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## MESSAGE FROM THE LCBA PRESIDENT

Dear members:

As we gaze out on a constantly evolving landscape in the unknown and uncharted territory of the days, weeks and even months ahead, we can only see so far. Well-made plans dissolve. Provisional plans require revision before they are finished. We are driving in a snowstorm, at night, our headlights providing only veiled glimpses of the road ahead...

**In Light of the evolving Covid-19 epidemic: All LCBA Meetings, Plans and Scheduled Events Are Tentative and Subject to Change unless stated otherwise. This includes:**

1. **LCBA Monthly meetings** at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art: **April 16, 2020 bar meeting – CANCELED.** Beyond that TBD – watch for further announcements.
2. **LCBA at Cedar Rapids Kernels** (May 20, 2020 at 12 o'clock noon).

3. Gathering with Judges at White Star (April 29, 2020) – **CANCELED-new date TBA when ready.**
4. **LCBA Summer Outing: Thursday, July 9, 2020-Planning still in progress.**

*We may be delayed, we may have to make adjustments constantly, however, we are each driven to seek and work for better and healthier times.*

*We will continue to update information as developments occur. In the meantime...*

*May you, your families, firm members, clients and those you care for be kept safe in the days ahead.*

*Sincerely,*

*Phillip D. Seidl*

### **MESSAGE FROM THE SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

On March 18, Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Grady released a Supplemental Order Providing Detailed Procedures Due to COVID-19 Virus. The Order can be viewed here: <https://www.linncohar.org/wp-content/uploads/Sixth-Judicial-District-Order-2020-03-18.pdf>

Pursuant to the Iowa Supreme Court's March 14, 2020 Order in response to the COVID-19 virus emergency, for certain proceedings criminal defendants are permitted to execute a written waiver of appearance. Judge Grady has issued a form for this use (click the second link at this page):

<https://www.linncohar.org/sixth-judicial-district-issues-supplemental-order-providing-detailed-procedures-due-to-covid-19-virus/>

The provision of the Iowa Supreme Court's March 14 Order to which this pertains is here:

7. For sentencing hearings through April 20, district courts may allow any party (the prosecutor, defense counsel, defendant, victims and witnesses) to appear by videoconference with that party's consent. To appear by videoconference, the defendant shall execute a written waiver.
8. Through April 20, for a proceeding where the defendant's personal appearance is required other than trial and sentencing, the defendant may execute a written waiver of appearance, with the consent of the district court.

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.

## LINN LAW CLUB NEWS

The Linn Law Club would like to thank everyone who attended our Happy Hour at Grin N' Goose on March 4, 2020 as well as all of those who attended the Social Hour with the law students at Big Grove Brewery on March 11, 2020. Due to public health and COVID-19 concerns, the Linn Law Club will not be hosting any more events until we feel it is safe for our members to do so. As soon as we have our next event scheduled, we will share the information with you. You can follow us on Facebook for the most up to date information.

*Law Club is a group aimed at helping 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. The Linn Law Club is open to all attorneys age 35 and under or who have been practicing less than 10 years.*

*To find out more about upcoming Linn Law Club events, please contact [linnlawboard@gmail.com](mailto:linnlawboard@gmail.com).*

## 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY LCBA CELEBRATION/HISTORY PROJECT

Our President-elect, Megan Merritt noted an approaching milestone for our Bar Association. That milestone recognizes the January 13, 1931 incorporation of our Linn County Bar Association's with the initiation of the **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary LCBA Celebration/History Project!**

We are inviting members to become involved in this project both to **Preserve Our LCBA History**, and, **Plan the LCBA Ninetieth Anniversary Celebration** in the following capacities:

- 1. Serve on the History Committee.**
- 2. Serve on the LCBA 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee.**
- 3. Submit Documents, Pictures, tape recordings, Videos Etc.** If you are a past LCBA Board of Governors and/or Committee Member with a compendium of old agendas, minutes, or corporate documents of any kind, please consider donating such materials.
- 4. Submit Stories: Written or oral histories, memoirs and reminiscences.** We value the experience of our members and hope to be able to preserve stories of the evolution of the practice of law in Linn County.

