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NEXT BAR MEETING: APRIL 15 FROM 12-1 PM

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held **Thursday, April 15, 2021, from 12-1 p.m.** via Zoom. Professor June Tai from the University of Iowa College of Law is the featured speaker and will be presenting Strategies for Effective and Ethical Supervision of Virtual Law Student Interns. Her bio can be found [here](#). Professor Tai's presentation has been approved for .75 CLE credit hours.

Please check your email for a message from the LCBA with the registration link for the April 15 Zoom meeting.

LINN LAW CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who participated on the Linn Law Club trivia team for the YLD trivia night! We made a good showing with 26.5 pts out of 30 possible. Sadly, two teams

got 29 out of 30 points, so we did not win. But we all still had fun. We are also gearing up for an exciting spring and summer with volunteer events with HACAP being planned and a volleyball team. Look for more information to follow.

The Linn Law Club helps 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. Law Club is open to all attorneys age 35 and under or who have practiced law fewer than 10 years.

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

COURT ADMINISTRATION REQUEST RE E-REGISTRATION/EDMS UPDATES

The Court Administrator's Office for the 6th Judicial District has asked that attorneys follow a two-step process for updating their E-Registration/EDMS Contact information:

1. Login and update their User Profile contact information in their e-file (EDMS) account.
2. Contact the State support desk via email with the updated information at support@iowacourts.gov or 1-800-831-1396.

While the User Profile update will enable the attorney's contact information to display correctly in relation to a case in which they have filed a pleading or appearance, the second step of contacting the State support desk will ensure attorneys receive notifications of filings from the clerk of court offices. Court administration advises us that due to recent changes, both steps need to be followed for attorneys to receive EDMS notifications.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO PRESENT AREA HIGH SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Do you have a child or family member who is a graduating senior at one of our area high schools this year? Or are an alumnus or alumna of one of those schools? Or are simply interested in a terrific volunteer opportunity? The LCBA needs **volunteers** to present the Iowa State Bar Association's American Citizenship Award at area high schools this spring. The awards are presented at each school's Senior Recognition ceremony. The awards are sponsored by the Iowa State Bar Association and are presented annually to the students who have best demonstrated a knowledge and understanding of the principles of American citizenship. Dates of the individual presentations to be announced.

Volunteers are sought to present at the following high schools: Kennedy (Sun., 4/25/21 1:30pm last names A-K, 4pm last names L-Z); Jefferson (date TBA); Marion (Wed., 5/12 6:30pm); North Linn (5/11/21 7pm); Washington (Mon., 5/17/21 time TBA) Alburnett

(5/18/21 @ 7pm); Lisbon (date TBA); Prairie (date TBA); Metro (date TBA); and Springville (at high school graduation). First come, first serve!

All that is required of the volunteer is to attend the ceremony and present the award (a certificate and a medal). At most ceremonies, presenters do not need to stay the duration of the ceremony. The LCBA will even supply sample presentation remarks (though not all schools require the presenter to say anything). This is an easy and much appreciated way to give back! At many high schools this award is considered one of the most prestigious of the awards given. If interested, please contact the LCBA Citizenship Committee Chair Stephanie Hinz at shinz@pbalawfirm.com

SUMMER OUTING — THURSDAY, JULY 8 — PLANNING UNDERWAY

The LCBA Summer Outing committee is moving forward with planning the 2021 event, scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 2021. The Committee, led by Chair Phillip Seidl, is mindful of safe practices with the goal of enhancing safe participation by our membership. The definition of “safe practices” is likely to evolve between now and the time the events are scheduled. The Committee is aware there is still a level of risk in the participation in any of our events which cannot be entirely eliminated, and if necessary, any one of the events may be canceled if it is believed it would be inadvisable to go forward. Plans as of now are:

1. LCBA Summer Outing CLE via Zoom in the morning.
2. Golf, bike ride, and pontoon activities in the afternoon. Airport National Golf Course has been secured for the golfers.
3. Online trivia event with door prizes in the evening. There is currently no plan to hold the traditional in-person social hour and dinner.

The Committee is also considering hosting an in-person evening event in August or September if Covid limitations are no longer in place.

