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## **ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 17 & LCBA NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Annual Meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held on **Thursday, June 17**, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. The speakers will be attorney Matt Preston of Brady Preston Gronlund PC and Iowa Legal Aid-Cedar Rapids office Managing Attorney Lisa Gavin. They will discuss assisting homeowners with derecho-related issues. Please check your email for a message from the LCBA with the registration link for the Zoom meeting.

During the meeting, elections will be held for vacancies on the LCBA Board of Governors. The LCBA's Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of nominees to be placed on the ballot for election:

President-Elect (term of presidency 2022-2023): Holly Corkery, Lynch Dallas, P.C.

Secretary (two year term 2021-2023): Sarah C. Thielen, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C.  
Board of Governors:

Tony Olson, Rush Nicholson (completing former Board member Landon Dufoe's remaining term)

Casey Rigdon, Howes Law Firm (replacing Holly Corkery for a 3 year term)

Melissa Carrington, Assistant United States Attorney (replacing former Board member Justin Lightfoot for a 3 year term)

Current President-Elect, Laura Hyer, Bradley & Riley PC, will become President at the Annual Meeting.

### LINN LAW CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linn Law Club will be volunteering as a group for HACAP from 10 am to 12 pm on **Friday, June 25, 2021**. Some of the volunteer activities include sorting food donations, packing food boxes for HACAP's mobile pantries, and packing back packs for HACAP's backpack program that provides school children with food over the weekend/Summer away from school. The activity selected will be based on the greatest need. Please write the [linnlawboard@gmail.com](mailto:linnlawboard@gmail.com) or call John W. Hofmeyer IV at 319.400.8785. We would appreciate any RSVPs by Friday, June 18, 2021.

*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](mailto:linnlawboard@gmail.com)

### SUMMER OUTING – THURSDAY, JULY 8

RSVP requests have been emailed to members for the LCBA Summer Outing set for **Thursday, July 8, 2021**. Registration is through Eventbrite. Please register by Friday, July 2, 2021. Click [here](#) to register through the Eventbrite app.

At 8:00 AM, the day kicks off with a **3.25 hour CLE** conducted via **Zoom** in the morning! No need to arrive early for registration-just fire up your computer, pad, Android or iPhone for some great information and presentations!

During the afternoon, join your colleagues and local judges for either a 20 mile bike ride, a pontoon boat ride at Lake McBride, or golf at Airport National!

Commencing at 5:00 PM, our trademark **LCBA Summer Outing Social Hour and Nosh** will get underway at The Hotel at Kirkwood!

All activities other than golf are free for all dues-paid members.

Here are the details:

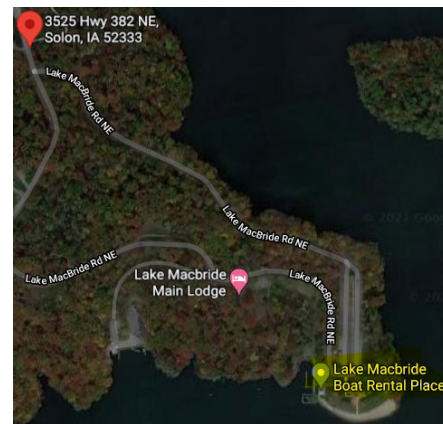
**CLE (Zoom link to be sent)**

- 8:00 - 8:15 State Court - State of the Court - Judge Lars Anderson
- 8:15 - 8:30 Federal Court - State of the Court
- 8:30 - 9:15 Guardianship and Conservatorship Presentation - Matt Piersall
- 9:15 - 10:00 COVID Impact Presentation - Holly Corkery & Panel
- 10:00 - 10:15 Break
- 10:15 - 10:30 Pro Bono Recognition - Lisa Gavin
- 10:30 - 11:30 Diversity/Ethics Presentation - Emily Chafa, ISBA

**Afternoon Activities: Bike; Pontoon; Golf.**

**Bike Ride** – LCBA cyclists will convene at 1:00 p.m. in front of the federal courthouse, 111 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, for an out-and-back ride to Ely on the Cedar River Trail and Hoover Trail. There will be a stop and turnaround at Dan & Debbie’s Creamery in Ely to regroup and enjoy some ice cream. The return trip may include a stop at a beverage establishment catering to cyclists. The total length is 20 miles. New cyclists are welcome! Please reach out to Chad Zenisek at [czenisek@unitedfiregroup.com](mailto:czenisek@unitedfiregroup.com) or 319-286-2535 with any questions or concerns.

