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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members:

This pandemic has completely changed the way our organization has operated over this past year. While we have been unable to gather and enjoy our standard social events, one positive to emerge has been a savings on our budget. For that reason, the Board of Governors has determined that charitable contributions can be made this year while maintaining our financial solvency.

The Board is pleased to announce it will be distributing the following amounts to our charitable partners who provide legal services to the community:

Iowa Legal Aid	\$17,527
Kids First	\$6,626
Justice for Our Neighbors	\$1,152
TOTAL:	\$25,305*

*\$25,000 is LCBA funds, \$305 was collected for charitable donations.

This past year has highlighted the important and critical services these organizations provide to our community. We want to thank them for their tireless efforts and let them know that their hard work is appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you all at our virtual meeting this month. Stay warm and stay safe!

Megan Merritt, President, Linn County Bar Association

NEXT BAR MEETING: FEBRUARY 18 FROM 12-1 PM

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held **Thursday, February 18, 2021, from 12-1 p.m.** via Zoom. The speaker is Iowa State Senator (and LCBA member) Rob Hogg. He will be providing a state legislative update. CLE credit will be sought.

Please watch your email for a message from the LCBA with the registration link for the February 18 Zoom meeting.

The March bar meeting will be held March 18 featuring speaker Coe College Interim President (and LCBA member) David Hayes.

LINN LAW CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Linn Law Club is working on two events for February/March--bowling and virtual trivia night. Look for more information in the next several weeks.

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR DRAKE LAW'S 1L ORAL ADVOCACY MOOT COURT COMPETITION - MARCH 2 AND 9, 2021

The Drake University Law School Moot Court Board seeks volunteer judges for its 2021 First Year Oral Advocacy Moot Court Competition to be held the evenings of Tuesday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 9 via Zoom. Rounds begin promptly at 6 p.m. and end at approximately 9 p.m. The week of the competition, volunteers will receive a bench brief, a link to their virtual room, and instructions regarding scoring and feedback to the

participants via email. Registration is set to close on Friday, February 19 at 5:00 p.m. If interested in judging, please fill out the brief registration form that can be found [here](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Moot Court Board President at Nicole.Votroubek@Drake.edu or Moot Court Board Vice-President at Kathryn.Leidahl@Drake.edu.

MISS THE BENCH BAR VIRTUAL GALA? WATCH IT ONLINE

The 2021 Bench-Bar Gala held January 21, 2021 is now available to view online on the LCBA's website at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=fiCKDxnBQfM&feature=youtu.be>

The evening included a tribute to our 50-year members of the LCBA (Scott Bogguss, GuyBooth, Bob Houghton, Jane Schmidt), as well as recognition of Judge Grady, who retired December 2020, and the recipient of this year's Citizenship Award, **Allison Heffern** of Kids First.

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 Hotline went live on March 31. 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 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

NEW MEMBERS

The Linn County Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Doug Herman, *Lynch Dallas, P.C.*

TRANSITIONS

Day Rettig Martin, P.C. welcomes Erica L. Yoder as an Associate Attorney with the firm. Erica spent more than 14 years as in-house counsel for a large, publicly traded insurance company and 2 ½ years as in-house counsel for a holding company specializing in government contracts and turn around management before opening her own firm in 2017. She brings with her a great deal of experience within the business world. She has a BA degree from Central College, in Pella, Iowa, an MA from Purdue University, and received her JD from the University of Iowa. Growing up active in 4-H and living on a farm in rural Iowa County, Iowa, Erica brings an awareness of farm issues and a strong desire to assist rural clients. Her practice includes business formation and transactions, regulatory compliance, debt/creditor matters, bankruptcy, and estate planning.



Lynch Dallas, P.C. is proud to announce its 2021 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.

WANT ADS

Cornell College is currently accepting applications for an Associate Director for its Law & Society Program. The Associate Director would oversee all pre-law programming, serve as an assistant mock trial coach, and help Cornell create and execute a recruiting strategy utilizing the success of our mock trial and pre-law programs to attract students. The position description can be found here: <https://cornellcollege.applicantpro.com/jobs/1631874.html>.

