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**NEXT LCBA EVENT:
LCBA Meeting – February 21, 2019**

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held Thursday, February 21, 2019, from 12-1 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art on Third Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, in the 3rd floor meeting room. The speaker will be Anjela Shutts, who will be presenting on the history of the Access to Justice Commission, how it was formed, the focus of the commission, and what its future looks like.

LCBA President Reasner will also be addressing the membership regarding potentially revamping the LCBA charitable donation process.

Lunch is \$10.00 and will be catered by Fresh Market Deli. The menu includes Chicken pot pie, beef pot pie and a small veggie pot pie, garden salad w/ assorted dressings, baked sweet potatoes, creamy coleslaw, dinner rolls & butter, fresh fruit salad and an assortment

of fresh baked cookies. Bottled tea (sweetened and unsweetened) and water will be provided.

** 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.**

RSVP requests were sent last week. If you plan to attend but have not yet RSVPed please look for the RSVP request in your email and respond ASAP.

LINN LAW CLUB NEWS



The Linn Law Club hosted an informal Breakfast with the Judges event February 13 at the Linn County Courthouse. It was well attended with several young lawyers and new attorneys to Linn County coming to have some bagels, hot coffee and an opportunity to get to know some of the judges in our district. Judges Anderson, Bruns, Chicchelly, Grady and Besler all stopped by to say hello.

In other news, the Linn Law Club and its annual holiday gift drive was featured in the Spotlight on Service column of the February 2019 issue of the The Iowa Lawyer. See this link:

https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.iowabar.org/resource/resmgr/iowa_lawyer/February_2019_Iowa_Lawyer_Ma.pdf

For more information on any of the above opportunities or for any questions, please contact Law Club President Crystal Pound at cpound@spmbllaw.com or linnlawboard@gmail.com. Attorneys interested in learning more about Linn Law Club and more upcoming events and opportunities should join the Club's email distribution list by contacting LinnLawBoard@gmail.com.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE IOWA'S JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION PROCESS

Many of you have asked the Linn County Bar Association to take a stand on this political issue. The Board of Governors appreciates your interest and activism, but we concluded our organization's mission/purpose does not include taking political sides. Furthermore,

some members may hold diverse views on this topic. Therefore, the Board of Governors urges you to make your voices heard through emails or calls to your own legislators.

To identify your legislator and find their direct phone number or email address go to <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislators/find>

Also, the Iowa Senate switchboard is at 515.281.3371 and the Iowa House switchboard is at 515.281.3221.

Amy L. Reasner
President, LCBA
On behalf of the Board of Governors

INVITATION TO VAN BOGART RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE – FEB. 26

Join your fellow members of the Bench and Bar at an Open House celebrating Court Reporter Tammy Van Bogart in honor of her retirement. The Open House will be held Tuesday, February 26 starting at 4:30 p.m. at Dublin City Pub, 415 1st St. SE, Cedar Rapids.



BENCH BAR AFTER WORK GET-TOGETHER – FEB. 27

An informal bench bar get-together will be held on Wednesday, February 27 starting at 5 p.m. at Whitestar Ale House, 305 2nd Ave SE, Cedar Rapids. All courthouse staff and LCBA members are invited!

LCBA CITIZENSHIP AWARD PRESENTED TO ABOUASSALY



Nicolas AbouAssaly of Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC received the LCBA’s 7th Annual Citizenship Award at the LCBA Bench-Bar event held at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art on January 24. The Citizenship Award is granted to a deserving member of the LCBA in recognition of meaningful contributions to the community. Nick has been an active community leader, particularly in the City of Marion where he has served on numerous boards and committees, and is currently serving as Mayor of the City of Marion.

(To read more about the Bench-Bar event, see last page of this issue.)

SAVE THE DATES! LCBA KERNELS GAME & SUMMER OUTING

Save the date for the LCBA Kernels game, admission to which is free to all dues-paid LCBA members: **Wednesday, May 22, 2019** 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.

Save the date for the LCBA Summer Outing: **Thursday, July 11, 2019**. More information to come in future editions of *The Scriptum*.