To respond please reply to: [linncobar@gmail.com](mailto:linncobar@gmail.com)

## SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2020

The Sixth Judicial District Judge Assignments for 2020 have been released. They are posted on the LCBA website at <https://www.linncobar.org/wp-content/uploads/DJassign2020.pdf>

## HAPPY HOUR WITH KIDS FIRST LAW CENTER

Save the date for Happy Hour with Kids First on **Thursday, May 14, 2020** from **4:30-7:00pm**. Happy Hour will take place at the Paramount Theatre's Encore Lounge in Cedar Rapids. Free entry- bring your friends and family! Enjoy drinks and appetizers while you bid on fabulous silent/live auction items!

## SAVE THE DATES!

Save the dates for the following LCBA events:

- LCBA day at the Cedar Rapids Kernels, **Wednesday, May 20, 2020**, 12:15 p.m. game between the Kernels and the Burlington Bees
- Summer Outing, **Thursday, July 9, 2020**. Plans are underway for a Breakfast/CLE at the Ideal Social Hall with 3.25 CLE hours. Social activities for the day will once again include golf, pontoon boating and a bike ride with dinner at the Ideal Social Hall. Watch for details and upcoming announcements.

## SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATION UPDATES

The District Court Administrator's Office for the Sixth Judicial District has released an updated phone and extension list, as well as list of personnel and assigned roles and responsibilities. These lists can be viewed on the LCBA website at: <https://www.linncobar.org/sixth-judicial-district-court-administration-releases-updated-phone-list-personnel-list/>

## LCBA 2020 CLE SUMMARY

The following LCBA programs are approved for CLE credit:

Iowa Activity ID #	Date of Program	Program Description	Iowa Credit Hours	Ethics Hours
344334	2/20/20	Feb. Bar Mtg.: Iowa State Bar Association panel	.5	0

## LCBA MEETING CALENDAR

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. Exceptions are noted below. The meetings for the remainder of the 2019-2020 LCBA year are:

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- Wednesday, May 20, 2020 (*see information elsewhere in Scriptum re Kernels outing*)
- Thursday, June 18, 2020

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.

## NEW MEMBERS

The Linn County Bar Association welcomes the following new members this month:

Alex Momany, Howes Law Firm.

## TRANSITIONS

*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).*

## CONDOLENCES

We mourn the February 22, 2020 passing of **Hugo C. Burdt**, a member of the Linn County Bar Association since 1966. He is survived by his loving wife and family and leaves behind an inspiring legacy of respect and integrity in the practice of law. His obituary may be found at:

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thegazette/obituary.aspx?n=hugo-c-burdt&pid=195533740&fhid=13253>

## WANT ADS

Full time experienced **Legal Secretary/Assistant** position open. Three years or more of experience preferred. Creditors' rights practice, foreclosures, real estate, commercial transactions and litigation, wills and probate. No family law, criminal law, personal injury, worker's compensation or debtor representation. Templates and forms saved electronically. Proof reading and excellent work product management are a must. Willingness to do a significant amount of digital dictation required. Salary commensurate with experience, work ethic and product. I will pay well for the right team member. Self-motivated, good communication skills and an ability to docket and manage deadlines required. 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday. 401K and health insurance, if needed, available under a Wellmark BC/BS group plan. Free on-site parking. Clerical support provided. Payroll outsourced and billings prepared by another staff member on our team. All inquiries and applications treated strictly confidential. Please contact Ray Terpstra or Jennifer Smith if you are qualified for the position and are looking for employment with an AV rated attorney with 39 years of experience in a five person office. Phone: 319-364-2467, ext. 1007; email [rterpstra@tewlaw.net](mailto:rterpstra@tewlaw.net) with cc to Jennifer Smith at [jen@tewlaw.net](mailto:jen@tewlaw.net), 3600 First Avenue NE, Suite 101, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402.

