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NEXT LCBA EVENT: BAR MEETING MARCH 22

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held **Thursday, March 22 15, 2018, from 12-1 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art** on Third Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, in the 3rd floor meeting room. The speaker will be the speakers will be Sixth Judicial District Judge Christopher Bruns and Assistant District Court Administrator Kellee Cortez. They will be discussing the impact of multiple continuances and the unintended effects of EDMS.

Lunch is \$10.00 and will be catered by The Fresh Deli. The menu will include spinach pies, hashweh (rice with beef), tabbouli (salad w/ parsley, tomatoes, lemon juice, cracked wheat), baked cauliflower, hummus/pita chips, kalamata olives, baklava, and beverages.

** Lunch is ordered as a courtesy for those who want to have lunch during the meeting. Members are not required to order lunch. There is no charge to attend the meeting if you do not order lunch.**

If you plan to attend, please answer the questions below. **RSVPs are due 2 p.m. March 21.** (No need to answer the questions if you are not attending the meeting.)

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR LCBA DUES?

ARE YOU 100% SURE YOU'VE PAID YOUR LCBA DUES? – This is the second notice in two months regarding the LCBA's large deficit against prior dues revenue. Non-payment by members threatens the Association's ability to continue with quality food, drink, CLE and other programming. It threatens our ability to confidently donate to law-related non-profits next year. Please pay your dues ASAP. If you are unsure whether your dues were paid from the invoices sent last fall please email our President using darin@crlawyers.com and we will quickly check for sure whether you're in the clear for the 2017-2018 year.

LINN LAW CLUB NEWS

Please join the Linn Law Club at its March happy hour on Wednesday, March 28 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Parlor City Pub and Eatery, 1125 3rd St SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401. See you there!

Be on the lookout for more upcoming events and opportunities by joining the Club's email list. To join, please email LinnLawBoard@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES! LCBA KERNELS GAME & SUMMER OUTING

Save the date for the LCBA Kernels game, admission to which is free to all dues-paid LCBA members: **Wednesday, May 30, 2018** 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.

Save the date for the LCBA Summer Outing: **Thursday, July 12** at Elmcrest Country Club. More information to come in future editions of *The Scriptum*.

SAVE THE DATE! KIDS FIRST HAPPY HOUR – APRIL 26

Please save the date to attend Happy Hour for Kids First on Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 4:30 – 7PM at CSPS Hall. Free entry, appetizers, an open bar sponsored by United Fire Group, and fabulous silent/live auction items. Friends and family welcome!

Auction items include: a week for 4 at Cabo San Lucas, a week stay at the Wild Irishman Condo in Keystone, Colorado, dinner at Gary & Susie Streit's home, Boundary Waters complete outfitting package for 4, Cedar Rapids Kernels Diamond Suite for 20, Golf for 4 at Elmcrest, private wine tasting for 20 at BENZ, Outfox Escape Room for 8, wine & spirits, evenings out, massages, art and more!

COLLABORATIVE LAW AND MEDIATION TRAINING

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

- 16-Hour Parenting Coordinator Training – **April 16-17, 2018**
- 14-Hour Collaborative Law Training – **May 16-17, 2018**
- Coaching Emotional Positivity During Mediation – **May 24, 2018**

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

EIGHTH CIRCUIT JUDICIAL CONFERENCE FOR BENCH & BAR AUG 15-17

The Eighth Circuit Judicial Conference for bench and bar will convene at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center in Des Moines, Iowa, on August 15 – 17, 2018. The Conference was last held in Iowa in July 1995. The event offers attorneys the opportunity to learn alongside circuit, district, magistrate, and bankruptcy judges from the Eighth Circuit.

The Conference will include a number of speeches and panel discussions on court-related topics of interest to lawyers who practice in the federal courts. Plenary session topics include: *Competing Approaches to Constitutional Interpretation*, *Prosecution of International War Crimes*, *Department of Justice Priorities*, *Supreme Court Update*, and *Neuroscience and the Law*.

The Conference will feature an appearance by the Honorable Neil M. Gorsuch, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Several other distinguished speakers and panelists are confirmed, including Stephen J. Rapp, former U.S. Ambassador-at-

Large for Global Criminal Justice, Vikram Amar, Dean of the University of Illinois College of Law, and Alan Ellis, past President of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. An ethics and sanctions discussion is scheduled with attorney Gregory P. Joseph, past President of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and Professor Emily Hughes, University of Iowa College of Law.

