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### NEXT LCBA EVENT: BAR MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 20

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held on [Thursday, April 20](#), from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art on Third Avenue SE across from Greene Square Park. Parking is available behind the building on the Second Avenue side. The speaker will be LCBA member John Monroe. He is presenting on mental health commitments.



Lunch is \$10.00 and will be catered by Smokin' Bonz BBQ. The menu is: Beef Brisket, Pulled Pork, HB's Original Potato Salad, Sweet Cole Slaw, Lettuce Salad (Veggie Option), Cookie/Bar.

An RSVP request was emailed to LCBA members.

RSVPs are due 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 19 and are required only if you plan to attend.

### **LINN LAW CLUB NEWS**

The Linn Law Club is putting together a team to compete in the Sag Wagon Volleyball League. If you are interested in joining, please contact Katie Frank by May 1 at [kfrank@spd.state.ia.us](mailto:kfrank@spd.state.ia.us).

The Linn Law Club is hosting an April happy hour at Dublin City. An exact date will be announced via the Linn Law Club email list later this week.

If there are any attorneys who would like to join the Linn Law Club email list, please email [LinnLawBoard@gmail.com](mailto:LinnLawBoard@gmail.com)

### **ACCESS TO JUSTICE FREE 2.5 HOUR CLE – APRIL 21**

On Friday, April 21, 2017, the University of Iowa College of Law is hosting a summit on [Access to Justice in Iowa](#). Lack of access and limits on legal representation in the civil court system are major issues in the legal system. We seek to bring together pre-law students and advisors, law students, lawyers, and judges to learn more about the “justice gap,” engage with each other to explore possible responses, and introduce the work of the Iowa Supreme Court’s new [Access to Justice Commission](#). The session will take place from **noon to 3:00 p.m. on April 21** at Boyd Law Building in Iowa City. We are seeking approval for 2.5 hours of Continuing Legal Education, including 1.0 hour or ethics. This event is free and open to pre-law students and advisors, law students, lawyers, and judges. Lunch will be provided. To register, please complete [this online form](#) by Wednesday, April 19.

### **KIDS FIRST LAW CENTER HAPPY HOUR – APRIL 27**

Come to Happy Hour with Kids First: **Thursday, April 27, 2017** at CSPS Hall (1103 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SE) from **4:30-7:00pm**. Entry is free, complimentary appetizers are available, as well as an open bar courtesy of United Fire Group. A fabulous selection of silent and live auction items gives you the opportunity to support this important cause for kids. To donate or suggest an item for the auction, contact [jenny@kidsfirstiowa.org](mailto:jenny@kidsfirstiowa.org). Everyone is welcome!

### **VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO PRESENT AREA HIGH SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

Do you have a high school student at Prairie or Marion High School? Or are an alumnus or alumna of one of those schools? Or are simply interested in a terrific volunteer opportunity? The LCBA is in need of a **volunteer** to present the Iowa State Bar Association's American Citizenship Award at each of these high schools. The awards are

presented at each school's Senior Recognition ceremony. The awards are sponsored by the Iowa State Bar Association and are presented annually to the students who have best demonstrated a knowledge and understanding of the principles of American citizenship.

All that is required of the volunteer is to attend the ceremony and present the award (a certificate and a medal). At most ceremonies, presenters do not need to stay the duration of the ceremony. The LCBA will even supply sample presentation remarks. This is an easy and much appreciated way to give back! At many high schools this award is considered one of the most prestigious of the awards given. Volunteer openings are listed below. If interested, please contact the LCBA Citizenship Committee Chair Stephanie Hinz at [shinz@pbalawfirm.com](mailto:shinz@pbalawfirm.com)

Marion High School            Wednesday, May 3 at 7 p.m.  
 Prairie High School           Wednesday, May 24 at 7 p.m.

**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 2017 LCBA Summer Outing: **Thursday, July 13**. New this year at our Elmcrest location will be options to play tennis and enjoy their beautiful pool and cabana facilities while others are golfing, biking or kayaking. More details will be included in the evites each LCBA member will receive toward the middle of May.

**LCBA 2017 CLE SUMMARY**

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

<b>Iowa Activity ID #</b>	<b>Federal Activity ID#</b>	<b>Date of Program</b>	<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Iowa Credit Hours</b>	<b>Ethics Hours</b>	<b>Federal Credit Hours</b>
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

## 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) **Jacob W. Nelson**, Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman

## TRANSITIONS

**Robin L. DeCook** has joined the firm of Ackley, Kopecky & Kingery, LLP as an associate attorney. An Iowa native, Robin graduated from the University of Iowa in 2010 and from Drake University Law School in 2013. Robin will be practicing in the areas of real estate, business formation and estate planning.

*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**

**Klinger, Robinson & Ford LLP** is looking for an attorney to become associated with the firm. The ideal candidate will have experience/interest in one or more of the following areas of the law: bankruptcy, civil trial work (including family law), corporate, real estate and probate. For the right candidate, eventual partnership is a strong possibility. The firm seeks a long term association, not someone looking to build a resume only to relocate or change firms. For more information or to forward a resume contact Jeff Taylor at 319-395-7400 or e-mail him at [jtaylor@krflawfirm.com](mailto:jtaylor@krflawfirm.com) (April 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](mailto: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](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: VIA SOFIA'S ITALIAN KITCHEN**

Remember the Zio Johnno's across from Coe College on First Avenue? I am sure that several members of the bar would stop there (including me), and carry out various Italian dishes that were consistently good meals and reasonably priced. Then the restaurant closed and for many months (maybe years) it seemed that the building was being renovated.

The renovation has now been completed and it has been opened as Via Sofia's Italian Kitchen. I decided to check it out. I discovered that this restaurant is the same as the old Zio Johnno's and is different than the old Zio Johnno's. Now you might say how can it be the same and be different at the same time?

This is the reason it is the same. The menu includes spaghetti, mostaccioli, tortellini, stuffed ravioli, fettuccine alfredo, chicken alfredo, baked manicotti, baked lasagna and chicken parmesan. They also have a carry out special that includes a ½ gallon of spaghetti and meat sauce, 16 inch loaf of garlic bread and a ½ gallon of tossed salad. I tried the baked lasagna with the meat sauce. It also included six slices of garlic bread served toasted. It was good. Tasty, plentiful, properly cooked and timely served. And the price was right. Classic Zio Johnno's.

This is the reason it is different. The menu includes breakfast items like cinnamon rolls and various coffee and tea drinks, hot and cold sub sandwiches, several different types of salads and even desserts. My wife had the chicken salad that included black olives, tomatoes, and mozzarella cheese on a bed of fresh crunchy lettuce with ranch dressing on the side. The sliced, white meat, chicken was placed on top of the salad and was plentiful. In my wife's own words, "it was nothing to write the pope about".

See what I mean? It is the same and it is different. Same quality. Same quantity. Same price. Different menu. Different decorating. Cinnamon rolls?

Next week we are going to try breakfast at Sofia's. Our friends tell us we will like it. Maybe it will be more of the same or maybe it will be different.

By the way, the address is 1125 First Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids.

Gene the Critic