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### NEXT BAR MEETING: MARCH 18 FROM 12-1 PM

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held **Thursday, March 18, 2021, from 12-1 p.m.** via Zoom. The speaker is Coe College Interim President (and LCBA member) David Hayes. CLE credit will be sought.

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

### LINN LAW CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linn Law Club had a great time bowling earlier this month. Those who attended bowled 4 games, including some glowlight bowling. The Linn Law Club is working on additional socially distant activities as we are all able to get together. Please send your suggestions

for activities to [linnlawboard@gmail.com](mailto:linnlawboard@gmail.com) and look for our upcoming announcements on April and May events.

*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 - 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 [linncobar@gmail.com](mailto:linncobar@gmail.com). We would like to hear from you as we go forward with the provisional planning for this event!

### **FINALISTS NAMED FOR SIXTH JUDICIAL JUDGE VACANCY**

On March 3, 2021, the Sixth District Judicial Nominating Commission announced the following finalists—both of whom are members of the Linn County Bar Association—to fill the District Court Vacancy existing due to the retirement of Judge Patrick R. Grady:

Valerie Clay  
Justin Lightfoot

These individuals have been certified to Honorable Susan Christensen, Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court, and Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa.

### **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 [lincobar@gmail.com](mailto:lincobar@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.lincobar.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 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

### NEW MEMBERS

The Linn County Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Weijing Wu, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C.

### TRANSITIONS

After nearly 23 years with the U.S. Department of Justice, most recently as United States Attorney, **Pete Deegan** retired from the U.S. Attorney's Office on February 17. On February 22, Pete joined the Chicago office of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP. Pete will practice throughout the Midwest as part of Taft's Corporate Compliance/White Collar Criminal Defense and Commercial Litigation practice groups. While he will be spending large portions of his time in Chicago and elsewhere, Pete plans to maintain a presence in Iowa for the foreseeable future.



**Douglas D. Herman** joined the Lynch Dallas, P.C. law firm in December 2020. Doug received his J.D. from Hamline University School of Law in 1994. Following 12 years in private practice, and immediately prior to joining Lynch Dallas, P.C., Doug served as City Administrator for the City of Monticello for 14 years. During his time with the City of Monticello, Doug handled the majority of the City's legal matters in addition to his duties as City Administrator. As a result of this administrative experience, Doug brings a unique perspective to the Lynch Dallas P.C. team with his appreciation for the practical and political implications inherent in advising municipalities, along with his ability to provide sound legal advice and recommendations. We are also pleased to announce Lynch Dallas, P.C., is now positioned to add grant writing and administration of state and federal programs to our wide range of legal services.



Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, PLC is pleased to welcome **Weijing Wu** to its team of attorneys. Weijing's practice focuses on assisting those with family law matters, as well as individuals and businesses in various areas of civil and commercial litigation including contract disputes, business torts, and insurance defense. Prior to joining private practice four years ago, Weijing spent a year and a half clerking for the judges of the Sixth Judicial District of Iowa, where she not only honed her researching and writing skills but learned about effective courtroom advocacy.



*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

**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](mailto:hgolden@lynchdallas.com).

**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](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).

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.

### **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.linncoar.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 Herbed Chicken and Mushrooms over Pasta. This recipe will make 4 servings.

Ingredient	Amount	Preparation
Chicken	2 full breasts	BSCB – each breast butterflied into two “flat” halves – preferably do this and salt each half and refrigerate for 24 hours before cooking - salt each piece liberally with kosher salt
Mushroom	1 package	Wash and slice into 4 – 5 flat slices
Garlic	4 cloves	Finely minced
Rosemary – fresh	1 TB	Finely minced
Thyme – fresh	2 tsp	Just the leaves
Butter	2 TB	
Flour	2 TB	
Milk	2 cups	Preferably whole but any will do
Salt	As needed	
Parmesan cheese	1/3 cup	Shredded
Cheddar cheese	2 cups freshly grated	Preferably white cheddar and use block – not bagged shredded
Blue cheese	1.5 oz	crumbled
Onion	1 large onion	Diced
Pasta	1 box	Rigatoni
olive or canola oil	3 TB divided	For sauteing



- Boil well salted water
- Add 1 TB oil and Sautee onions (sprinkle with salt while cooking - to taste) and remove to plate or bowl when cooked
- Add another TB oil and Sautee mushrooms (sprinkle with salt while cooking - to taste). Add garlic and herbs in last minute of cooking stirring constantly to coat mushrooms and to avoid burning garlic - and remove to same plate or bowl as onions - when cooked
- Drop pasta into water and cook to al dente
- Add another TB oil and Sautee chicken until done - remove to same plate or bowl as onions - when cooked
- Add butter and flour into skillet and cook 3-4 minutes over medium heat to form golden colored roux
- Add milk and stir regularly until comes to boil
- add salt to taste and a pinch of nutmeg
- Add cheeses and stir until incorporated - should be a loose sauce almost runny - add a bit of pasta water if needed to thin sauce
- Add chicken, mushroom and onions into sauce and stir to incorporate and cook 2-3 minutes to heat through
- Drain pasta and add pasta to sauce/chicken mix and stir to incorporate

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

*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.*

Two middle school students with behavioral disabilities had gone into the hall, preparing to fight—one with his shirt off already. Our facilitator, Judy, happened to be there and knows the students. Several teachers were separating them. Donovan put on his backpack and was preparing to leave school. Judy asked Donovan if he'd like to chat and see the new LED lights in her room. He agreed, and after talking, Donovan did a science lesson online with Judy. He was calm and wanted to return to class. The teacher put him in a different room from Tyler for the day.

An hour later, the Associate Principal asked if Judy would lead a restorative circle for the two boys. Judy went to Tyler's classroom and Tyler declared he would not do a circle and was getting a restraining order against Donovan. But Tyler agreed to talk with Judy, and she coaxed him into giving the circle (mediation) a try. In the circle together, Tyler

admitted that his “anger took over.” Donovan apologized to Tyler for the way he had reacted and Tyler apologized too. Judy asked, “Is there anything else you need to make things right?” Donovan said quietly, “To give each other a hug?” They stood up and walked to the middle of the circle and hugged. Donovan and Tyler returned to the same classroom the next day—with a heart-to-heart conversation with the teacher and without fighting or getting suspended. Judy checked in with the boys and their teacher the next week, and all was well between them.

Kids First’s restorative justice work in five Cedar Rapids schools helps students resolve conflict and gain the skills they need to prevent conflict from reoccurring. Resolving conflict quickly allows students to return to learning sooner so they don’t fall behind. It also prevents the need to suspend students. When a student is suspended just once, he becomes twice as likely to drop out of school. With Kids First’s help, students can stay in school and conflicts are resolved, making schools safer for all kids.

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