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NEXT LCBA EVENT: BAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

The next meeting of the Linn County Bar Association will be held on [Thursday, September 19](#), from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art on Third

Avenue SE across from Greene Square Park. The meeting room is located on the third floor. Parking is available behind the building on the Second Avenue side. Lunch is \$10.00.

This month's speaker is Iowa State Senator Rob Hogg. He will be providing an update from the 2019 Iowa legislative session.

Lunch will be catered by Fresh Deli - menu items include: honey baked ham, baked shrimp and vegetable medley, party potatoes, fruit salad, cookies and beverages.

** Lunch is ordered as a courtesy for those who want to have lunch during the meeting. Members are not required to order lunch. There is no charge to attend the meeting if you do not order lunch.**

If you plan to attend, please respond to the RSVP request that was emailed to members. RSVPs were due by 2 p.m. on September 18. (No need to answer the questions if you are not attending the meeting.)

LINN LAW CLUB NEWS

The Law Club welcomes all new members and is kicking off the 2019-2020 term by holding a Happy Hour on **September 26, 2019** starting at 5 pm at The Quarter Barrel Arcade & Brewery, 616 2nd Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids.

The Linn 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 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.

LCBA CHARITABLE FUNDING REQUEST DEADLINE

Each year, the Linn County Bar Association Charitable Donations Committee distributes grants to nonprofit organizations that meet the objectives listed below. The committee that reviews requests for these funds has the following objectives to determine which organizations will receive funding:

Objectives of LCBA Charitable Donation:

1. To support organizations or entities that provide legal services to individuals in Linn County who would otherwise be under or unrepresented in our judicial system.

2. To support organizations, projects or entities that make the judicial system in Linn County more accessible to the public.
3. To promote the development, recognition, understanding and appreciation of the legal profession in Linn County.

Funding request forms can be found at the [Linn County Bar web site](#) or you can contact Gary Streit at 319-365-9461 or contact him at gjs@shuttleworthlaw.com for a copy of the funding request form. All applications must be returned no later than **October 15, 2019** via mail to Gary Streit, Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C., P.O. Box 2107, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406, or email to gjs@shuttleworthlaw.com. *Please note the website form references an October 7, 2016 deadline; this year's deadline as noted above is October 15, 2019; the form is otherwise accurate.*

LCBA DUES INVOICING

Invoices for 2019-2020 LCBA dues will be sent out electronically on or around **October 1** via Square. If you do not receive an invoice by the end of October, please contact us at linncoabar@gmail.com. The LCBA would like to thank you for your continued membership and support of the bar association.

Charitable contribution requests will not be included in invoices this year. However, the LCBA welcomes and encourages charitable contributions of any amount. If you would like to make a charitable contribution, please send a check to the Linn County Bar Association at P.O. Box 74127, Cedar Rapids, IA 52407. In the future we hope to offer an electronic option for payment of charitable contributions, however we are unable to do so at this time.

IOWA PARALEGAL ASSOCIATION FALL SEMINAR SEPT. 19-20

The Iowa Paralegal Association (IPA) is sponsoring an outstanding Fall Seminar **September 19-20** in West Des Moines, Iowa. The seminar will provide a rich array of experts and concurrent sessions, allowing participants to tailor their seminar experience to their own needs, interests, and professional circumstances. The seminar's special keynote speaker, Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark S. Cady will be speaking on The Role of Fair and Impartial Courts.

Go to our website www.iowaparalegal.org to view the full seminar agenda and register online. If you've been to a seminar before, you know the outstanding quality of educational content, speakers.

For questions and additional information: Nicole French, IPA Seminar Director.
NFrench@scrlaw.com

FRIENDS OF LINN COUNTY FAMILY TREATMENT COURT FALL FUNDRAISER / DONATIONS SOUGHT

The Linn County Family Treatment Court was established in 2008, as one of five pilot sites, funded by a Federal Grant to help families involved in the juvenile court system to have better outcomes for sobriety and having the family reunified. The Court has been operating continuously since then, first with Judge Susan Flaherty and now with Judge Cynthia Finley. A non-profit entity, Friends of the Linn County Family Treatment Court, helps fund a variety of sober activities for the family each year. It also provides funding for graduations and incentives (when participants are having success in their programming). The incentives range from gas cards to help with transportation to household items (kitchen towels, pans, pots, family games).

