

SEPTEMBER MEETING AT SCIENCE STATION

The September meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held **Thursday, September 20, 2007**, beginning at **4:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the **Science Station**, 427 First St. SE, Cedar Rapids. The meeting will feature Hon. Jon Stuart Scoles, the recently appointed U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Iowa.

Hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer will be served. Non-alcoholic drinks will also be available. The cost of attending is \$7.00, payable to the Linn County Bar Association.

If you are planning to attend, please e-mail jmccall@lynchdallas.com.

LINN LAW CLUB: OCTOBER LINE-UP

The Linn Law Club will be sponsoring the following events in October:

Professional Development Series: Oct. 2

Join the Linn Law Club at 7:30 a.m. on October 2 for discussion about Volunteerism and Leadership in Civic Organizations with Bob Untiedt, Director, Linn County Nonprofit Resource Center, at the downtown Blue Strawberry.

Joint Event with UI, ISBA & Johnson Co.: Oct. 24

Join members of the ISBA Young Lawyers Division, the Johnson County Bar, and University of Iowa law students for a social/networking event at the Vine in Coralville beginning at 6:00 p.m. on October 24. Appetizers and refreshments will be provided.

SUMMER OUTING CLE

STATE: Total CLE Hours approved – 3.25 (includes ethics hours); State Ethics Hours approved – 1.25; Activity No. 44655

FEDERAL: .5 hours - Professor Yung Tin's presentation on Handling Enemy Combatants by the United States

NEW FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK

Chief Judge Linda R. Reade is pleased to announce that the United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa has selected Robert L. Phelps to be the Clerk of Court effective September 4, 2007. Rob will be taking the position upon the retirement of Pridgen J. Watkins. Rob Phelps is currently serving our court as the Chief Deputy Clerk in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Rob is looking forward to building on the solid foundation of positive leadership that Mr. Watkins has created for the Clerk's Office and for the entire district.

CALLING ALL FORMER PLAYERS, MANAGERS, COACHES AND FANS OF THE STARLITE/LINN COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION SOFTBALL TEAM!

A respectable time has passed since the team disbanded (by decree of the commissioner of quality softball) such that an informal reunion might be fun. Please join your former team mates, coaches, managers and fans for a cold drink and a Superburger™ at the Starlite Room on Monday evening, October 15, 2007. Game time starts at 7:00 p.m., with warm-ups anytime prior. Jimmy will have the back room and big screen TV (Giants v Falcons) ready for us. Free popcorn for anyone who shows up in an authentic Starlite/Linn County Bar softball uniform. As always, everyone gets to play. See ya' there!

Ejuror – NEW ONLINE SERVICE OF IOWA COURTS

eJuror, a new online service of the Iowa Judicial Branch, enables Iowans called for jury duty to use the internet to respond to the court summons, complete a standard juror questionnaire, ask to reschedule jury duty and obtain information about serving on a jury. You must have a summons jury number to view the eJuror website, but sample pages may be viewed at www.judicial.state.ia.us.

ISBA SEMINARS - CLE

October 3, 2007 at the Cedar Rapids Marriott, 1200 Collins Road N.E., Cedar Rapids. Topics include Limited Scope Representation, Consumer Law, Family Law, Landlord Tenant Law, Real Estate, Mediation, Legal Malpractice Policies & Reporting Claims (Ethics), Discovery, Business Formation, Jury Selection, Cross Examination Trial Techniques, Probate. For more information, go to www.iowabar.org.

LCBA COMMITTEE CHOICES

Anyone interested in a specific committee assignment for the upcoming year should contact President Allison Heffern at Simmons Perrine PLC; phone 366-7641; fax 366-1917; aheffern@simmonsperrine.com

LINN LAW CLUB

Officers for the 2007-2008 year are: President – Caitlin Slessor, Johnston & Nathanson, P.L.C., cslessor@qwest.net; Vice President - Timothy Van Pelt, Simmons Perrine PLC, tvanpelt@simmonsperrine.com; Secretary - Elizabeth Deegan, Ackley, Kopecky & Kingery, edeegan@akklaw.com; Treasurer – Brian Farrell, bfarrell@iowabar.org

GRUHN LAW FIRM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Gruhn Law Firm has moved to a new location: 2405 Westdale Drive S.W., Cedar Rapids, IA 52404; telephone and fax will remain the same: phone 396-97; fax 397-9714.

