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NEXT LCBA EVENT: BAR MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 16

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held on **Thursday, March 16**, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. 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. The speaker will be Hon. Chad Kepros, District Court Judge, Sixth Judicial District. Judge Kepros will present on “Lawyering in an EDMS Age”.

Lunch is \$10.00 and will be catered by The Lost Cuban. The menu is Lechon Asado (roasted pork marinated in in house mojo- orange lemon and lime juice with garlic oregano onions) and Mojo Chicken (prepared with our in house mojo- Orange lemon and lime juice with garlic oregano onions). A non-meat option is available: Veggie Vieja (vegan take on our Ropa Vieja. Oregano thyme garlic marinated bell peppers, onions, tomatoes in a tomato broth). The menu will also include black beans, salads, rice, tres leches, rum cake with walnuts, water and tea.

An RSVP request was emailed to LCBA members. RSVPs are due 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 15 and are required only if you plan to attend.

LINN LAW CLUB NEWS

The Linn Law Club sent a team of ten members to the Cedar Rapids Metro YMCA's TrivYa Night fundraiser on February 17. This was the third year in a row that Linn Law Club has participated. Money raised through TrivYa night supports the YMCA's Annual Campaign to provide membership and program assistance for individuals and families who could not afford to participate otherwise.

Follow and Like the Linn Law Club's Facebook page for more information and updates on next month's events!

NEW LINN COUNTY SMALL CLAIMS COURT PROTOCOL

The Linn County District Court has instituted a new protocol for small claims mediations and trials, effective starting Tuesday, March 7, 2017. The intent of the change is to make the process run more smoothly for pro se litigants, who make up the majority of litigants in small claims court.

Under the new protocol, trial dates will no longer be scheduled on the same date as mediation. Mediation will be scheduled first and the parties who don't settle in mediation will be directed to a pretrial conference conducted by a magistrate immediately following the mediation. At the pretrial conference the magistrate will set the trial on a Thursday two weeks out and discuss with the litigants the rules of evidence and procedures which will be followed at the trial. In addition to setting the trial date, the primary purpose of the pretrial conference is to facilitate the conduct of the trial by providing pro se litigants in particular key information about what evidence can be presented at trial and how the litigants should conduct themselves during trial.

Mediations will be set on Tuesdays according to the schedule included at the end of this issue of the Scriptum.

GARY BORN TO DELIVER LECTURE ON INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION AT UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW

The University of Iowa College of Law is pleased to welcome Gary Born, Chair of WilmerHale's International Arbitration Practice Group, to speak on "BITS, BATs, and Buts: Reflections on International Dispute Resolution.", on **Thursday, April 6** at 4 p.m. at Levitt, Auditorium, Boyd Law Building. Born is widely regarded as the world's preeminent authority on international commercial arbitration and international litigation. His lecture is the Spring 2017 James Fraser Smith Lecture. This event is free and open to the public. The lecture owes its name to a donor from Iowa Law's Class of 1950, James Fraser Smith. Mr. Smith has enjoyed a long and successful practice in Charles City and established the lecture to educate Iowa Law students and members of the wider community on issues faced by litigators.

SAVE THE DATE! KIDS FIRST LAW CENTER HAPPY HOUR

Save the date for Happy Hour with Kids First: **Thursday, April 27, 2017** at CSPS Hall from 4:30-7:00pm. Includes appetizers and drinks, and a silent and live auction. More info to come!

MORE SAVE THE DATES! KERNELS GAME & SUMMER OUTING

Save the date for the LCBA day at the Kernels: **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.

Save the date for the LCBA Summer Outing: **Thursday, July 13** at Elmcrest Country Club. More information to come in future editions of *The Scriptum*.

HAMMOND APPOINTED LINN COUNTY MAGISTRATE

On March 2, 2017 the Linn County Magistrate Appointing Commission appointed LCBA member Jonathan Hammond as a Linn County Magistrate to fill the unexpired term of Magistrate Marty Hagge. Magistrate Hammond is a practicing attorney in Linn County. He assumed his magistrate duties on March 7, 2017.

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

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) Noelle Murray, Bertroche Law Office
- 2) Kim Opatz, Linn County Advocate, Inc.

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

Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC is searching for a full-time **corporate/transactional paralegal** for the Cedar Rapids office. This position requires excellent written and oral communication skills as well as strong proficiency with MS Office. We are looking for an individual with careful attention to detail, excellent organizational skills, and the desire to work in a fast-paced environment. Prior experience in large document cases utilizing e-Discovery software is a plus. *Send letter and resume to:* Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC, Attention: Cheyrl Hines, 115 3rd Street SE, Suite 1200, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401 or email to chines@simmonsperine.com.
(March 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@annewilsonlaw.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.

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.linncoabar.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.linncoabar.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.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>

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: LuLu's

I was looking for a challenge. A restaurant that had some bad reviews, poor service and spotty food, and less than favorable recommendations from my friends. It was exactly the challenge I was seeking. Off we went to LuLu's (that is the real name) to find the real truth.

Upon arrival, we found this large building on the waterfront. The building was multicolored and the parking lot and entrance area was very clean. A good sign. As we entered, a young lady was standing at a counter and she took us to an outside table. This

table was near the white sand beach and the water. Again, the table was clean and the interior premises were spotless. Another good sign.

Immediately after we were seated, a young lady came to our table. She had a cordial smile on her face and told us she was our server. She took our drink order and returned quickly with the drinks. We asked her several questions about the food and we received very good responsive answers. Then we gave her our order. My wife ordered a salad named Lucy's Fresh and Fancy Greens. The salad included tomatoes, radishes, cucumbers, carrots, yellow bell peppers, sprouts and roasted pumpkin seeds. She also added grilled chicken to the salad. My order was a little simpler. LuLu's Famous Seafood Gumbo and a small Caesar's salad.

In just a few short minutes the food was served. Another good sign. First, I tasted the seafood gumbo. The gumbo was very good. The ingredients included sausage, shrimp, rice and many different spices. My Caesar's salad was crisp, crunchy and tasty. Exactly as I wanted it. So my food passed the test. Now I had to check out my wife's salad. Without being too obvious, I found that her salad had all the ingredients that were shown on the menu. My wife said the salad was very good. It looked scrumptious. I believed her. Another good sign.

Our waiter was attentive throughout our meal. The food was very good. The facility was clean. The weather was perfect. I like this restaurant. The bad hype never happened. This is a really good place to eat. Again, the name is LuLu's Buffett located at 4607 Legendary Marina Dr., Destin, Florida. We are getting closer to home. This restaurant is only 999 miles from our house.

By the way, does the name of this restaurant sound a little familiar? LuLu is a sister of Jimmy Buffett. Try this place. You will like it.

Gene the Critic