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NEXT LCBA EVENT: BAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held on [Thursday, September 19](#), 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. Lunch is \$10.00.

The speaker will be announced at a later date

An RSVP request will be emailed to LCBA members and due 2 p.m. on September 18.

LINN LAW CLUB NEWS

Congratulations to the newly named 2019-2020 Linn Law Club Board! This year's Board members are:

President: Shannon Powers, Lederer Weston Craig, PLC
Vice President: Eric Langston, Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman, PLC
Treasurer: Benjamin Roberson, Lynch Dallas, PC
Secretary: Michael Kaufmann, Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman, PLC

We are excited for the upcoming year and are looking forward to providing young lawyers in Linn County the opportunity to network, be involved in the community, and get to know each other a little better. Be on the lookout for the first Linn Law Club Happy Hour in September. Details coming soon!

To find out more about upcoming Linn Law Club events, please contact linnlawboard@gmail.com.

BENCH-BAR GATHERING AUGUST 28, 2019

An informal bench bar get-together will be held on Wednesday, August 28 starting at 5 p.m. at Whitestar Ale House, 305 2nd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. All courthouse staff and LCBA members are invited!

INITIATION OF PILOT PROBATE MEDIATION PROJECT

Sixth Judicial Court Administrator Carroll Edmondson recently issued the below memo regarding a Pilot Probate Mediation Project that will commence August 1:

The Iowa Supreme Court has approved Linn County and Johnson County as pilot sites for a probate mediation program. The court will begin assigning appropriate probate cases to mediation beginning August 1, 2019. Any currently pending case may also be ordered to mediation if the court deems that the case is appropriate for mediation.

The following is a general outline of the process for assigning cases to probate mediation:

1. The Clerks in Linn and Johnson will review filings in probate cases as they come in, and notify the Johnson Presiding Judge or Linn Administrative Judge if they see a matter that appears to be appropriate for mediation. In addition, Court Administration will identify probate cases where lengthy hearings are requested, or where objections and/or claims are filed, and direct those matters to the

attention of the Linn Administrative Judge or the Johnson Presiding Judge.

2. The Presiding Judge or the Administrative Judge will then decide whether to order the case to mediation based on the following criteria:

Contested guardianships and conservatorships

Any cases set for lengthy hearings/trials

Visitation cases and temporary hearings (in guardianships, especially regarding minors)

Estate cases (when requested by the attorneys)

Objections filed on final reports (use mediation like discovery process)

Contested estate claims

Trusts – anything contested

Will contests

Matters where pro se litigants have waged objections or claims

The Administrative Judge or Presiding Judge will choose a mediator from the list that he/she feels would be a good fit for the particular case from a special probate mediator roster maintained by court administration. The roster denotes whether the mediator is 1) a family law mediator with additional specialized training for handling guardianship/conservatorship mediation or 2) an attorney with probate experience who is also a trained mediator. The latter group of mediators would be chosen for more technical and/or complex probate mediation.

Once mediation is complete, the mediator will be required to file a certificate of compliance. (see attached draft Certificate at <https://www.linncobar.org/initiation-of-probate-mediation-project-in-linn-and-johnson-counties/>). In the event the parties do not attend mediation as ordered, the Presiding Judge would have the *discretion* to issue sanctions, cancel the hearing, or allow the hearing to move forward, depending upon the needs of the case and parties.

MEDIATION TRAINING

For Mediators, Collaborative Professionals, Attorneys, CPAs, Financial Planners, Therapists, Child Advocates, Parenting Coordinators, Human Resources, Social Workers
Crilley Mediation Services will be presenting the following seminars this FALL 2019:

- 40-Hour Family Law Mediator Training – September 16-20, 2019
- 16-Hour Parenting Coordinator Training – September 23-24, 2019
- 14-Hour Collaborative Law Training – October 3-4, 2019

For more information and to download Registration Forms for any of these trainings visit www.CrilleyMediation.com, call Christine Crilley at (319) 363-5606 or email: cmm@crilleylaw.com.

SAVE THE DATE! LAST CHANCE SEMINAR

Save the date for the LCBA Last Chance Ethics Seminar, admission to which is free to all dues-paid LCBA members: **Thursday, December 12, 2019**. More info to come in future issues of the Scriptum.

