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OCTOBER BAR MEETING – OCTOBER 15

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held **Thursday, October 15, 2020, from 12-1 p.m.** via Zoom. The speaker will be LCBA member Peter Deegan, US Attorney for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa.

Please see the email that will be sent to LCBA members for the link to the Zoom meeting.

LINN LAW CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

During these unique times, the Law Club's social events will necessarily take on a different slant as we continue as a community to cope with the pandemic and derecho. The Club's goals for this year include the annual gift drive and finding unique ways to

help its members connect. The Club is working on holding an event this fall, but does not have a specific event scheduled at this time. If you have any suggestions for events during the COVID era, please send them to Law Club President John Hofmeyer IV, jhofmeyer@arensonlaw.com. We look forward to continuing the great tradition the Club has built up over recent years.

FREE DISASTER RESPONSE CLE OCTOBER 23

In conjunction with the Derecho Legal Hotline co-sponsored by the Linn County Bar Association (*see announcement immediately below*), Iowa Legal Aid and the LCBA are sponsoring a free CLE webinar on October 23 from 12-1 pm. Topics covered will include FEMA, housing assistance, insurance, recoupment, appeals, Iowa disaster assistance grants, real estate issues, landlord-tenant issues, mortgage issues, contractor issues, mechanic's liens, tree laws, and education issues. Presented by Lisa Gavin, Managing Attorney at Iowa Legal Aid.

Topic: Common Disaster Legal Issues

Time: October 23, 2020 12:00 PM Central Time

Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81821111483?pwd=L0xyQ3ZRU3NHNGplQVBNQkNFRmxTZz09>

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Webinar ID: 818 2111 1483

International numbers available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81821111483>

DERECHO LEGAL HOTLINE VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Volunteer lawyers are sought to assist Derecho Legal Hotline callers. The hotline is sponsored by the LCBA in conjunction with Iowa Legal Aid, The Iowa State Bar Association, the Iowa State Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, and the Polk County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project. 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.

The hotline operates 9am-4pm weekdays and is a call-back hotline in which callers leave a voicemail with their legal issue. The calls are then screened by Iowa Legal Aid and if they meet Iowa Legal Aid's guidelines receive assistance from an Iowa Legal Aid attorney. Callers who do not meet the guidelines will receive assistance from volunteer attorneys.

- Volunteers will be returning calls to individuals who have called into the hotline. Volunteers will not be answering phone lines.
- Training provided by Iowa Legal Aid is available to equip attorneys of all practice areas and experience levels to provide assistance.
- These will be very limited representations.

If you are a lawyer interested in volunteering your valuable time and expertise to provide legal help during this crucial time, please contact Virginia Sipes with The Iowa State Bar Association at vsipes@iowabar.org and indicate your area practice areas in the email.

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

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA LAW LIBRARY OFFERING VIRTUAL REFERENCE SERVICES TO ATTORNEYS, JUDGES

The University of Iowa Law Library is offering virtual reference services to the Iowa bench and bar during the Fall 2020 semester. The reference desk email is refdesk@iowa.uiowa.edu; or, please phone 319-335-9005 and leave a message. A Law Library reference librarian will contact you shortly.

During the Fall 2020 semester, the Law Library will be open to College of Law students, faculty, and staff. The general public will not have access to the Law Library for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in-person consultations will not be available to the general public, including attorney clients and pro se litigants. However, in-person reference consultations will be available to the Iowa bench (including law clerks) and bar by appointment on Mondays and Fridays between 11 am and 3 pm. Please call the reference desk phone number, 319-335-9005, and leave a message to request an appointment. Appointments must be made at least 48 hours in advance (72 hours in advance for a Monday appointment). Please note: masks or face shields are required to enter the building and work in it. If there are Americans with Disabilities Act issues please let us know when you make your appointment.

