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**NEXT LCBA EVENT:  
BAR MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2019**

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held on [Thursday, October 17](#), 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.

This month's speaker is Sixth Judicial District Judge Fae Hoover. She will be speaking on mindfulness.

Lunch will be catered by Fresh Deli - menu items include: Meat Lasagna, Veggie Lasagna, Garlic Knots, Caesar Salad, Garden Salad, Fruit Salad, Cheesecake, Chocolate Cake 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 respond to the RSVP request that was emailed to members. RSVPs are due by 2 p.m. on October 16. (No need to answer the questions if you are not attending the meeting.)

### **LINN LAW CLUB NEWS**

The Law Club will be hosting a Happy Hour on **October 24, 2019** starting at 5 pm at White Star Ale House, 305 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids.

Also, the Linn Law Club will begin soliciting donations for its annual Holiday Gift Drive soon. Last year the Law Club raised \$13,281 for families in need in our community. The Law Club hopes to exceed that amount this year.

Law Club is a group aimed at helping Linn County attorneys get to know one another and learn more about the practice of law from local members of the judiciary and more experienced members of the Bar. The Linn Law Club is open to all attorneys 35 and under or who have been practicing less than 10 years.

To find out more about upcoming Linn Law Club events, please contact [linnlawboard@gmail.com](mailto:linnlawboard@gmail.com).

### **LCBA DUES INVOICING**

Invoices for 2019-2020 LCBA dues were sent out electronically on or around **October 1** via Square. If you have not received your invoice, please contact us at [linncobar@gmail.com](mailto:linncobar@gmail.com). It may also be a good idea to check your spam folder for the email. Automatic dues reminders will be sent out by Square 30, 45, 60, and 90 days after October 1st for those who have not yet paid.

*Note about invoices for attorneys at large firms:* The LCBA has chosen to use the Square platform to send invoices and accept payments of dues. This program allows the LCBA to retain more accurate accounting records and provides ease of access for members. Prior to the adoption of Square, invoices for multiple attorneys at larger firms were combined into one invoice for the law firm. Due to the programming of Square, this is not currently an option. As a result, the LCBA had to send out invoices individually to each member of the bar association. The billing department contacts at large firms were copied on the individual invoices. Firms that wish to pay dues for their attorneys may do so in a single payment by check to the Linn County Bar Association. However, the firm will need to clearly identify which attorneys are covered by that payment.

*Note about Charitable Contribution Requests:* Charitable contribution requests were not included in invoices this year. However, the LCBA welcomes and encourages charitable contributions of any amount. If you would like to make a charitable contribution, please send a check to the Linn County Bar Association at P.O. Box 74127, Cedar Rapids, IA 52407. Please clearly indicate on the check that it is a charitable contribution. In the future we hope to offer an electronic option for payment of charitable contributions.

### **FRIENDS OF LINN COUNTY FAMILY TREATMENT DONATIONS SOUGHT**

Friends of the Linn County Family Treatment Court is seeking donations of bags of candy for its Trunk or Treat activity to be held in late October. This activity provides parents an opportunity to take their kids trunk or treating, when they may not be able to spend Halloween with them because they are placed out of the family home. Donations may be delivered to Sheryl at the Juvenile Court Office, 211 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids or Kelly Kaufman at the Linn County Attorney's Office at the Juvenile Court Office.

Please contact attorney Ellen Ramsey-Kacena at [kacenalaw@yahoo.com](mailto:kacenalaw@yahoo.com) or 319-393-4683 with any questions.

### **FREE ETHICS CLE AT UNIVERSITY OF IOWA LAW SCHOOL OCT. 18**

The University of Iowa College of Law is hosting a free two hour ethics CLE on Friday, October, 18 from 3–5 pm at the Boyd Law Building. The presenters are Prof. John Allen (“Lawyers Telling Stories: Ethical Considerations”) and LCBA Past-President Amy Reasner (“Be conscious – about your Unconscious Bias”).

Registration for the CLE is required. The brochure and registration link is available on the College of Law website at: <https://law.uiowa.edu/alumni/continuing-legal-education-cle>.

### **JUDGES SOUGHT FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TOURNEY NOV. 2**

Judges are needed for this year's Middle School Regional Mock Trial Competition on **Saturday, November 2** at the Linn County Courthouse. (NOTE: The University of Iowa football team has a bye that weekend!) Volunteers are needed for approximately 56 attorney judge slots. No experience is necessary. There will be four rounds: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Attorney volunteers are requested to arrive 30 minutes prior to the start time of their judging round and each round will be completed in less than two hours. You can sign up to judge more than one round. Beverages and snacks will be provided for the attorney volunteers.

