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## NEXT LCBA EVENT: FEBRUARY BAR MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held on Thursday, February 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. This month's speakers will include Iowa State Bar Association Executive Director Dwight Dinkla, President Bill Boyd, President-Elect Jerry Schnurr and Vice-President Anjie Shutts. They will provide an overview and update on ISBA developments, along with a report on the legislative session.

## LINN LAW CLUB NEWS

Please join the Linn Law Club for a Happy Hour at 5 pm on **Wednesday, March 4, 2020** at Grin N Goose, 227 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401. We look forward to seeing you there!

*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 age 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).*

### **CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT**

The LCBA Board of Governors, approved the distribution of voluntary contributions on hand as of the February 4, 2020 LCBA BOG meeting in the total amount of \$3,576.68. This results in the apportionment of \$2,615.63 to Iowa Legal Aid; \$835.87 to Kids First and \$125.18 to Justice for Our Neighbors.

Anyone wishing to join in supporting the LCBA's Charitable efforts is invited to access the General Charitable Contributions link through the secure Linn County Bar Association website at <https://squareup.com/store/linncobar>

### **SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2020**

The Sixth Judicial District Judge Assignments for 2020 have been released. They are posted on the LCBA website at <https://www.linncobar.org/wp-content/uploads/DJassign2020.pdf>

### **BENCH BAR GALA RECAP**

Kudos to President-elect Megan Merritt for the outstanding January Bench Bar Event held at the Eastbank Venue on January 16, 2020!



*John Ehrhart*



*Bob Rush*

Attendees were treated to a special video presentation produced by Rob Merritt including introductions and interviews of 50-year honorees **John Ehrhart**, **Bob Rush**, and **Don Hoskins**, as well as a segment honoring the late **Jim Shipman**. The videos

can be viewed on the LCBA website at <https://www.linncobar.org/50-year-members-of-the-lcba/>



Pictured on left: 50-year honoree Don Hoskins with wife Janet; Jim Shipman.



**Hon. Amanda Potterfield** of the Iowa Court of Appeals and formerly District Judge for the Sixth Judicial District was recognized and honored as a retiring judge.



Special Congratulations to **Stephanie Hinz** of Pickens, Barnes, and Abernathy, who was honored by Matt Preston with the 8<sup>th</sup> annual LCBA Citizenship Award. This award is granted to a member of the LCBA in recognition of their meaningful contributions to the community. Stephanie’s contributions to both the LCBA and the community are too numerous to list. We cannot thank her enough for generously giving her time and expertise throughout the years.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

Save the date for the following LCBA events:

- LCBA day at the Cedar Rapids Kernels, **Wednesday, May 20, 2020**, 12:15 p.m. game between the Kernels and the Burlington Bees
- Summer Outing, **Thursday, July 9, 2020**. Plans are underway for a Breakfast/CLE at the Ideal Social Hall with 3.25 CLE hours. Social activities for

the day will once again include golf, pontoon boating and a bike ride with dinner at the Ideal Social Hall. Watch for details and upcoming announcements.

### **SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATION UPDATES**

The District Court Administrator’s Office for the Sixth Judicial District has released an updated phone and extension list, as well as list of personnel and assigned roles and responsibilities. These lists can be viewed on the LCBA website at: <https://www.linncobar.org/sixth-judicial-district-court-administration-releases-updated-phone-list-personnel-list/>

### **JUDGES SOUGHT FOR CORNELL COLLEGE MOCK TRIAL TOURNAMENT**

Cornell College Mock Trial is looking for judges for its Opening Round Championship Series Tournament. Cornell is one of only nine schools chosen to host one of these prestigious tournaments. The top teams from this tournament will advance to the National Championship Tournament. Cornell seeks volunteer judges for the following rounds, with rounds 1 and 4 particularly needed:

- Round 1: Friday, March 6 at 6:00pm
- Round 2: Saturday, March 7 at 9:00 am
- Round 3: Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 pm
- Round 4: Sunday, March 8 at 9:00 am

All rounds will take place at the Kirkwood Hotel and Convention Center and volunteer judges will be provided with complimentary snacks, beverages, and meals. A judges orientation will take place before each round. Each round will take approximately 2.5 – 3 hours. You do not need to read any materials or prepare to judge in any way, just come as you are on the day of the competition! For further information or to volunteer, please contact Mimi Vukelich, Cornell College Mock Trial Assistant Coach at [mocktrial@cornellcollege.edu](mailto:mocktrial@cornellcollege.edu)