ISBA MEMBER BENEFITS

The ISBA has joined forces with Iowa Student Loan to offer a loan consolidation program to members and their families. For more information, go to www.studentloan.org/isba.

WEBSITE FOR EMPLOYERS TO LOCATE EMPLOYEES

Kirkwood Community College offers an 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.

LEGAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS OF LINN COUNTY HELP WANTED ADS

As a service to the legal community, Legal Support Professionals of Linn County (“LSPLC”) will publish your “help wanted” ad in its monthly publication, *Behind the Bar*. The organization will e-mail the ad to its members, who in turn may know of someone looking for work in the legal community. If you have questions about this service, or if you would like to publish an ad in *Behind the Bar*, the monthly newsletter of LSPLC, please contact Mickala Anderson, Employment Committee Chair, at 355-4292, fax 355-8371; manderson@Aegonusa.com

OPEN POSITIONS – ATTORNEY

NRG Media, LLC

Join one of the nation’s largest Midwestern-based radio broadcasters in small to mid-sized markets headquartered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. As part of the executive team, our General Counsel serves as a resource to our radio stations which cover six states and also handles general corporate matters, corporate governance issues, lease and purchase of property, programming contracts, FCC issues and coordinates M & A work with a team of outside counsel.

The ideal candidate will have at least 2 years of related experience with excellent communication and interpersonal skills, a strong business background, a customer service focus, and an understanding of moderate to complex real estate transactions. Radio broadcasting experience is a plus.

Our compensation package includes a competitive salary and full range of benefits. See what we have to offer and consider joining our dynamic group of professionals bringing Great Local Radio to the communities we serve. Experience the fun of radio!

If you are interested in this opportunity, please send your resume and salary requirements to: Vicky A. Smith, Director of Human Resources, NRG Media, LLC, 2875 Mt. Vernon Road SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403 or email vsmith@nrgmedia.com

AEGON USA

In-House Attorney- Commercial Mortgage Special Servicing. AEGON USA Realty Advisors, a leading commercial real estate lender, seeks an experienced lawyer for its S&P rated Special Servicing unit in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

In this role, the incumbent will interpret loan documents, analyze borrower requests, and hire and supervise outside counsel in workouts, foreclosures and bankruptcies. Experience with a rated servicer is preferred.

Realty Advisors is among the top commercial real estate lenders in the United States. We are a proud member of the AEGON Group; an international pension, insurance, and financial services organization. AEGON USA is headquartered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with approximately 3400 employees.

Visit our website at www.aegonusa.jobs and upload your resume today. Be sure to apply for position #5344.

GRUHN LAW FIRM

Gruhn Law Firm, consisting of three attorneys, is seeking an additional attorney to join their new offices. Would prefer someone with a minimum of two years experience; however, a recent graduate will be considered. The firm's primary practice includes litigation, municipal and labor law, including representing many public employers. All inquiries shall be held confidential. This position has potential for significant income. Send resume, professional resumes and letter of interest to: Gruhn Law Firm, 2405 Westdale Drive S.W., Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

ASSOCIATE WANTED

Senior attorney working toward semi-retirement seeks an associate to join five-person, well-established and well-furnished association in Cedar Rapids. Seeking an attorney with interest on taking on additional work in general practice with emphasis on real estate, litigation and general business. Responses held in strictest confidence. Reply to Carson Reporting, LCBA, P O Box 74127, Cedar Rapids, IA 52407.