LCBA 2019 CLE SUMMARY

The following LCBA programs were approved for CLE credit:

Iowa Activity ID #	Date of Program	Program Description	Iowa Credit Hours	Ethics Hours
323337	2/21/19	Feb. Bar Mtg.: ATJ Commissions – Anjela Shutts	.5	0
323357	3/14/19	March Bar Mtg.: St. Luke Hospital’s Child Protection Center – Dr. Regina Butteris	.5	0
324677	4/18/19	April Bar Mtg.: Foundation 2 – Emily Bloome	.5	.5
332257	6/20/19	June Bar Mtg: Legal Issues Facing Veterans -- Hon. Kevin McKeever	.5	0
322444	7/11/19	Summer Outing	3.25	1.75

LCBA MEETING CALENDAR

The Linn County Bar Association holds regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of September-November, February – April and June.

There is no regular monthly meeting during the following months due to other LCBA events scheduled as indicated: January (Bench Bar Event); May (LCBA Day at the Kernels); July (Summer Outing); and December (Last Chance Ethics CLE). There is no monthly meeting in August.

NEW MEMBERS

The Linn County Bar Association welcomes the following new members this month:

Mitch Plimmer, Bradley & Riley
Kelly Kaufman, Linn County Attorney's Office
Lindsay Garner, Linn County Public Defender's Office
Melissa Carrington, U.S. Attorney's Office

TRANSITIONS



Todd W. Anderson joined the Lynch Dallas, P.C. law firm in Cedar Rapids as a Shareholder Attorney in June 2019. Mr. Anderson received his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1988. Mr. Anderson's practice will focus on estate planning, wills, probate and trust administration, business law, real estate, and corporate organizations and transactions. Before joining Lynch Dallas, P.C., he practiced law in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for 31 years.



Daniel M. Morgan has joined the Lynch Dallas, P.C. law firm in Cedar Rapids as an Associate Attorney. Mr. Morgan received his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2017. Mr. Morgan's practice will focus on municipal law, estate planning, wills and trusts and mediation/alternative dispute resolution. Before joining Lynch Dallas, P.C., he practiced in Hiawatha, Iowa.

Ann McCrea has become a partner at Nazette, Marner, Nathanson & Shea, LLP, and **Jeff Beatty** and **Dana A. Judas** recently joined the firm.



Ann's clients include individuals, families, senior citizens and businesses. Ann specializes in estate planning, probate, wills, trusts, guardianships, conservatorships, real estate, and business and corporate law. Ann grew up on a farm in northeast Iowa and graduated of William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. She has Bachelor's degrees from the University of Iowa and Mount Mercy College. Contact Ann at amccrea@nazettelaw.com



Jeff practices in the areas of criminal defense, family and juvenile law, and general civil litigation. Jeff strives to serve his clients from the outset by providing zealous advocacy, discerning analysis, and candid advice. Jeff earned his Bachelor's degree and J.D. (With Distinction) from the University of Iowa. His wonderful wife teaches kindergarten, and he is blessed with two young sons. Contact Jeff at jbeatty@nazettelaw.com



Dana attended the University of Iowa and University of Iowa College of Law. Dana practices primarily family law, including juvenile work, guardianships, adoptions, and mediation services. Practicing in the Corridor has allowed Dana to develop a practice that is both practical and compassionate for her clients. In her free time, Dana enjoys running, traveling, and spending time with her husband and dogs. Contact Dana at djudas@nazettelaw.com

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

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

University of Iowa College of Law is accepting applications for adjunct lecturers to teach in the Field Placement Program. Interested in mentoring law students? Passionate about teaching and conveying practical skills to the next generation? The Field Placement Program is seeking adjunct lecturers to mentor, supervise, and teach second and third year law students earning academic credit while completing an externship in government and nonprofit settings. The job listing is available online here: <https://jobs.uiowa.edu/content/temp/view.php?job=117766>. For more information, contact the Director of Field Placement Programs, June Tai, june-tai@uiowa.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 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 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. 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.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>

Dues notices for the 2019-2020 LCBA membership year will be sent out soon.