LCBA 2018 CLE SUMMARY

The following 2018 LCBA programs have been (or will be) approved for CLE credit:

Iowa Activity ID #	Date of Program	Program Description	Iowa Credit Hours	Ethics Hours
289949	2/15/18	Iowa Supreme Court Case Highlights – Justice Waterman	0.75	0
297024	3/22/18	EDMS and Continuances – Hon. Chris Bruns and Kellee Cortez	.5	0
297025	4/19/18	School Law – Cedar Rapids Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Brad Buck	.5	0
302096	6/21/18	Legislative Update – Sen. Rob Hogg	.5	0
302097	7/12/18	Summer Outing	3.25	1.0

308438	9/20/18	Prof. Todd Pettys – Iowa’s Constitutional History	.5	0
313009	11/15/18	Hon. Susan Christensen – Pro Se Family Law Forms	.5	0
313008	12/13/18	Last Chance Seminar	2.0	2.0

NOTE! Last summer the District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa each adopted an amended Local Rule 83 eliminating the requirement of six hours federal CLE biannually to be able to practice in federal court. Under the amended rule, which is effective immediately, federal CLEs are NO LONGER REQUIRED. The only requirements for continuing to practice in ND & SD Iowa are now (1) admission and good standing in the Iowa bar, and (2) payment of an annual fee.

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.

MEDIATION and PARENTING COORDINATOR TRAINING

Crilley Mediation Services will be presenting the following training opportunities in upcoming months.

- 40-Hour Family Law Mediator Training: **April 8-12, 2019**
- 16-Hour Parenting Coordinator Training: **May 2-3, 2019**
- Coaching Emotional Positivity During Mediation & Dispute Resolution: **Date TBA**

Please visit 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.

NEW MEMBERS

The LCBA welcomes the following new members:

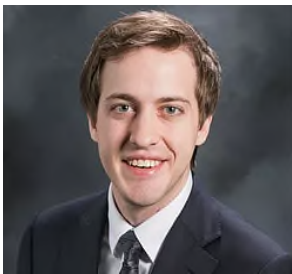


Teresa K. Baumann of Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C

TRANSITIONS



Viner Law Firm PC is happy to announce that attorney **J. Nick Capellupo** became a shareholder in the Firm on November 1, 2018. Nick's practice is trial-oriented in Family Law and Criminal Defense. Nick is a native of St. Louis, Missouri who obtained his B.A. from Drake University in 2013 and J.D. from Drake University School of Law 2016. Nick has worked as an Associate at Viner Law Firm since November 2016.



Viner Law Firm PC is also happy to announce that attorney **Austin Norden** joined the Firm as an Associate Attorney in October 2018, and attorney **Misha Ghadiri** joined the Firm as an Associate Attorney in December 2018. Austin is a 2018 University of Iowa Law graduate, having obtained his B.A.

from the University of Iowa in 2015. Misha is a 2017 University of Iowa Law graduate, having obtained her B.A. from Grinnell College in 2012. Both Austin and Misha practice in Family Law and Criminal Defense.



Lynch Dallas, P.C. is proud to announce its 2019 Executive Board (L-R): **Amy L. Reasner**, President, **Corinne R. Butkowski**, Vice President/Secretary and **Cynthia A. M. Parker**, Treasurer.



Aaron Blair joined Trent Law Firm, PLLC as an associate attorney. Aaron has been practicing law in eastern Iowa since 2016. Aaron is a Texas native, graduating cum laude from Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, with a B.A. in Classics and minors in Business and Art History. In 2014, Aaron earned his J.D. from the University of Houston Law Center, where he graduated with the Distinguished Service Award. Aaron is a general practice attorney focusing on estate planning, probate administration, elder law, real estate, business law, and civil litigation.

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

Cordell and Cordell, a national domestic litigation firm with over 100 offices across 36 states, is currently seeking an experienced family 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 or apply directly on our careers page: <https://cordellcordell.com/careers/current-openings/>

Law office space available in the building at 2720 1st Ave NE in Cedar Rapids. Space includes 11 offices, 5 secretary spaces, library, 3 conference rooms, and copy/break area. Ample parking is available. Please direct questions to Shannon Thompson at 319.366.8800 x25.

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. A link to each day's court schedules is posted on the home page. You can also see the judge assignments, local Orders and the court's contact numbers under the Court Schedules & Info menu.

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 2018-2019 LCBA membership year were emailed to members in August and September of 2018 from invoicing@messaging.squareup.com to the email address the LCBA has on file for you. Our invoices say “Linn County Bar Association” and include our logo. If you did not receive your dues notice, please contact the LCBA at linncobar@gmail.com. Members who do not timely pay their dues invoices will be charged a \$25 late fee.