Two native Iowans will join the conference as luncheon speakers: Internationally renowned opera star Simon Estes will address attendees on Thursday, August 16. Salvatore “Sal” Augustine Giunta, a former U.S. Army soldier and the first living person since the Vietnam War to receive the U.S. military’s highest decoration for valor, the Medal of Honor, will speak on Friday, August 17.

Breakout sessions will provide attendees the opportunity to choose civil, criminal and bankruptcy CLE classes.

The Conference will kick off with a welcome reception at the new Hilton Des Moines Downtown hotel on Wednesday evening, August 15. Thursday night will feature a reception, co-hosted by the Eighth Circuit Bar Association, at Iowa’s spectacular World Food Prize Hall of Laureates. The internationally-acclaimed Iowa State Fair will be underway throughout the conference for those who wish to visit during their free time. Conference registration is expected to open in April at www.yesevents.com/8thcircuitjc.

LCBA 2017-2018 CLE SUMMARY

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

Iowa Activity ID #	Date of Program	Program Description	Iowa Credit Hours	Ethics Hours	Federal Credit Hours
253803	2/16/2017	LaSheila Rice- CR Civil Rights Commission	0.50	0.00	0.00
257369	3/16/17	Judge Kepros - EDMS Challenges and Tips	0.50	0.00	0.00
262149	4/20/17	John Monroe – Mental Health Commitments	0.50	0.00	0.00
265272	6/15/17	Liz Mathis – Legislative Update	0.50	0.00	0.00
266205	7/13/17	Summer Outing CLE	3.25	1.00	1.25
274542	9/21/17	Data Breach, CyberSecurity	0.50	0.00	0.00
271541	10/19/17	Jim Kringlen - 40 Years of Case Law Highlights from Iowa Legal Aid	0.75	0.00	0.00
283829	11/16/17	Jessica Malott - Immigration Law	0.50	0.00	0.50
281438	12/14/17	Last Chance Ethics seminar	2.00	2.00	2.00*
289949	2/15/18	Iowa Supreme Court Case Highlights – Justice Waterman	0.75	0.00	0.00

*This federal credit was approved since the publication of the February Scriptum.

LCBA MEETING CALENDAR

The Linn County Bar Association will be holding regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of October – November, February – April and June.

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).

NEW MEMBERS

The Linn County Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

- 1) Nina Sheller, 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.



Alec J. Modrick has joined the **Lynch Dallas, P.C.** law firm in Cedar Rapids as an Associate Attorney. Mr. Modrick received his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2015. He is a member of the firm’s Tax and Estate Planning, Probate & Trust Administration practice groups. Before joining Lynch Dallas, P.C., he practiced with Prichard Law Office, P.C. in Charles City, Iowa. Mr. Modrick’s practice will focus on transactional law.

The law firm of **Allen, Vernon & Hoskins, PLC** recently moved to 1080 9th Ave., Marion, IA 52302. The telephone and fax numbers and email addresses of firm members Anne E.H. Kruse, Don Hoskins, J.K. Robison and Kara L. Bullerman remain the same.

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

Space for Rent: Ideally configured for a law office. Approximately 2,000 square feet near Lindale Mall between Collins Road and Blairs Ferry Road. Separate outdoor entrance and address. Ample onsite parking. If interested contact Mark Seidl at 377-9770 or mseidl@sccrlaw.com

Stinson Leonard Street LLP (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, business succession planning, 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, the attorney will have the ability to partner with our greater Stinson team and serve clients throughout our offices.

Qualified candidates will have at least three (3) years of experience in the areas of corporate law, business transactions, business succession planning, 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. Applicant must be licensed to practice law in the State of Minnesota.

Please send cover letter, resume, unofficial law school transcript, and writing sample by e-mail to: Anna Lloyd, Attorney Recruiting Manager, Stinson Leonard Street, 1201 Walnut, Suite 2900, Kansas City, MO 64106 recruiting@stinson.com

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 and click on "Court Schedules & Info" at the top. You can also see the judge assignments, local Orders and the court's contact numbers.