**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.

COVID-19 LEGAL ADVICE HOTLINE

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>

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	February Bar Meeting: Iowa State Bar Assoc. panel	.5	0
350690	6/18/20	June Bar (Zoom) Meeting - State Auditor Rob Sand	.5	0
pending	9/24/20	September Bar (Zoom) Meeting – Cedar Rapids Mayor Brad Hart	.5	0

NEW MEMBERS

The Linn County Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Jackson Blais, Simmons, Perrine, Moyer & Bergman, PLC

Austin Peiffer, Ag & Business Legal Strategies.

Joseph Porter, Simmons, Perrine, Moyer & Bergman, PLC

Matthew Roth, Simmons, Perrine, Moyer & Bergman, PLC

Madison Schroeder, Simmons, Perrine, Moyer & Bergman, PLC

TRANSITIONS



Austin Peiffer has joined Ag & Business Legal Strategies. He is a 2019 graduate of the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis and spent the last year clerking for the Hon. A. Benjamin Goldgar, Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois. He is happy to have returned to his Iowa roots from the hustle and bustle of Chicago's suburbs and is eager to continue growing as a new lawyer.

Ben Roberson invites LCBA members to attend an open house for his new firm Community Law Office. The office is located at 84 16th Ave. SW in the Czech village. The open house will be from 4:30 to 6:00 pm on October 30. Light refreshments will be provided. Website: communitylawoffice.com, Phone: 319-569-8075, email: ben@communitylawoffice.com.

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

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.

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a full-time United States magistrate judge for the Southern District of Iowa to fill the vacancy created by the upcoming retirement of Judge Celeste F. Bremer. The position will be based in Des Moines, Iowa. Applications are due October 30, 2020. Please see this link for details: <https://www.iasd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Magistrate%20Judge%20Public%20Notice.pdf> and see this link for the job application: <https://www.iasd.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Magistrate%20Judge%20Application.pdf>

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.

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@limcobar.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. 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 **Pickled Vegetables**.

A note from Chef Matt: One of my favorite uses for end-of-summer vegetables is to refrigerator pickle them. I have set out below suggested types and amounts but any variation will work. About the only thing that needs to stay constant is the ratio of water, vinegar, and salt.

Ingredient	Amt	Preparation
Carrots	3	Peel and cut into 4 inch long, thin sticks (about ½ as thick as carrot sticks for dips for example)
Onion	1 large	Cut into slices roughly same thickness as the carrots
Cauliflower	½ head	Cut into small wedges
Celery	4 stalks	Cut same size as carrots
Kosher salt	2 tsp	
Pepper – fresh cracked	1 tsp	
Vinegar – distilled white	2.5 cups	
Water	2.5 cups	
Carrots	3	Peel and cut into 4 inch long, thin sticks (about ½ as thick as carrot sticks for dips for example)



- Cut vegetables and layer into large canning jar
- Heat vinegar and water (along with salt and pepper), until liquid is very hot but not boiling – roughly 170 – 190 degrees. A Pyrex measuring cup with spout, heating in microwave, will work best for next step.
- Slowly pour heated liquid over vegetables in canning jar, leaving at least ½ inch of air between liquid and lid.
- Add plastic wrap, baggie, wax paper, or other non-metal barrier on top of jar (to avoid acidic pickling mixture from interacting with metal lid) and screw on lid.
- Let sit 2 hours to cool and put in refrigerator. It will take about 48 hours for the vegetables to pickle.
- Will keep well in the refrigerator for at least 14 days (.)
- Almost any crisp vegetable can be substituted for any of those listed above, and almost any flavors can be added such as herbs, garlic, hot peppers. etc.

Pickled Vegetables Fritto Misto

- Mix together 1 cup all purpose flour, with 1 cup cornstarch, 1 tsp kosher salt and 2 cups club soda.
- Dip a cup or so of pickled vegetables at a time into mix, drain well and place fully submerged into 350 degree oil (canola, vegetable or similar neutral oil), ensuring vegetables are separated during frying.
- Cook until golden brown (about 2 minutes) – remove with spider or slotted spoon to wire cooling rack (or paper towel lined plate) and repeat process until desired amount of vegies are cooked.
- While no dip is necessary, for an easy dip mix equal parts mayonnaise and sour cream, and fold in coarsely ground blue cheese crumbles to desired taste.