The Summer Outing Committee encourages any members who wish to share their thoughts with respect to planning or participation in the LCBA Summer Outing to contact us at linncoar@gmail.com. We would like to hear from you as we go forward with the provisional planning for this event!

LCBA BOARD MEMBER JUSTIN LIGHTFOOT APPOINTED TO BENCH



Gov. Kim Reynolds has appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney and LCBA Board of Governors at-large board member Justin Lightfoot as District Judge for the Sixth Judicial District, filling the vacancy due to the retirement of Judge Patrick R. Grady. Congratulations, Justin!

NINE APPLICANTS FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATE JUDGE POSITION

Nine individuals have submitted applications to fill the vacancy created by the new district associate judge position to be assigned to the Linn County magistrate docket. Interviews will be held April 16 at the Linn County Courthouse. The interview schedule is as follows:

9:00 – 9:20 – John Bruzek
9:20 – 9:40 - Robin O'Brien Licht
9:40 – 10:00 - Jon Hammond
10:00 – 10:20 - Heidi Carmer
10:20 – 10:40 - Break
10:40 – 11:00 – Brandon Schrock
11:00 – 11:20 - Patrick Bigsby
11:20 – 11:40 - Mark Fisher
11:40 – 12:00 – Nick Kilburg
12:00 – 12:20 – Kristin Denniger

SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2021

Please see the Sixth Judicial District judge assignments for 2021 at [this link](#).

2020-2021 LCBA DUES

Dues notices for the 2020-2021 year were emailed to members August 1, and reminder invoices were automatically generated from the LCBA's payment system, Square, and emailed by the system September 15. If you did not receive your dues invoice or would like to confirm the status of your payment, please contact the LCBA at linncobar@gmail.com

LCBA "COVID-19" WEBPAGE for SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COVID-19 INFO

The LCBA has created a "COVID-19" page on its website at: <https://www.linncobar.org/category/covid-19/> The Sixth Judicial District's Supplemental Orders relating to COVID-19 can be viewed here as well as other LCBA-related COVID-19 announcements.

All Iowa Supreme Court Coronavirus/COVID-19 orders are posted on the Iowa Judicial Branch COVID-19 Information and Updates webpage. Please click [here](#) to access this information.

**VOLUNTEER ATTORNEYS SOUGHT FOR
COVID-19 and DERECHO LEGAL ADVICE HOTLINES**

The ISBA, Polk County Volunteer Lawyers Project, and Iowa Legal Aid have partnered to create a COVID19 Legal Advice Hotline. The call volume has been very heavy. Attorney volunteers are always needed. Training is provided. Please click this link for more information: <https://www.iowalegalaid.org/resource/the-covid-19-legal-advice-hotline>

Volunteer attorneys are also requested to assist with staffing the LCBA co-sponsored Derecho Legal Hotline. Victims of the August 10 derecho are invited to call for assistance with legal issues such as FEMA denials, problems with insurance, landlord/tenant issues, unemployment benefits denials, employment issues, contractor issues, or identity theft. Training is provided. For more information, contact Lisa Gavin at lgavin@iowalaw.org.

LCBA 2020/2021 CLE SUMMARY

The following LCBA programs were approved for CLE credit:

Iowa Activity ID #	Date of Program	Program Description	Iowa Credit Hours	Ethics Hours
344334	2/20/20	February Bar Meeting: Iowa State Bar Assoc. panel	.50	0
350690	6/18/20	June Bar Meeting (Zoom): State Auditor Rob Sand	.50	0
355455	9/24/20	September Bar Meeting (Zoom): Mayor Brad Hart	.50	0
355558	10/15/20	October Bar Meeting (Zoom): Pete Deegan, US Attorney for Northern District of Iowa	.50	0
357273	11/19/20	November Bar Meeting (Zoom): Hon. Thomas Waterman & Maggie White, ISBA Well-Being Committee	.75	.75
358091	12/10/20	Last Chance for Ethics (Zoom): Erin Lain; Judges Bruns & Kepros	2.0	2.0
361266	2/22/21	February Bar Meeting (Zoom): Rob Hogg, Iowa State Senator – Legislative Update	.75	0
362608	3/18/21	March Bar Meeting (Zoom): David Hayes, Coe College Interim President	.75	0
363601	4/15/2021	April Bar Meeting (Zoom): Ethical Supervision of Virtual Law Student Interns - Professor June Tai	.75	0

NEW MEMBERS

The Linn County Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Vincent R. Ledlow, Ag & Business Legal Strategies
Emily Schott, Rush & Nicholson, P.L.C.