Friends of the Linn County Family Treatment Court will be holding a car wash fundraiser from 1-4 pm on **September 21** at GreenState Credit Union at 2340 Edgewood Rd., Cedar Rapids. Donations are welcome.

Friends of the Linn County Family Treatment Court is also seeking donations of bags of candy for its Trunk or Treat activity to be held in late October. This activity provides parents an opportunity to take their kids trunk or treating, when they may not be able to spend Halloween with them because they are placed out of the family home. Donations may be delivered to Sheryl at the Juvenile Court Office, 211 8th Ave. SW, Cedar Rapids or Kelly Kaufman at the Linn County Attorney's Office at the Juvenile Court Office.

Please contact attorney Ellen Ramsey-Kacena at kacenalaw@yahoo.com or 319-393-4683 with any questions.

INITIATION OF PILOT PROBATE MEDIATION PROJECT

Sixth Judicial Court Administrator Carroll Edmondson recently issued the below memo regarding a Pilot Probate Mediation Project that commenced August 1:

The Iowa Supreme Court has approved Linn County and Johnson County as pilot sites for a probate mediation program. The court will begin assigning appropriate probate cases to mediation beginning August 1, 2019. Any currently pending case may also be ordered to mediation if the court deems that the case is appropriate for mediation.

The following is a general outline of the process for assigning cases to probate mediation:

1. The Clerks in Linn and Johnson will review filings in probate cases as they come in, and notify the Johnson Presiding Judge or Linn Administrative Judge if they see a matter that appears to be appropriate for mediation. In addition, Court Administration will identify probate cases where lengthy hearings are requested, or where objections and/or claims are filed, and direct those matters to the

attention of the Linn Administrative Judge or the Johnson Presiding Judge.

2. The Presiding Judge or the Administrative Judge will then decide whether to order the case to mediation based on the following criteria:

Contested guardianships and conservatorships

Any cases set for lengthy hearings/trials

Visitation cases and temporary hearings (in guardianships, especially regarding minors)

Estate cases (when requested by the attorneys)

Objections filed on final reports (use mediation like discovery process)

Contested estate claims

Trusts – anything contested

Will contests

Matters where pro se litigants have waged objections or claims

The Administrative Judge or Presiding Judge will choose a mediator from the list that he/she feels would be a good fit for the particular case from a special probate mediator roster maintained by court administration. The roster denotes whether the mediator is 1) a family law mediator with additional specialized training for handling guardianship/conservatorship mediation or 2) an attorney with probate experience who is also a trained mediator. The latter group of mediators would be chosen for more technical and/or complex probate mediation.

Once mediation is complete, the mediator will be required to file a certificate of compliance. (see attached draft Certificate at <https://www.linncohar.org/initiation-of-probate-mediation-project-in-linn-and-johnson-counties/>). In the event the parties do not attend mediation as ordered, the Presiding Judge would have the *discretion* to issue sanctions, cancel the hearing, or allow the hearing to move forward, depending upon the needs of the case and parties.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF LAW SEEKS APPELLATE ADVOCACY COMPETITION JUDGES

The University of Iowa College of Law Moot Court Program seeks appellate advocacy competition judges. If you have judged in the past, then you are familiar with the judge's role as member of a mock judge panel and a brief grader. For many law students, appellate advocacy is the highlight of their school career. Students compete throughout the year to represent Iowa Law in national and international moot court competitions during the following year, continuing Iowa's legacy of success. This year the Moot Court Program Board has made it easier than ever for judges to participate. Please follow this link to learn more about fall competition needs and complete a short survey indicating your interest in assisting the program”

https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bEGVKBScANN2jrv

Please contact Mary Grace Warren, Executive Director, Iowa Law Moot Court Program, at marygrace-warren@uiowa.edu with any questions.

LAST CHANCE SEMINAR DECEMBER 12

Save the date for the LCBA Last Chance Ethics Seminar, admission to which is free to all dues-paid LCBA members: **Thursday, December 12, 2019**. More info to come in future issues of the Scriptum.

