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### NEXT LCBA EVENT: BAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 21

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held on [Thursday, September 21](#), 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. A half-hour CLE will be presented on fraud protection and security for lawyer trust accounts.

Lunch is \$10.00 and will be catered by The Fresh Deli. Menu includes: lasagna (with one 1/2 pan veggie); garlic bread; kalamata olives; caesar salad; mediterranean salad; and beverages. Tiramisu and an alternative dessert option will also be provided.

An RSVP request was emailed to LCBA members. RSVPs were due 2 p.m. on September 20. If you did not RSVP you may still attend the meeting but will only be able to eat lunch if there is food left over after the members who RSVPed have gone through the buffet line.

### **LINN LAW CLUB NEWS**

Thank you to the previous Linn Law Club Board for all their work! The new Board is excited to carry on the goal of connecting young lawyers with peers and mentors, while facilitating community engagement through volunteerism and social activities. Membership in Linn Law Club is aimed for Linn County attorneys under age 40 and/or with fewer than 10 years of experience. Our hope is to plan an activity at least once a month and encourage attorneys to bring others that may be interested!

For the Law Club's first event, please join us for a happy hour to celebrate and welcome new attorneys who passed the Bar exam this month. The event will be at White Star Ale House on Monday, September 25 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. We encourage all to stop by and bring the new members of our professional community. White Star is located in Cedar Rapids at 305 2nd Ave SE. See you there!

Attorneys interested in learning more about Linn Law Club and our events may join our email list. To join, please email [LinnLawBoard@gmail.com](mailto:LinnLawBoard@gmail.com).

### **DUES INVOICES ISSUED**

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](mailto:linncobar@gmail.com).

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.linncobar.org/about/dues/>

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

### **LCBA CHARITABLE FUNDING REQUEST DEADLINE**

Periodically, the Linn County Bar Association Charitable Donations Committee distributes grants to nonprofit organizations. The committee that reviews requests for these funds has the following objectives to determine which organizations will receive funding:

Objectives of LCBA Charitable Donation:

1. To support organizations or entities that provide legal services to individuals in Linn County who would otherwise be under or unrepresented in our judicial system.
2. To support organizations, projects or entities that make the judicial system in Linn County more accessible to the public.
3. To promote the development, recognition, understanding and appreciation of the legal profession in Linn County.

Funding request forms can be found at the [Linn County Bar web site](#) or you can contact Gary Streit at 319-365-9461 or contact him at [gjs@shuttleworthlaw.com](mailto:gjs@shuttleworthlaw.com) for a copy of the funding request form. All applications must be returned no later than **October 7, 2017** via mail to Gary Streit, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C., P.O. Box 2107, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406, or email to [gjs@shuttleworthlaw.com](mailto:gjs@shuttleworthlaw.com).

### **END OF LIFE PLANNING EVENT SPEAKER SERIES**

The MedQuarter Regional Medical District is starting an initiative to promote advance care directives in the Cedar Rapids community. As LCBA lawyers we have a chance to participate and better understand the challenges we have or will face as children, as parents and as practitioners helping our clients prepare proper legal documentation to make clear one's wishes as to their own end of life care. Please plan to attend with colleagues the following free seminars, all to be held from 6:30-8 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 1000 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids:

*Thursday, October 5 • Facing Life:* Dr. BJ Miller is a renowned speaker and advocate for maximizing quality of life and minimizing unnecessary suffering.

*Thursday, November 2 • Medical and Legal Decisions:* Understand what happens if end-of-life decisions must be made and you do not have advance directives. William Galbraith, MD and attorney and award-winning author Jo Kline Cebuhar will share how the law works to ensure your wishes are followed. Afterwards, facilitators will provide individual assistance with documentation of your decisions at an optional table top workshop.

*Thursday, December 7 • Spiritual Perspectives:* Ask questions and participate in conversations about how personal values affect end-of-life planning. A panel of Christian, Humanist, Jewish and Muslim leaders will lead discussion.

For more information, please visit [www.themedquarter.com/speakup](http://www.themedquarter.com/speakup)

### **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
265272	n/a	6/15/17	Liz Mathis – Legislative Update	0.50	0.00	0.00
266205	n/a	7/13/17	Summer Outing CLE	3.25	1.00	0.00

### **LCBA MEETING CALENDAR**

The Linn County Bar Association does not hold a meeting in August. The first meeting of the new LCBA year will be the third Thursday in September, with subsequent regular monthly meetings held October – November, February – April and June. The meeting dates for 2017-2018 will be listed in a future issue of the Scriptum.

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

### **WANT ADS**

**Brady Preston Gronlund PC** is seeking an associate with 2 years or less experience to work primarily in litigation, as well as in other practice areas. Competitive salary and benefits. Please send cover letter, resume, transcript and salary requirement in confidence, to: Ann Gronlund, Brady Preston Gronlund PC, 2735 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 or via email to [AGronlund@BPGLegal.com](mailto:AGronlund@BPGLegal.com). (August 2017)

**Iowa Legal Aid** is seeking a new Executive Director on account of the planned retirement of Dennis Groenenboom (40 years with Iowa Legal Aid, the past 25 as Executive Director). The full job announcement can be seen on Iowa Legal Aid's website at this address:

<http://www.iowalegalaid.org/resource/executive-director/download/85DF18DE-C454-4CCA-B929-6C568EE9C05E.pdf> (August 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.*

### **MEDIATION TRAINING**

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

Crilley Mediation Services will be presenting the seminar *Mediation Training: Self Determination In Mediation: Does It Really Exist?* on September 28, 2017.