**Pontoon Ride** – Meet at Lake Macbride Boat Rental, 3525 Hwy 382 NE, Solon, at 1:30 p.m. We will have refreshments while enjoying a pontoon cruise around the lake from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. Bring sunscreen! See map (at right) for location of the meeting place (Boat Rental Place). Contact Sarah Thielen at [sct@shuttleworthlaw.com](mailto:sct@shuttleworthlaw.com) or 319-365-9461 with any questions.



**Golf Event** - Meet at Airport National Golf Course, 3001 Wright Brothers Blvd. E, Cedar Rapids, for 18 holes. Registration begins at Noon with a 1 p.m. (sharp) shotgun start. Range available to warm up. Four person scramble at bargain price of just \$35.00 per golfer including cart. Three flights of winning teams, hardest working team prize and 6 hole prize events will be in play, with prizes sponsored by Luneckas Law. Contact Darin Luneckas at [darin@crlawyers.com](mailto:darin@crlawyers.com) or 319-294-8777 with any questions.

**5:30 to 9 o'clock PM: The Storied LCBA Summer Outing Social Hour and Nosh**

Attendees will enjoy a picnic buffet (hamburgers, brats, etc.) with a beer and wine bar. Anyone requesting a vegetarian meal or with dietary restrictions is asked to contact Laura Hyer at [lhayer@bradleyriley.com](mailto:lhayer@bradleyriley.com) to make arrangements.

Any general questions about the Outing? Contact Outing Chair Phill Seidl at 319-377-9770 or pseidl@sccrlaw.com.

### INVITATION TO JULY 9 JUDGE LIGHTFOOT INVESTITURE

LCBA members are cordially invited to attend the investiture of District Judge Justin A. Lightfoot, Sixth Judicial District of Iowa, to be held **Friday, July 9 at 3:30 p.m.** at the Linn County Courthouse, Fourth Floor. A reception will follow at the National Czech & Slovak Museum, 1400 Inspiration Place SW, Cedar Rapids (indoor and outdoor seating options).

### JULY 2021 IOWA BAR EXAM APPLICANT LIST

The following Linn County residents have filed an application to sit for the July 2021 Iowa Bar Examination: **Seth Leo Balke** (University of Iowa College of Law); **Thomas J. Mescher** (Rutgers Law School – Newark); **Sharayah Danielle Owens** (Drake University Law School); **David Lee Rappenecker** (University of Iowa College of Law); and **Olivia Schuler** (University of Iowa College of Law).

Pursuant to Iowa Court Rule 31.9, the Chair of the Iowa Board of Law Examiners seeks the report of any information reflecting adversely on the moral character or fitness of these applicants. Any such information should be transmitted as soon as possible to the Chair of the Board of Law Examiners in the care of the Office of Professional Regulation, State of Iowa, Judicial Branch Building, 1111 East Court Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50319.

### LCBA KERNELS OUTING – FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2021

What a year we have all had. With more opportunities to be outdoors and the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic, the LCBA has decided to bring back one of our most popular events - the group outing at The Kernels! However, this year the outing is going to look a little different. First, we are opening the event up to family members of up-to-date dues-paying members. Additionally, the event is scheduled for a Friday evening, July 23, 2021. The game begins at 6:00 PM and the gates open at 5:30 PM. As a benefit to our members, we have decided to provide unlimited food and drink for our members and their guests. However, attendance is limited to 150 people (not including children aged 5 and under, because they are free and do not count toward our final numbers) and you **MUST** RSVP to reserve you/your family's spot. In order to get an appropriate headcount we will be sending out an online RSVP in the near future. Keep an eye out for that because we'd love to have you join us!

### SAVE THE DATE FOR KIDS FIRST'S HAPPY HOUR

Kids First's annual Happy Hour fundraiser is back and in person! Save the date for **Wednesday, September 15, 2021**, (rain date 9/16/21) after work at CRST's 4<sup>th</sup> floor

patio in downtown Cedar Rapids at 201 1<sup>st</sup> Street SE. Entry is free and the bar is open! Everyone is welcome!