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/>

AMENDMENTS TO IOWA COURT RULES

Please click on this link for a list of recent Amendments and New Rules:

<https://www.iowacourts.gov/iowa-courts/supreme-court/orders/>

RESTAURANT REVIEW: Cibo Fusion

First, take the bottom half of a lightly toasted brioche bun and in this order, place the following yummys: thinly sliced tomatoes, thinly sliced pickles, lettuce, a sizable grilled boneless chicken breast covered with melted Gouda cheese, three slices of crisp bacon, lettuce (the second time), guacamole and covered with the top half of a lightly toasted brioche bun. This sandwich looks good. This sandwich tastes good. This is a really good sandwich.

Second, add the soup of the day, which was a cup of chicken tortilla. This tortilla soup had a cream base and heavy tomato flavoring with a few small chicken pieces added. In fact the tomato flavor reminded me of a simple tomato basil soup. It was good if it was meant to be tomato basil, not so good as chicken tortilla.

Third, the salmon salad appeared very appetizing. This salad included a nice sized filet of salmon grilled (well done), spinach leaves, pecans, dried cranberries, artichoke slices avocado slices and iceberg lettuce. Add a raspberry vinaigrette for the dressing and you have a really nice salad. This salad looks good. This salad tastes good. This is a really good salad.

Fourth, the service went like this. Seated immediately after arriving. Drink order was taken quickly and served promptly. Food order was taken promptly, but was not served promptly. After completing lunch, had to seek server before paying for lunch. I presume this omission is a rarity.

Fifth, be prepared to pay about \$12 to \$15 for this type of lunch. That would include tax and tip. A little expensive.

Recap. The food was very good. The service became spotty. The price was a little high. This is a good restaurant. I would go back again. Why, you say? The food is always paramount and the food was worth coming back for, ergo, I will return.

I almost forgot. This restaurant is called Cibo Fusion and is located at 685 Marion Blvd, Marion, Iowa. The website is cibofusionrestaurant.com. Try this place. I think you will agree.

Gene the Critic

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. The "LCBA Giving at Work" column spotlights some of the work performed by recipient organizations of LCBA funding. The next edition of the LCBA Giving at Work column will be in the March 2019 Scriptum.

2019 BENCH-BAR EVENT A ROUSING SUCCESS!

As this month's edition of the Scriptum goes to print (or into the ether or the cloud) it may be noted that we are enjoying one of the more tenaciously pernicious winters of this young century. And while this winter does not hold a candle to what our venerable older members experienced (trudging through the snow to "one room courthouses" uphill both ways) I'm only saying that the night of our Bench Bar Midwinter Event could be described with words such as cold, freezing, windy, icy and all those other adjectives which must be thawed before a roaring fire to be implemented.

So it was on the cold snowy night of January 24, in the words of our trustee board secretary Sue Pence, "We enjoyed an amazingly successful Bench Bar event last night considering the weather." Of the 115 people who had pre-registered, 92 hardy souls were in attendance to enjoy socializing, camaraderie, catering by Winifred's and the opportunity to honor our 50 year members, our retiring judges, our Citizen of the Year and those members we had lost over the last year.

Fifty-year member Darrell Morf was introduced by his son Paul. Darrell spoke about the many changes over his career and told a few vignettes and a couple of stories which elicited some chuckles and favorable response. While 50-year member John Bickel was unable to be in attendance, Rick Fry provided a fitting salutation.

Citizen of the Year Nick AbouAssaly was also introduced by Paul Morf. Nick AbouAssaly was quite gracious in his appreciation for the citizenship honor. He spoke of

his family's pathway from Lebanon to the United States and Iowa when Nick was 9 years of age, and of his own journey in law and the importance of "giving something back to the community".

Harold Denton then proceeded to put in a few kind words for one of the two retiring judges from the past year, Hon. Denver Dillard. Harold provided some insight into the significant impact Judge Dillard had as he put his organizational imprint on the county attorney's office.

Karen Volz provided the personal insights into our other retiring judge, Hon. Susan Flaherty, in a manner which may only be given by someone who is been a true lifelong friend. Judge Flaherty was the epitome of both brevity and self-effacing appreciation for the unsought recognition.

A new segment, "In Memoriam" recognized four of our members who passed away in 2018. Frank Nidey and Al Willett provided short remembrances of Lei Bei and John VonLackum respectively. A few brief words honored Forrest "Skip" Rosser and Anne Laverty using selected insights from eulogies which had been written by Judge Dillard and Dave Mullin respectively.

Phillip D. Seidl
President-Elect, Linn County Bar Association