This year's case competition information can be viewed here: <http://www.iowabar.org/?MSMockTrial> More detailed information will be provided to judges before the event.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact Jenni Semelroth at [jsemelroth@hotmail.com](mailto:jsemelroth@hotmail.com) or [319-329-5536](tel:319-329-5536).

### **JUDGES NEEDED FOR UNIVERSITY OF IOWA MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT + GET FREE CLE NOV. 2-3**

On November 2-3, 2019, the University of Iowa Mock Trial Program is hosting an intercollegiate mock trial tournament: the 19th Annual Cornshucker Challenge. The tournament is looking for attorneys to volunteer as judges -- no prior experience is necessary and no trial experience is necessary to serve as a judge. The tournament will consist of four rounds (Saturday and Sunday round at both 8:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.) with each round lasting no more than three hours. Individuals can sign up for as few or as many rounds as they'd like to judge.

In an effort to give back to those who volunteer, any individual who judges a round will also be given the option to participate in a free 1 hour ethics CLE over lunch (also provided) on either day. The CLE will be different each day, so an individual could potentially earn 2 hours of ethics CLE credits if they so choose. Additionally, individuals who sign up to judge are eligible for other perks, including a \$50 gift card redeemable at dozens of Iowa City businesses (one per tournament), bottles of wine (1 awarded per round; anyone who judges all four rounds will also receive a complimentary bottle), and all judges may attend lunch with the CLE, as previously mentioned.

Individuals interested in judging and/or the CLE are encouraged to contact faculty head coach, Ryan Seelau, at [ryan-seelau@uiowa.edu](mailto:ryan-seelau@uiowa.edu) or via phone or text at 319-432-4809.

### **UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW SEEKS APPELLATE ADVOCACY COMPETITION JUDGES**

The University of Iowa College of Law Moot Court Program seeks appellate advocacy competition judges. If you have judged in the past, then you are familiar with the judge's role as member of a mock judge panel and a brief grader. For many law students,

appellate advocacy is the highlight of their school career. Students compete throughout the year to represent Iowa Law in national and international moot court competitions during the following year, continuing Iowa's legacy of success. This year the Moot Court Program Board has made it easier than ever for judges to participate. Please follow this link to learn more about fall competition needs and complete a short survey indicating your interest in assisting the program:

[https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bEGVKBScANN2jrv](https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bEGVKBScANN2jrv)

Please contact Mary Grace Warren, Executive Director, Iowa Law Moot Court Program, at [marygrace-warren@uiowa.edu](mailto:marygrace-warren@uiowa.edu) with any questions.

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

Save the date for the following LCBA events, admission to which is free to all dues-paid LCBA members:

- November bar meeting, **Thursday, November 21, 2019** from 12-1 pm at Cedar Rapids Musuem of Art, Speaker Hon. Christopher McDonald, Iowa Supreme Court (Lunch is \$10)
- LCBA Last Chance Ethics Seminar, **Thursday, December 12, 2019**, at Ideal Social Club, 213 16th Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. Doors open 3:30 pm, seminar starts at 4 pm. Speakers include University of Iowa Law School Professor Emily Hughes with a disciplinary case law update and a panel led by Sixth Judicial District Judge Christopher Bruns on the ethical obligations for lawyers covering court cases/hearings while off work and how far is too far on zealous advocacy.
- Bench/Bar Event, **Thursday, January 23, 2020** (time and location TBA)

More info to come in future issues of the Scriptum.

### **IOWA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION WEBINAR CLE NOV. 14**

The Iowa Paralegal Association is offering a Webinar CLE to Paralegals on 11/14/19 from 12-1 pm. Attorney Rob Poggenklass of Iowa Legal Aid will speak on Expungement & Employment Barrier Clinics with learning objectives: Reducing barriers to self-sufficiency caused by criminal justice involvement; Expungement; and Juvenile Sealing (and much more!). Online registration only at [www.iowaparalegal.org](http://www.iowaparalegal.org)

## **LCBA 2019 CLE SUMMARY**

The following LCBA programs have been approved for CLE credit:

<b>Iowa Activity ID #</b>	<b>Date of Program</b>	<b>Program Description</b>	<b>Iowa Credit Hours</b>	<b>Ethics Hours</b>
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
335628	9/19/19	September Bar Mtg: State Legislative Update – Sen. Rob Hogg	.5	0

## **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:

Hayleigh Boardman, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll PLC  
Austin G. Collins, Klinger, Robinson & Ford, LLP  
Laura Lemos, Arenson Law Group PC  
Laura Moon, Elderkin & Pirnie PLC  
Justin Riem, Arenson Law Group PC  
Noah Schmall, Lynch Dallas PC  
W. Grant Stoddard, Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman, PLC

## TRANSITIONS

Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC is pleased to welcome associate attorney **W. Grant Stoddard** to the firm's business and transactions group and attorney **Stephen B. Larson**.



