, Omaha in 2007. Mr. Brakhahn joined the firm in 2011.

**Abram V. Carls** has joined Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman's litigation practice. Mr. Carls graduated with distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2013. He completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Iowa in civil engineering and business management in 2010. Mr. Carls is admitted to practice before the state courts of Illinois, Iowa, and Minnesota, federal district courts in Illinois and Iowa, and the Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

*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](mailto:webmaster@linncobar.org).*

## **WANT ADS**

**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@annewilsonlaw.com](mailto:awilson@annewilsonlaw.com) or 319.775.0136 (December 2016)

**Stinson Leonard Street LLP** ([www.stinson.com](http://www.stinson.com)), an Am Law 200 firm with offices in 13 cities nationally, is seeking an **attorney** with experience in the areas of corporate law, business transactions, secured lending transactions and/or commercial real estate to join our Mankato, Minnesota office. The preferred candidate is self-motivated and team orientated, with the ability to work in a fast-paced collaborative environment. While this position is based in Mankato, MN, we are seeking an attorney with the ability and interest to partner with our greater Stinson team and serve clients throughout our offices. Qualified candidates will have at least two (2) years of experience in the areas of corporate law, business transactions, secured lending transactions and/or commercial real estate. The successful candidate is a professional who can provide exceptional customer service both to our clients and our internal team. Qualified applicants will possess excellent academic credentials and have strong writing, analytical, organizational, and communication skills. Please send cover letter, resume, unofficial law school transcript, and writing sample by e-mail to: Sharon Ivy, Recruiting & Diversity Manager, Stinson Leonard Street, 1201 Walnut, Suite 2900, Kansas City, MO 64106, [recruiting@stinson.com](mailto:recruiting@stinson.com) (January 2017)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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/](http://www.iowacourts.gov/Court_Rules_Forms/Recent_Amendments_New_Iowa_Court_Rules/)

## **RESTAURANT REVIEW: JAVA CREEK CAFE**

We were on our way home from Prairiewoods and we were looking for an interesting place to have lunch. As we drove easterly on Boysen Road toward "C" Avenue N. E. we turned left into the driveway next to the Casey's store. The first place we saw was called "Java Creek Cafe".

As we entered the cafe we turned to the right and saw this friendly looking young lady standing behind the counter. Above and behind the counter was a large menu board that identified the various items available. Those items included five different soups, paninis, "cafe" sandwiches, salads, wraps, desserts and various drinks including coffee, tea, soda, wine and beer. It appeared that coffee was a specialty.

My wife ordered the Chicken Caesar salad which included diced chicken, Parmesan cheese, romaine blend, croutons and thick creamy Caesar dressing. Then she chose her favorite drink, a cappuccino. For myself, creamy chicken tortilla soup and a "Californian" sandwich that included bacon, turkey, Swiss cheese, alfalfa sprouts, sliced tomatoes, spinach and cucumber dill spread.

Although it was crowded, we found a very comfortable booth and sat down. In less than 4 minutes our food was brought to our table. Very prompt. The food looked good and tasted even better. The salad was crisp and perfect size. The Caesar dressing was thick (always a good sign). The cappuccino was very good (according to my wife). The chicken tortilla soup was the perfect texture (thick), spicy (but not too much) and had all of the right ingredients. I liked the sandwich. The combination of bacon, turkey cheese, sprouts, tomatoes and the dill spread made for terrific taste. And it was very fresh.

Just what I was looking for. And, not to forget, the iced tea was good. The overall picture was very good. The service was outstanding, from the time we ordered until the prompt food delivery, The employees at the "Java Creek Cafe" understand the restaurant "business". We will go back to the "Java Creek Cafe".

Gene the Critic