For more information and to download Registration Forms for any Crilley Mediation Services trainings visit our website at [www.CrilleyMediation.com](http://www.CrilleyMediation.com), call Christine Crilley at (319) 363-5606 or email [cmm@crilleylaw.com](mailto:cmm@crilleylaw.com).

### **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.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 the court's contact numbers.

The website also has contact information for all LCBA members at [www.linncobar.org/directory/attorneys/index.html](http://www.linncobar.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](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. The first membership year is free. Annual base membership dues for all others is listed on the LCBA's website at: <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: FRESHWRAPS**

Almost every day (not quite) I drive on Mt. Vernon Rd SE in Cedar Rapids. For several months (maybe 2 years or more) I have kept my eye on the restaurant that was located behind the Dairy Queen in the twenty eight hundred block of Mt. Vernon Road. The restaurant that was located in that spot closed about 3 years ago and someone purchased the property. Nothing seemed to be happening. Maybe they gave up. Maybe that was the wrong location for a restaurant. But I was wrong. There is now an open restaurant. I better stop and investigate.

Shortly after noon we turned into their packed parking lot and found a very small space between two large pickups. We carefully exited our car by nudging our way out of the car and slowly sidestepping our way to the back of our car, avoiding as much of the dust and dirt that that was clinging to the pickups (our car was not spotless either). We walked to the front door of the restaurant and entered without a bit of dust or dirt on our clothes. It felt good.

We walked up to the counter and stopped under a large sign that said "ORDER HERE ". As I stared at the menu on the wall, I knew it would take some time to examine the options. But I was wrong. There are only two options. A salad or a wrap, or both. There are eight different salads, including Mediterranean Hummus, Sweet Orchard, Classic Caesar, Chop Chop and Albacore. The contents of the salads included romaine, spinach, arugula, cucumbers, cheese and various other items. I did not choose a salad.

So I examined the wraps. There were nine wraps. The names of those wraps included Club, Veggie, Turkey Garden, Buddha, CBR, Hot Chick, Emperor, Steakhouse and BFML. Giving the selection a short thought, I selected the Club. That wrap contained the following items: ham, turkey, bacon, apple jack cheese, lettuce, tomato, green pepper and mayo. I added ice tea to drink and went off to find a table.

About 4 or 5 minutes later, a plain wrap filled with all of the goodies was delivered to my table. It was large. It was wrapped in sturdy paper. It was cut in half (good thing). It was tasty. It was filling. What else can I say? The name of the restaurant is “FRESHWRAPS“. I ordered a wrap. I ate a wrap.

I need to add. This restaurant was very clean. The service was very good. It is a popular place. The parking lot is often crowded.

Also, this place is unique. There is not one heated (warm) thing on the menu. No soup, no grill, no coffee. Very interesting.

Gene the Critic

*FreshWraps is located at 2835 Mount Vernon Road SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52317. <http://www.eatfreshwraps.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.*

The financial contributions to Iowa Legal Aid from the Linn County Bar Association are used to provide assistance to low-income Linn County residents confronting urgent family law problems involving intimate partner violence. Iowa Legal Aid is contacted frequently by victims of domestic violence wanting legal assistance to secure their own safety, and often that of their children.

Iowa Legal Aid was contacted by one such client, “Gail” (not her real name), late on a Thursday afternoon. She had a final hearing scheduled on her domestic abuse petition early the following Monday. Gail told Iowa Legal Aid that she was disabled and her only income was SSI. She said “Tom,” the father of her 4 children, had physically abused her many times, and recently had choked her to the point of unconsciousness. Gail had endured many instances of severe emotional abuse, too, such as Tom destroying all her clothing and cutting up family photos that were important to her. She had filed a petition for a protective order after deciding that the abuse was not likely to stop if she didn’t do

something more drastic to try to protect herself. Gail contacted Iowa Legal Aid hoping she would not have to attend the final hearing and face her abuser alone.

The following morning, staff attorney Christopher Merkle agreed to represent Gail and immediately reached out to her to prepare for the hearing the following Monday morning. Knowing that Gail would need financial support, Chris prepared a Child Support Guidelines Worksheet in support of a request that child support be included in the protective order, as the Code expressly allows. After the hearing, the Court awarded Gail a protective order with custody of her 4 children, ordered Tom not to have any contact or communication with Gail, and for Tom to pay Gail close to \$600 per month in child support. Gail was thus able to maintain her rent payments and her very modest home and utilities for her 4 children.

Iowa Legal Aid's partnership with the Linn County Bar Association contributes to the professional obligation all attorneys have to provide legal services to those unable to pay. Iowa Legal Aid's family law work also aids the court in family law cases by resolving many cases by agreement when the parties are willing but cannot negotiate directly, given the nature of the problems at hand.

*Jim Kriglen, Managing Attorney, Iowa Legal Aid, Cedar Rapids Regional Office*