Mr. Stoddard earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2018. He then served as a judicial clerk for the Honorable Michael J. Melloy of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Prior to attending law school, Mr. Stoddard attended Brigham Young University where he earned a BA in History Teaching. Mr. Stoddard spent the next four years teaching history and government classes at American Preparatory Academy, in West Valley City, Utah. Before seeking his formal education, Mr. Stoddard served a two-year proselytizing and service mission for the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Ukraine. He volunteers on a regular basis for that church and is currently serving as an advisor to a boys youth group.



Mr. Larson earned his Juris Doctor from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law. Prior to law school, he earned a BA in Philosophy & Religion and History from Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI and an MA in Theological Studies from Covenant Theological Seminary, St. Louis, MO. Mr. Larson resided in Cheonan, South Korea for eight years where he worked as a lecturer in the Department of General English at Korea Nazarene University and also served as a church finance officer.

*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

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)

**Cordell and Cordell**, a national domestic litigation firm with over 100 offices across 36 states, is currently seeking an experienced **Litigation Family Law Attorney** to launch a new office in Cedar Rapids, IA. The candidate must be licensed to practice law in the state of Iowa, have a minimum of 3-5 years of litigation experience with 1st chair family law experience. Firm offers a great working environment, multiple professional development tracks and significant signing bonus. This is a wonderful opportunity to be part of a large, client and employee-centered firm. To be considered for this opportunity please submit cover letter and resume to Recruiter Larry Nelson at [lnelson@cordelllaw.com](mailto:lnelson@cordelllaw.com) or apply directly on our careers page: <https://cordellcordell.com/careers/current-openings/>.

**Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque** is expanding its Immigration Legal Services program and is seeking to recruit an **Immigration Attorney and Legal Assistant**. For more information, please visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/employment>

#### **LEGAL ASSISTANT**

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque is seeking a Legal Assistant for our Cedar Rapids office to support the Immigration Legal Services program by scheduling appointments, maintaining client files, research and case preparation, coordinating immigration legal clinics, and interpreting or translating documents. Should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience. Bilingual in Spanish is required. Benefits: Competitive pay and benefits, especially paid time off program included. Email resume and cover letter to Human Resources at [dbqchr@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqchr@dbqarch.org)

#### **IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY**

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque is looking to expand our ability to provide quality, affordable legal services to more immigrants and their families in the Archdiocese of Dubuque (30 northeast counties in Iowa). This position offers flexible office locations options - we have offices in Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Dubuque, Ames, Decorah, and Mason City, Iowa, and the following benefits:

- paid Iowa BAR membership fees,
- paid American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) membership,
- paid professional liability insurance and
- assistance with CLE's.
- Premium pay for bilingual attorneys.

This position offers a competitive salary and benefits, especially paid time off program included. Email resume and cover letter to Human Resources at [dbqchr@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqchr@dbqarch.org)

*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*



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### **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/> 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 were sent out recently. If you did not receive yours, please contact the LCBA dues department at [linncobar@gmail.com](mailto: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.linncobar.org/about/dues/>

## RESTAURANT REVIEW: Loosies

Loosies is located on 32<sup>nd</sup> Street NE, directly across 32<sup>nd</sup> Street from Hy-Vee. It has been open for about six months. It's located in an old house that has been renovated with exterior pine siding that gives it almost a cabin look. On the inside, it is a tiny place reminiscent of a rail car diner. It has seating for 12 people on the inside and a picnic table outside that can seat 6.



The name Loosies is a play on the main subject of its menu, which is loose-meat sandwiches. For those not familiar with the loose-meat sandwich, a Maid-Rite would be a common example of that type of sandwich. As a tiny place should, Loosies focuses on just a few things including the loose-meat sandwich, a hot dog, or an egg and cheese sandwich. You have condiment selections of ketchup, mustard, pickles, onions, and cheese sauce. While not listed on the menu, they do have jalapenos on the top shelf if you ask nicely for them. While also not on the menu, they will add a fried egg on top of your Loosie. They also have homemade pasta salad, potato salad, as well as cottage cheese and chips. Loosies does make room on its menu for various Kathy's pies, and malts/shakes or floats. Everything is assembled right in front of you by the owner, and the loose-meat sandwiches are excellent.

It is mainly just a fun place to eat in a small but lively atmosphere, with remarkably friendly staff. I have noticed at lunch, given the small size of the place, that many people walk in, place their order and carry the food out. I have, however, been able to find a seat somewhere, when I have gone even at the noon hour. The sign in the window posts that their hours are 11 – 7:30 every day. If you want to try a place with a small but tasty menu, and a unique atmosphere, with a friendly owner and staff, give Loosies a try.

Matt

*Loosies is located at 1611 32<sup>nd</sup> St. NE, Cedar Rapids. <https://loosies.business.site/>*