TRANSITIONS

None this month.

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

FAMILY LAW ATTORNEY: Lynch Dallas, P.C., a Cedar Rapids, Iowa law firm seeks an established associate or shareholder level family law attorney to join our team. Ideal candidates will have a minimum of 4+ years of family law experience. 1-2 years of experience in the following practice areas is preferred: business/corporate law, real estate, estate planning and tax. A successful candidate must have a strong work ethic and excellent analytical, interpersonal, writing and research skills. All candidates MUST have a license to practice law in the state of Iowa, and the ability to independently manage multiple clients. Competitive salary and benefits. Please send cover letter and resume to Heather Golden, Lynch Dallas, P.C., PO Box 2457, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-2457 or hgolden@lynchdallas.com.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: Pearson Bollman Law is looking for a tenant for a sublease. Four-room office space available for \$850/month. Conveniently located at 309 7th Avenue, Marion, Iowa 52302. Call Pearson Bollman Law at 319-531-7992 to schedule a showing or otherwise ask for Alec to discuss any questions.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: Offices for 1-5 attorneys/staff, top floor of Plaza 425. Conference room also available subject to scheduling. Prices vary depending on space desired. Contact Cameron Leehey at 319-294-4424.

OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT: Total of 2,990 square feet of office space immediately available for lease at 425 Second Street SE, Suite 940/950. Move-in ready or redevelop the space to your needs. Professional presence at Plaza 425! From the stunning first floor lobby, to the remodeled elevators and ninth floor elevator lobby, your staff and clients will feel welcomed and comfortable. Offices with Federal Courthouse and other outstanding city views. Building has a great mix of professional tenants with parking in

adjacent city ramp via skywalk. Courthouse and multitude of dining options located within convenient walking distance. To schedule a viewing call Heather at 319-731-0550 or send email to info@arensonlaw.com.

TRANSACTIONAL PARTNER/ASSOCIATE: **Phelan Tucker Law LLP**, an AV rated Iowa City firm, is seeking an exceptional individual to join its active transactional practice. The ideal candidate will have significant experience with real estate and commercial transactions; real estate development; business entities; and estate planning and estate/trust administration; with extraordinary communication and analytic abilities, as well as connections to the Iowa City area. Phelan Tucker is an equal opportunity employer and values a diverse team. Please send resume and cover letter to Christine Gaudet at gaudet@phelantuckerlaw.com.

LITIGATION PARTNER/ASSOCIATE: **Phelan Tucker Law LLP**, an AV rated Iowa City firm, is seeking an exceptional individual to join its active litigation practice. The ideal candidate will have significant courtroom and discovery experience, extraordinary written and verbal communication skills, strong analytic abilities, as well as connections to the Iowa City area. Phelan Tucker is an equal opportunity employer and values a diverse team. Please send resume and cover letter to Christine Gaudet at gaudet@phelantuckerlaw.com.

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

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 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.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.

LCBA MEMBERSHIP, DUES INFORMATION and MEETING CALENDAR

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: <https://www.linncobar.org/wp-content/uploads/LCBA-New-Member-Application.pdf>

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/>

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 (virtual Zoom meetings held as needed). 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); August; and December (Last Chance Ethics CLE).

Please see information listed on the LCBA website regarding adjustments to the LCBA's regular meeting calendar.

RESTAURANT REVIEW: Pedalers Fork by LCBA Chef-in-Residence Matt

Pedalers Fork is located on the west side of Center Point Road NE just north of Collins Road in the same location that previously housed the Broken Spoke and has a similar look and feel. As the name suggests, this bar and restaurant continues to maintain a strong cycling theme which makes sense given that it is located adjacent to the Cedar River/Cedar Valley Nature Trail. It has plenty of bicycle parking out front and a huge deck in the back for use during the nice weather.