### **LCBA 2019 CLE SUMMARY**

The following LCBA programs are 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
336979	10/17/19	October Bar Mtg: Hon. Fae Hoover on Mindfulness	.5	.5
338035	11/14/19	Upcoming Changes to Iowa's Guardianship and Conservatorship Laws (jointly sponsored by LCBA and Law Club)	2.0	0
339091	11/21/19	November Bar Mtg. Hon. Christopher McDonald on Supreme Court updates	.5	0
340424	12/14/2019	Last Chance for Ethics seminar	2.0	2.0

### **LCBA MEETING CALENDAR**

The Linn County Bar Association holds regular monthly meetings from 12-1 pm the third Thursday of September-November, February – April and June at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art. Exceptions are noted below. The meetings for the remainder of the 2019-2020 LCBA year are:

- Thursday, March 12, 2020 (*note this is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in order to avoid Spring Break conflicts for members*)
- Thursday, April 16, 2020
- Wednesday, May 20, 2020 (*see information elsewhere in Scriptum re Kernels outing*)
- Thursday, June 18, 2020

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:

*No new members.*

## TRANSITIONS



Lynch Dallas, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Holly A. Corkery** has become a shareholder in the firm as of January 1, 2020. Ms. Corkery received her bachelor's degree from Coe College in 2009 and graduated from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2012, following which she began practicing with Lynch Dallas, P.C. Ms. Corkery regularly practices in the areas of employment and labor law and general litigation defense for both public and private sector clients. In addition, Ms. Corkery routinely assists public and private employers with internal investigations involving civil rights and employee misconduct allegations.



Lynch Dallas, P.C. is proud to announce its 2020 Executive Board (*L-R*): **Amy Reasner**, President, **Corinne Butkowski**, Vice President/Secretary and **Kyle Sounhein**, Treasurer.

*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).*

## CONDOLENCES

None.

*For more information on the any individual member's passing, members should check their email for LCBA notifications that were sent.*

## **WANT ADS**

**Lynch Dallas, P.C.**, a well-established Cedar Rapids, Iowa, law firm seeks an associate attorney to practice in general civil litigation, public sector law, and insurance defense including workers' compensation. Ideal candidate must have a strong work ethic and excellent analytical, interpersonal, writing and research skills. Experience is a plus but will train the right candidate. Competitive salary and benefits. Please send cover letter, resume and copy of law school transcript to Heather Golden, Lynch Dallas, P.C., P.O. Box 2457, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-2457 or [hgolden@lynchdallas.com](mailto:hgolden@lynchdallas.com).

**Mental Health/Disability Services of the East Central Region** is offering a Request for Proposals (RFP) for legal services. The East Central Region is a 28E-organized governmental service that provides policy, planning, services, and supports to people with disabilities in a nine-county region in Eastern Iowa. Legal services primarily include advice and consultation on contractual considerations between the Region and MH/DS providers in the area, and occasionally consultation regarding individual client issues. ECR welcomes your consideration and submission of a proposal no later than March 12, 2020. Instructions are included in the RFP; however, if there are additional questions, please direct them to Mae Hingtgen, CEO of the East Central Region at [mae.hingtgen@dubuquecounty.us](mailto:mae.hingtgen@dubuquecounty.us) or at (563) 239-0013. Click here for the Request for Proposal: <https://www.linncoabar.org/wp-content/uploads/MHDS-of-the-ECR-RFP-for-Legal-Services-Winter-2020.pdf>

**Student Legal Services**, part of the **Division of Student Life at the University of Iowa**, seeks an Assistant Attorney to assist the supervising attorney and director in providing legal services to University of Iowa students. The Assistant Attorney will also guide law students in their clinical work and ensure obligations to the judicial process. The primary focus of this position will be on immigration and tenant-landlord issues with other cases as needed. This position will also assist with the development and presentation of outreach programming to educate University students in areas such as landlord-tenant law, criminal law, and other areas of law. Student Legal Services has been providing confidential, high-quality, free advice and affordable legal representation for University of Iowa students for more than 45 years. To learn more, please visit: <http://legal.studentlife.uiowa.edu> Qualifications include a Juris Doctor degree awarded by a credited law school, admittance to practice law in the State of Iowa and in good standing with the Iowa Supreme Court or the ability to be admitted to practice law in the State of Iowa on motion or by transfer of UBE score; and typically one to three years of experience in the practice of civil and criminal law. All applicants must apply online via the University of Iowa jobs website in order to be considered. (<http://www.jobs.uiowa.edu>). Search for requisition #20001425. For questions, please contact Melanie Bell at [melanie-bell@uiowa.edu](mailto:melanie-bell@uiowa.edu) or (319) 335-6122.

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

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque is looking to expand its 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)

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.

### **MEDIATOR TRAINING**

Crilley Mediation Services will be presenting an ACR approved 40-hour Family Law Mediator Training (for Roster): **March 26-30, 2020** (Thursday-Monday over-the-weekend).