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 sky-walk. 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.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. 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.linncoabar.org/about/dues/> The membership application is at this link: <https://www.linncoabar.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.linncoabar.org/about/dues/>

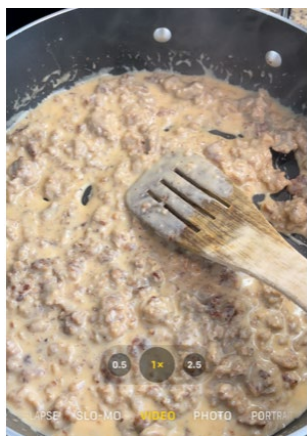
The Linn County Bar Association holds regular monthly meetings from 12-1 pm the third Thursday of September-November, February – April and June at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art (virtual Zoom meetings held as needed). There is no regular monthly meeting during the following months due to other LCBA events 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 REVIEWS & RECIPES

A “comfort food” recipe by LCBA Chef-In-Residence Matt Preston: This month, Chef Matt brings you a delectable recipe for Biscuits and Gravy with Jam. This recipe will make 5 biscuits (about 3 inches in diameter).

Ingredient	Amt.	Preparation
Flour - AP	250 g (2 cups)	
Baking powder	20 g (1.25 TB)	
Salt (kosher)	12 g (1/2 TB)	
Sugar – granulated	13 g (1TB)	
Butter – unsalted	85 g (6 TB)	
Milk – whole	185 g (3/4 cup)	Can substitute in lower fat milk but will slightly lessen rise of biscuits



- Mix all dry ingredients in large mixing bowl and put bowl in freezer or at least refrigerator for 30 minutes
- Turn on oven to 500 degrees at least 20 minutes before starting baking
- Put butter in freezer for 30 minutes
- Grate cold - frozen butter on large side of box grater
- Add butter to dry mix and stir to incorporate (use spoon - not hands) - the key to all of this is to keep all ingredients as cold as possible to avoid melting or softening butter
- Add milk and stir with spoon to incorporate into shaggy dough
- Turn mixture onto slightly floured surface and knead as little as possible until loose flour is incorporated into dough - press dough into rectangle roughly 6 inches wide and 1 inch thick
- Press roughly 3 inch round cookie straight down through dough and remove round
- Place each round on parchment paper lined cookie sheet or cast iron skillet
- After cutting rounds from original rectangle of dough - reshape any remaining dough for final biscuit
- Reduce oven to 425 and add biscuit pan
- Bake biscuits for 12-14 min. or until slightly golden on top

Quick Jam

- Put fresh berries of any kind roughly (7) Oz / 200 g / 2 cups - in food processor with 2 TB honey and pulse to get course fruit but not puree
- Place fruit mixture in fine mesh strainer over bowl and let drain a couple minutes -

- pour strained fruit mix in separate bowl
- Pour liquid from juice bowl into heated skillet and cook until liquid is consistency of syrup
 - Return juice syrup to bowl with fruit solids and stir to mix
 - Check sweetness and add more honey if desired



Sausage Gravy

- Put one pound of breakfast sausage into skillet and cook through
- Break up sausage into small bite size pieces
- Sprinkle with 2 TB flour and 1 tsp black pepper and 1 tsp kosher salt
- Stir regularly over medium heat for 2 minutes
- Add 1.5 cups of milk (preferably whole but any will do)
- Stir until milk thickens into gravy - add more milk to loosen sauce or cook a few more minutes to tighten
- Check salt and pepper seasoning and add to taste.

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. "LCBA Giving at Work" spotlights some of the work performed by recipient organizations of LCBA funding.

This has been a long year for Iowa Legal Aid (as it has been for everyone). Our staff continues to work remotely, and we are not open for walk in clients. However, we continue to advise and represent clients with their legal problems during this pandemic. The numbers of people calling us for help are higher than ever. People in need of legal help can access our services by telephone (1-800-532-1275) during regular intake hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., except for Thursday afternoons. They can also apply for services online through our website, www.iowalegalaid.org, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Iowa Legal also has several hotlines in operation:

The Legal Hotline for Older Iowans: 1-800-992-8161
 COVID19 Legal Advice Hotline: 1-800-332-0419
 Derecho Legal Advice Hotline: 1-877-469-2259

The COVID 19 pandemic and the derecho caused a variety of legal problems for Linn County residents. Iowa Legal Aid has received many calls involving employment related legal problems: employee safety, quarantining, loss of employment or reduction in hours, eligibility for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA). After the derecho Iowa Legal

Aid received many calls regarding insurance, FEMA benefits, and contractor issues. But over the last year the vast majority of calls have involved housing issues, particularly landlord tenant related. Many Linn County residents are struggling to prevent homelessness due to loss of income from the pandemic and increased housing costs after the derecho. Iowa Legal Aid provides advice and representation to clients in housing law matters to allow tenants to exercise their rights under both federal and state law. We also advise clients and help them to access both federal and state rental assistance.

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