### **THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS WHO PRESENTED AREA HIGH SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARDS**

Thank you to the following LCBA members who presented the Iowa State Bar Association's American Citizenship Award at area high schools this spring: Mike Weston, Greg Lederer, Dana Judas, Ryan Fisher, Corey Luedeman, Landon Dufoe, Dan Morgan, Ray Rinkol and Stephanie Hinz.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:lgavin@iowalaw.org).

### LCBA 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
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): U of I Law Prof. June Tai, Ethical Supervision of Virtual Law Student Interns.	.75	.75

### NEW MEMBERS

The Linn County Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

None this month.

### 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](mailto:webmaster@linncobar.org).*

### WANT ADS

**LITIGATION ATTORNEY:** Lynch Dallas, P.C., a Cedar Rapids, Iowa law firm seeks an associate attorney to join our litigation team. 1-2 years of experience in the following practice areas is preferred: general civil litigation, municipal law, and insurance defense, including workers’ compensation. Experience is preferred but will train the right



candidate. A successful candidate must: have a strong work ethic, possess excellent interpersonal and client relation skills, have exceptional writing and research skills and the ability to independently manage multiple clients. All candidates MUST have a license to practice law in the state of Iowa or have the ability to license in 2021. Competitive salary and benefits. Please send cover letter, resume and writing sample to Heather Golden, Lynch Dallas, P.C., PO Box 2457, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-2457 or [hgolden@lynchdallas.com](mailto:hgolden@lynchdallas.com). (6/2021)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gaudet@phelantuckerlaw.com).

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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.

### **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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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: RODINA



Rodina is a small, upscale restaurant located in the Czech Village at 1507 C Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. It describes its food as Midwest comfort food. Aside from having a schnitzel on the menu, it does not have a Czech focus. I ate at Rodina on Saturday with three other people. The style of dining is most items are shared although the food is not served in a small plate/tapas style. The restaurant has a focus on bar items including craft cocktails - both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. They do an excellent job having unique and interesting beverage options.



For dinner, we started with a dozen raw oysters as well as the hummus toast. It was nice to have an option for raw oysters in Cedar Rapids. It was served with a chili oil rather than the more common mignonette. I, frankly, missed the acid of the mignonette. The hummus toast was excellent. For our main courses, we had the roasted red snapper which came to the table as a whole fish, head on, etc. That is also less common at restaurants in this area. The fish was perfectly cooked and delicious.

We also had the veal schnitzel and the pork loin chop. The pork loin was delicious although the chef definitely takes liberty with the more modern trend of serving pork closer to medium rare. The mixed mushrooms we had as a side dish with the pork tasted similar to Morel mushrooms sautéed in butter and were fantastic. The mashed potatoes and roasted vegetable medley that came with the fish were also excellent. For dessert, we had madeleines & jam and a blueberry sorbet. Both were excellent. The madeleines are like a cross between a very sweet cornbread and a cookie and were served warm and were delicious.



The restaurant is small and has a warm, inviting feel. They also have about five or six tables for

outdoor dining along the side of the restaurant, though it was too windy on the evening I was there to eat outside. The prices are on the higher side for local dining, and it would likely qualify as a special occasion restaurant. We spent three hours at the restaurant and were never rushed by the waiter. That was a nice change of pace from many restaurants. If you are looking for a place to go for a special night out, consider checking out Rodina.

Rodina is located at 1507 C Street SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Their phone number is (319) 200-2515 and its website is [www.rodinaiowa.com](http://www.rodinaiowa.com).

Matt the Critic

### **LCBA GIVING AT WORK: A COLUMN FROM KIDS FIRST LAW CENTER**

*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.*

Seven-year-old Delilah didn't like to talk about her parents' divorce. But she liked to meet with her Kids First lawyer—mostly because she liked playing board games together and getting ice cream. Kids First connected Delilah with a therapist to help her talk about her feelings.

During the pandemic, most of Delilah's meetings with her attorney were on FaceTime. Delilah liked to put her stuffed animals on the video and to have them "do the talking." One day, Delilah confided about scary things she had witnessed and about how much she missed her mom.

The parents agreed through their attorneys to meet with Delilah's lawyer to work on coparenting. After just two sessions, the parents agreed on a new custody arrangement which gave Delilah's mom more time with her. They also agreed on a new communication plan to ensure more phone calls with Delilah when she is in each parent's care.

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