Please visit [www.CrilleyMediation.com](http://www.CrilleyMediation.com) for more information and to download the Registration Form for these trainings. If you have any questions, please call Christine Crilley at (319) 363-5606 or email her at [cmm@crilleylaw.com](mailto:cmm@crilleylaw.com).



## **CORRECTIONS**

The January issue of The Scriptum incorrectly identified one of the presenters at the LCBA's Last Chance for Ethics Seminar. Daniel Morgan of Lynch Dallas presented at the CLE, not Ben Robertson.

## **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](http://www.linncoabar.org) and they will be posted on the home page each day, generally between 3:30-4 pm. 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](http://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](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.linncoabar.org/about/dues/> The membership application is at this link: <https://www.linncoabar.org/wp-content/uploads/LCBA-New-Member-Application.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.linncoabar.org/about/dues/>

## **RESTAURANT REVIEW: The Blind Pig**

**The Blind Pig** is just north of the intersection of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street and Center Point Road NE. It is roughly kitty-corner across Center Point Road from the New Pi Coop. The restaurant that is currently The Blind Pig, has been several incarnations, but has been The

Blind Pig for the last several years. It has a sports bar atmosphere but with genuinely outstanding and carefully prepared food. Because the food is good, the restaurant can be very busy at lunchtime.

On my most recent outing, I had their special of the day which was a grilled chicken breast sandwich. The chicken had been marinated in balsamic vinegar and appeared to be about an 8-ounce breast that was well-grilled and remained juicy. Rather than the typical bun, it was served on grilled rosemary focaccia that was a perfect crispy counterpoint to the juicy chicken. The chicken was topped with tomatoes, onions, dark mixed greens and avocado with an aioli dressing. The sandwich was delicious and substantial.



Sandwiches are served with options of side dishes including French fries and chips, but also a couple of healthier options of cottage cheese or homemade coleslaw. I went with the cottage cheese which had green onions, chives and dill mixed into it which gave it a remarkable fresh flavor.

Their specialty sandwiches are unsurprisingly hamburgers and, as with the chicken sandwich, they are substantial and juicy. Their sandwiches always come with grilled buns which is a sign of a restaurant that pays attention to detail and takes the time to do things right. Their best-known appetizer is a large, warm pretzel that is enormous and comes with an interesting display, suspended from a hook above the dipping cheese sauce. I have also had their grilled chicken pesto and California chicken sandwich which are similar to the one I described at the beginning of this article but with slightly different toppings and served on a different bun.

On my most recent visit, the waitress was very friendly and prompt, as I have typically found there. I suggest you try The Blind Pig and that you go a little early and extra hungry. The Blind Pig is located at 3325 Center Point Road NE, Cedar Rapids, and is open daily 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Matt

## **LCBA GIVING AT WORK: Iowa Legal Aid**

*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. This month's spotlight is on LCBA funding recipient Iowa Legal Aid.*

Iowa Legal Aid experienced many transitions during 2019. We said goodbye to Alisa Diehl as she moved to New Mexico, Katie Haganman as she moved to Indiana, and Emma Shimanovsky as she transferred to the Iowa City regional office of Iowa Legal Aid.

We have hired the following new staff:

In April 2019, Iowa Legal Aid hired Paul Berchenbriter. Paul is a 2013 graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law. Paul primarily works in the area of family law and domestic violence. He works under our Violence Against Woman Act grant. He also operates our pro se divorce clinic.

In May 2019, Iowa Legal Aid hired Ari Eddy. Ari is a 2016 graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law. Ari works under our Parent Representation Project. She represents parents in Children in Need of Assistance cases in Juvenile Court. She also assists clients referred by DHS with legal issues that will help to either avoid a CINA case from being filed or to allow a CINA case to be closed. Ari is also interested in education law and the legal problems affecting youth in our community.

In August 2019, Iowa Legal Aid hired Morgan Wilson. Morgan is a 2019 graduate of Creighton University College of Law. Morgan works under our Parent Representation Project. She represents parents in Children in Need of Assistance cases in Juvenile Court. She also assists clients referred by DHS with legal issues that will help to either avoid a CINA case from being filed or to allow a CINA case to be closed. Morgan also represents clients through our Health Law Partnership and conducts weekly intake at Eastern Iowa Health Center and referrals from Mercy Hospital social workers. The goal of the Health Law Partnership is to improve health care outcomes for patients by addressing the legal problems facing low-income people.

In October 2019, Iowa Legal Aid hired Tristan Pollard. Tristan is a 2016 graduate of St. John's University School of Law (New York City). Tristan serves as a general law attorney. His areas of interest are housing and consumer law.

*Lisa Gavin, Managing Attorney, Iowa Legal Aid Cedar Rapids office*