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 2017-2018 LCBA membership year were mailed to members in August. If you did not receive your dues notice, please contact the LCBA at linncobar@gmail.com.

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/>

Please note there is a \$25 late charge for dues that were not paid by September 30, 2017.

AMENDMENTS TO IOWA COURT RULES

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

<https://www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/supreme-court/orders/>

RESTAURANT REVIEW: CHROME HORSE SALOON

It has been years since I last drove a motorcycle. But I remember. A hard kick on the “starter” and the motor came to life. A brief turn of the grip on the handlebars provided enough power to start down the gravel road on this super heavy “Indian” bike. The engine roared as I picked up speed and as I looked in the mirror I could see the dust curling up behind me. Whoa!!!! This is a restaurant review. Not a motorcycle ride. But it is somewhat related. Well, kind of.

This month I am reviewing the Chrome Horse Saloon located at 1201 3rd Street SE in Cedar Rapids. As I entered this restaurant the first thing I noticed were four motorcycles, one on the floor and the other three elevated above the patrons. One of those “bikes” was an “Indian”. Very appropriate and very interesting. This restaurant carries a motorcycle theme and that theme is carried over to their crowded menu. For example, some of the items are identified as “Exhaust Pipes”, “Handle Bars”, “Route 66”, “1st Gear”, “Over Drive Chopped Sirloin” and many others.

As soon as we entered we saw a sign that said seat yourself. We did. At a nice tall table with very sturdy chairs. In two minutes a waiter appeared and handed each of us a menu and silverware wrapped in a paper napkin. The waiter immediately took our drink order. I ordered iced tea and my wife ordered hot water with lemon (her favorite). Two minutes later she brought our drinks. We then placed our order. My wife ordered the “Sick Chick” which consisted of a Cajun seasoned grilled chicken breast covered with Cajun sauce, bacon and melted pepper jack cheese with a side of sweet potato fries. I ordered the “Porker” which was a huge fresh cut pork tenderloin served on a grilled brioche bun. Since we were eating so healthy I added a side of french fries. As we were visiting and awaiting the food to be served our waiter delivered a 2nd glass of iced tea (without my asking and without my first glass being emptied). A nice touch.

Thirteen minutes after ordering the food was brought to our table. The presentation was very good. The “Sick Chick” was good. Tasty. The sweet potato fries were very good. If you order this item ask for the bacon to be crisp. That would make for a better “Sick Chick”. The tenderloin was excellent. No gristle. Very large. The french fries were good.

To summarize, I liked the decor, including the motorcycles (particularly the “Indian”). The service was excellent. The presentation was good. The food was very good. I liked it. Just for fun, I timed everything on my wife’s watch (she was not excited about it as I constantly asked her what time it was). I found everything was prompt. And to my surprise, although this is a motorcycle themed restaurant, there was not even one motorcycle in the parking lot.

Gene the Critic

Chrome Horse Saloon is located at 1201 3rd Street SE in Cedar Rapids. www.chromehorsesaloon.com

LCBA GIVING AT WORK

Each year the LCBA uses charitable contributions from its members as well as monies from LCBA regular dues payments to provide funding to local non-profits that provide legal services to individuals in Linn County and make the judicial system in Linn County more accessible to the public. This new column, "LCBA Giving at Work", spotlights some of the work performed by recipient organizations of LCBA funding.

Results are best demonstrated over time. Here is a 5-year lookback at a custody case where Kids First represented two girls:

The parents were in court for the third time. With permission from the parents' attorneys, the Kids First attorney led 20 hours of co-parenting sessions with the two parents where they worked through areas of disagreement and made progress in communicating and co-parenting. These sessions helped the parents settle the case.

The dad wrote to thank Kids First. In the five years since he and his ex resolved the case amicably, they have managed to resolve many other issues together (parenting time, child support, health insurance, etc.) with little conflict and without returning to court. They have learned "the art of compromise and making decisions without emotions." Most importantly, the girls are thriving with good grades and success in sports—and parents who cheer them on together in the bleachers. Their dad said, "When you get some of those folks who are reactive to everything and are struggling out of emotions and fear...please know you are planting great seeds in how to compromise through a divorce and put the KIDS FIRST."

Jenny Schulz, Executive Director, Kids First Law Center