ATTORNEY WANTED

Seeking attorney who wishes to build a private practice. First three months of rent free. Phone system, state-of-the-art void mail, own phone number and phone line, DSL, server, scanner, fax, copier, conference room, free convenient client parking, IowaDocs, Child Support Guidelines software, some legal assistant services available. Send resume and letter of interest to the attention of Stephanie at P O Box 8177, Cedar Rapids, IA 52408-8177. All inquiries held in strictest confidence.

ASSOCIATE WANTED FOR DOWNTOWN LAW OFFICE.

Prime downtown office space available in the Dows Building. Newer office equipment, large office, very reasonable. Case referrals available. All inquiries to 364-1538; ask for Mary.

WANT ADS

Vacation Rental: One-bedroom, one-bath, single-family condo, sleeps six, at the Pilot House in the Harbourage at Clear Lake, Iowa. Unit rents by week for \$550 during summer months and \$300 during winter months. Indoor and outdoor swimming pool. Beautiful view of boat harbor from third-floor patio window and deck. Contact Lew Eells at 393-1020 or by e-mail at Lew.Eells@eells-tronvold.com.

For Sale: Solid walnut conference room table, approximately 8 feet. Made in the Amanas, 1984. Has Amana stamp. \$5,000 or best offer. Contact Stephanie at P O Box 8177, Cedar Rapids, IA 52408-8177.

Office Space for Rent. Attractive modern office building in suburban setting. Ample free parking for staff and clients. Conference room, kitchen, updated office equipment and phones.

1-4 offices to rent on short or long-term contracts. Call Dave Mullin or Anne Lavery at 395-9191.

Office Space Available. Office space is available with other sole practitioners in the historic Averill House located in a developing medical area, 1120 2nd Avenue S.E., Cedar Rapids. Includes phone system with voice mail, DSL, two conference rooms, free client parking and available paralegal services. Furnishings and office equipment available. Very reasonable overhead expense. Contact Wm. F. Olinger at 319 - 364-0113 or wmfolinger@aol.com.

LCBA MEMBER CONTACT INFO ON LCBA WEBSITE - UPDATE YOURS TODAY!

Did you know contact information for all LCBA members is available to the public via the LCBA website? However, some of the contact information listed on the website is out of date! Please take a minute to view the information listed for your name at www.linncoabar.org/directory/attorneys/index.html and let the LCBA webmaster know if any changes need to be made. You can contact the webmaster from the LCBA website by clicking on the "Contact" link at the top of the LCBA home page.

PLACEMENTS NEEDED FOR PARALEGAL INTERNS

The Kirkwood Community College Paralegal Program has an unusually large intern class to place this summer. If you have a need for an intern in your office, please contact Wendy Geertz at wendy.geertz@kirkwood.edu.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ITEMS TO THE SCRIPTUM

If you have an item to submit to this publication, please send the information via e-mail to mklingler@lwclawyers.com. The deadline for submitting items is the Monday date that is 10 days before that month's LCBA meeting, which is held on the third Thursday of the month (sometimes the first Monday, sometimes the second Monday).

ELMO AVAILABLE

Your LCBA has purchased an Elmo for use at the Linn County Courthouse. For use, call the Court Administrator to schedule.

UPDATED, CORRECT E-MAIL ADDRESSES REQUESTED

If you know of someone who is not receiving this publication via e-mail, please have the LCBA Webmaster at webmaster@linncobar.org so the correct e-mail address for that individual may be added to the e-mail list.

NOTIFICATIONS OF CHANGES OF ADDRESS

If you have a new address, please notify the Linn County Bar Association at P. O. Box 74127, Cedar Rapids, IA 52407-4127, or via e-mail at webmaster@linncobar.org.

USURY RATE

In accordance with the provisions of Section 535.2(3)(a), 2005 Iowa Code, the Superintendent of Banking has determined that the maximum lawful rate of interest provided for in said section shall be 7.00% for the month of September. Please note the exemption in subsection 2 of said Chapter 535.2. **The usury rate is available on the Internet at www.idob.state.ia.us.**