**Lynch Dallas, P.C.**, a well-established Cedar Rapids, Iowa, law firm seeks an associate attorney to practice in general civil litigation, public sector law, and insurance defense including workers' compensation. Ideal candidate must have a strong work ethic and excellent analytical, interpersonal, writing and research skills. Experience is a plus but will train the right candidate. Competitive salary and benefits. Please send cover letter, resume and copy of law school transcript to Heather Golden, Lynch Dallas, P.C., P.O. Box 2457, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406-2457 or [hgolden@lynchdallas.com](mailto:hgolden@lynchdallas.com).

**Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque** is expanding its Immigration Legal Services program and is seeking to recruit an **Immigration Attorney**. For more information, please visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/employment>

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque is looking to expand its ability to provide quality, affordable legal services to more immigrants and their families in the Archdiocese of Dubuque (30 northeast counties in Iowa). This position offers flexible office locations options - we have offices in Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Dubuque, Ames, Decorah, and Mason City, Iowa, and the following benefits:

- paid Iowa BAR membership fees,
- paid American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) membership,
- paid professional liability insurance and
- assistance with CLE's.
- Premium pay for bilingual attorneys.

This position offers a competitive salary and benefits, especially paid time off program included. Email resume and cover letter to Human Resources at [dbqchr@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbqchr@dbqarch.org)

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](mailto: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](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.

### **MEDIATOR TRAINING**

Crilley Mediation Services will be presenting an ACR approved 40-hour Family Law Mediator Training (for Roster): **March 26-30, 2020** (Thursday-Monday over-the-weekend).

Please visit [www.CrilleyMediation.com](http://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](mailto:cmm@crilleylaw.com).

*\*Editor's Note: Please check with Crilley Mediation to see if this mediator training will still be held. This ad request was submitted prior to recent state mandates regarding the COVID-19 virus.*

### **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).

## **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/> The membership application is at this link: <https://www.linncobar.org/wp-content/uploads/LCBA-New-Member-Application.pdf>

Dues notices for the 2019-2020 LCBA membership year were sent out recently. If you did not receive yours, please contact the LCBA dues department at [linncobar@gmail.com](mailto:linncobar@gmail.com)

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/>

## **RESTAURANT REVIEW: Cappy's**

Cappy's Pizzeria is located in the same building as Scooters Coffee, on the west side of C Avenue, a block north of Boyson Road. Despite being open for fewer than ten years, it has an old-school pizzeria vibe to it. Cappy's is a small place with seating for about 25. It has an open "kitchen" so you can see the pizzas being made. As a very good sign, you can see the bags of flour and large cans of tomatoes, that get made daily into in-house, freshly prepared crusts, and sauce. They also daily cook their own meat toppings in-house.

Too often when it comes to pizza, the crust plays second fiddle to the toppings, when, in fact, it should be the opposite. Cappy's Pizzeria honors the proper order of things, with a clear focus on a high-quality crust that has the right balance of crackle and chew. They serve Chicago deep dish, thin New York-style pizza, as well as calzones.

Because the restaurant and kitchen are so small, they stick to a limited menu of pizzas, calzones, a couple of salad options, bread sticks and cheesy bread, and that is it. I prefer New York-style pizza and it has always been excellent there. You can pick your own toppings, or the veggie pizza comes with the usual selection of vegetables. The "Cappy" has several meats and vegetables on it. Their Margarita pizza is excellent and the best way to showcase the high-quality crust. If you choose to start with a salad, I found the Greek salad to be excellent, tossed with a light vinaigrette.



In addition to having fountain sodas, they also have a cooler with bottled soft drinks and beer. As part of the interesting throwback vibe, you can help yourself to the items out of the cooler and the wait staff will simply add them to your ticket at the end. Each table has a box of Trivial Pursuit cards from the original 1980s version. My children typically have no idea what any of the people, places or things are that are asked about on any of the cards. As a final throwback touch, everyone receives an old-school piece of bubble gum when the bill arrives. Because it is a small place, Cappy's can be busy during peak times and there is a sign-up sheet at the door that you add your name to if there is not seating available when you arrive.

Give Cappy's a try and make sure you have boned up on your 1980s trivia before you go. Cappy's is located at 7037 C Avenue NE, Cedar Rapids.

Matt