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.linncobar.org/about/dues/>

Please note there is a \$25 late charge for dues that are not paid by September 30, 2019.

RESTAURANT REVIEW: THE MAP ROOM

For those of you who may not be familiar with The Map Room, it is the tiny, roughly 1,000 square foot, rectangular bar and restaurant that sits immediately west of the Geneva Tower on Third Street SE in downtown Cedar Rapids. It was previously operated under the name "Stella's" and before that operated for a much longer time as "O'Maggie's Pub." The Map Room has a cozy pub feel with seating for probably about 35 people, along the bar and in booths.

The Map Room is unique in that the menu essentially focuses on the ingredients that are available to be put onto something (protein, cheese, fruit/veg, and sauces) and then allows those combinations to be put on fries, naan, a burger, or bread for a sandwich. While one can create many of their own options under those items, the menu also provides a number of pre-set choices using the names of cities to capture the food one would expect to associate with that city's cuisine. The Memphis burger, for example, is a beef patty topped with pulled pork, American cheese, pickles, French's fried onions, and Memphis-style barbeque sauce.

I visited for lunch with two friends and found the server to be prompt and courteous. One of us had a burger and fries, I had a burger and salad, and the third had just a salad. I went with the Saigon burger, which was a beef burger topped with ham, mortadella, cucumber, cilantro, pickled jalapeno, carrot and radish, and mayonnaise. I envisioned its flavor would be something like a Vietnamese style banh mi but in the form of a burger.

The hamburger patty was a solid portion, well cooked and seasoned, with a fresh bun. The toppings were a bit disappointing in that they were neither plentiful enough nor flavorful enough to lend the burger any kind of an Asian flare. The burger was essentially a good hamburger with a little bit of mayonnaise and a few vegetables on it as a garnish. Standing on its own, it was a fine burger, it just didn't meet the menu description.

My salad dressing was a black pepper - parmesan ranch that was excellent and unique. I was also able to sample the fries which were exactly what one would hope fries would be, hot, crispy, thinly cut, well salted and plentiful. The prices on the burgers range between \$10 - \$12, which I consider to be appropriate with the overall quality of the meal. We had no trouble being promptly served and getting our food for a week-day lunch.

Overall, I thought the food was very well prepared and presented, with the one minor negative of not meeting the menu description as described above. I would recommend you check out The Map Room.

Matt

The Map Room is located at 416 3rd St. SE, Cedar Rapids, IA.

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.

On July 27, 2019, Iowa Legal Aid and the Linn County Board of Supervisors hosted an Expungement and Employment Barriers Clinic at the Linn County Community Services Building. Attorneys and support staff from the Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman law firm provided invaluable assistance in organizing, promoting, and conducting this clinic.

The goal of the clinic was to help Linn County residents expunge eligible criminal charges from their record, removing potential barriers from employment and housing. Attendees also received legal assistance establishing payment plans with the Linn County sheriff in order to obtain their drivers' licenses. Various community agencies, including Iowa Works, staffed resource tables to provide further assistance and information.

There were 150 participants who pre-registered to attend the clinic. 129 people (plus 2 walk ins) were served at the clinic (an 87% attendance rate). Nine of those who missed the clinic have recontacted Iowa Legal Aid so the clinic will ultimately serve 140 people. There will be approximately 220 expungement motions filed on behalf of the clinic

attendees. 25 of these attendees were also able to establish payment plans with the Linn County Sheriff and are on the path to obtaining their driving privileges back.

There were 18 attorneys who volunteered their time at this clinic and 5 Iowa Legal Aid attorneys. As stated above, attorneys and support staff from Simmons Perine Moyer Bergman provided tremendous assistance before, during, and after the clinic.

Linn County Supervisor Stacey Walker is a strong supporter of this clinic. Iowa Legal Aid and Linn County have scheduled the next Expungement and Employment Barriers Clinic for February 8, 2020. Details will be coming as we get closer to the clinic. I encourage any Linn County attorney to apply to volunteer. Training, form documents, and food will be provided to volunteer attorneys. Expungement can make a profound difference in the lives of some of our community members.

Lisa Gavin
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Iowa Legal Aid