For those who are beer connoisseurs, the restaurant features 108 beers on tap. It would appear a majority of them are local beers. The food at Pedalers Fork is fantastic and definitely a notch above bar food.

On a recent visit, I ordered their plain hamburger which I like to try because without being covered with lots of toppings, it gives a true sense of the quality. The burger was well seasoned and perfectly cooked. The French fries were dusted with rosemary for added flavor, crispy, and plentiful. My wife had the special which was a pulled pork sandwich with a homemade three-pepper slaw and macaroni and cheese. The pulled pork had a nice smokey flavor and was not drowning in sauce as pulled pork often is. The three-pepper coleslaw was tangy, crisp and provided a perfect contrast to the pork. The mac and cheese used what appeared to me to be cellentani noodles and tasted like it included smoked Cheddar or Gouda. Again, it was certainly different from a typical mac and cheese.



The restaurant was busy when I visited for lunch on a Thursday. The wait staff was prompt, attentive, and very friendly. It is definitely worth a trip to Pedalers Fork. Ride your bike, sit out on the deck enjoying some good food and sample one of the 108 beers that are available.

Pedalers Fork is located at 2010 Sylvia Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Their phone number is (319) 826-2490 and their website is <https://thepedalersfork.com/>.

LCBA GIVING AT WORK: IOWA MIGRANT MOVEMENT FOR JUSTICE

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. "LCBA Giving at Work" spotlights some of the work performed by recipient organizations of LCBA funding. This month the LCBA spotlights recent recipient Justice for Our Neighbors, predecessor to Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice.

Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice (Iowa MMJ) is a state-wide immigration nonprofit organization that offers direct legal services to eligible immigrants and refugees along with advocacy and community organizing. Through the April 1, 2021 merging of Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors (Iowa JFON) and American Friends Service Committee Iowa (AFSC), these two organizations have created a vital force poised to fill the unmet needs of Iowa's immigration and refugee populations. Including a legal staff of three attorneys and four Department of Justice Accredited Representatives, Iowa MMJ continues to provide immigration services ranging from naturalization, asylum, DACA, and TPS to permit and residency renewals and much more. On the advocacy side, organizers focus on listening to Iowa's immigrant communities for unfair work conditions, needs for systemic change, and worker abuse at meatpacking plants and farms. These issues are

brought to the forefront, and equitable solutions are demanded from our community leaders and legislators.

As our organization continues to navigate the COVID environment, our legal staff maintains contact with clients via Zoom, email and phone appointments. When the CDC advises that meeting in large groups is safe, our clinic model will allow clients back into fellowship with our staff and volunteers. Iowa MMJ has remained committed to high-quality legal services delivered in a safe and healthy manner, respecting social distancing, encouraging our staff and clients to get vaccinated, and continuing to wear face coverings.

Iowa MMJ encourages everyone to get involved in the Movement for Justice by becoming a member of our organization. When you donate, you become a member, bringing you access to Iowa MMJ's events, news and other updates. Members are asked to participate and vote in the annual Iowa MMJ Membership Event discussing issues affecting the organization. We want your perspective and your participation in making Iowa a welcoming state for all immigrants and refugees.

The future of Iowa MMJ is exciting as many opportunities are available across Iowa to partner with existing organizations and provide more direct legal services in areas we haven't served before. Future goals include adding additional clinic sites, expanding our legal staff, and serving immigrant communities inside their workplaces. Iowa MMJ is always trying to meet the immigration and refugee populations where they are, rather than expecting them to break barriers to find us. We are focused on engaging with immigrants and refugees to listen to inequality issues and accomplish goals together in their communities. There is no shortage of this work in any corner of Iowa. Whether it's the meatpacking industry in Waterloo, the Governor's statement on migrant children at the border, or ICE raids in Mt. Pleasant, when we work in concert toward humane treatment of immigrants and equitable systems for all, everyone wins.

Amy Guardado, Development Director
Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice

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