LCBA 2019 CLE SUMMARY

The following LCBA programs have been approved for CLE credit:

Iowa Activity ID #	Date of Program	Program Description	Iowa Credit Hours	Ethics Hours
323337	2/21/19	Feb. Bar Mtg.: ATJ Commissions – Anjela Shutts	.5	0
323357	3/14/19	March Bar Mtg.: St. Luke Hospital’s Child Protection Center – Dr. Regina Butteris	.5	0
324677	4/18/19	April Bar Mtg.: Foundation 2 – Emily Bloome	.5	.5
332257	6/20/19	June Bar Mtg: Legal Issues Facing Veterans -- Hon. Kevin McKeever	.5	0
322444	7/11/19	Summer Outing	3.25	1.75

LCBA MEETING CALENDAR

The Linn County Bar Association holds regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of September-November, February – April and June.

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:

Thomas W. Foley, Riccolo, Semelroth, & Henningsen, P.C.

TRANSITIONS



Thomas W. Foley has joined Riccolo, Semelroth, & Henningsen, P.C. (“RSH Legal”) in Cedar Rapids as an attorney. Before joining RSH Legal, Foley was a partner with Spies, Pavelich, & Foley in Iowa City. He represents individuals in all types of employment-related litigation and will lead RSH Legal's new employment law/individual rights practice group. Foley is admitted to practice in the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa, as well as the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. He graduated, with high distinction, from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1985.



Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC is pleased to welcome associate attorney **Drew A. Powell** to the firm. Mr. Powell is a litigation attorney with a general practice including business and commercial litigation and bankruptcy law. He grew up in Wellman, IA and went on to study international politics and political theory at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. He earned his JD from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2018. While attending law school, Mr. Powell was a student writer for the Journal of Gender, Race & Justice. He received the Dean’s Award for Top Grade in Business

Associations and the American Bankruptcy Institute Medal for Excellence in Bankruptcy Studies. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Powell served as Judicial Law Clerk for Thad Collins, Chief Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of Iowa. He is actively involved in the Corridor and is a current board member for the Cedar Rapids Curling Club.

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.

MEDIATION TRAINING

For Mediators, Collaborative Professionals, Attorneys, CPAs, Financial Planners, Therapists, Child Advocates, Parenting Coordinators, Human Resources, Social Workers
Crilley Mediation Services will be presenting the following seminars this FALL 2019:

- 16-Hour Parenting Coordinator Training – September 23-24, 2019
- 14-Hour Collaborative Law Training – October 3-4, 2019

For more information and to download Registration Forms for any of these trainings visit www.CrilleyMediation.com, call Christine Crilley at (319) 363-5606 or email: cmm@crilleylaw.com.

WANT ADS

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

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

LEGAL ASSISTANT

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque is seeking a Legal Assistant for our Cedar Rapids office to support the Immigration Legal Services program by scheduling appointments, maintaining client files, research and case preparation, coordinating immigration legal clinics, and interpreting or translating documents. Should have a bachelor's degree or equivalent work experience. Bilingual in Spanish is required. Benefits: Competitive pay and benefits, especially paid time off program included. Email resume and cover letter to Human Resources at dbqchr@dbqarch.org

IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque is looking to expand our 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

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.linncobar.org and click on “Court Schedules & Info” at the top. 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.

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: <http://www.linncobar.org/wp-content/uploads/220265.pdf>

Dues notices for the 2019-2020 LCBA membership year will be sent out soon.

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: NaRa

NaRa may be one of Cedar Rapids' best kept secrets. It is an excellent Thai restaurant that sits in the strip mall on the south side of Blairs Ferry Road, immediately east of The Edison. The restaurant itself is somewhat larger than the façade would suggest, but also has an unassuming interior with only a slight nod to its Thai roots.

While the atmosphere is relatively spartan, the menu has an excellent selection of Thai dishes. The crab Rangoons have quickly become my favorite in town. You get five substantial Rangoons, pillowy soft and fried to perfection. The dipping sauce is a delicious, thin, sweet vinegar sauce, rather than the stop-light colored corn syrup that often sadly passes for dipping sauce.

The entrees are largely broken into: Curry, rice or noodle dishes. My favorite thing on the menu is the Basil Duck. NaRa features a couple of duck dishes which is somewhat unusual to find on menus. Each time I have had the Basil Duck it is crispy, cooked to perfection with a good portion of fantastic crispy spinach. I find the white rice that comes with that dish to be rather bland and, therefore, substitute in their outstanding fried rice.

The dishes that I have had at NaRa appear to make prominent use of fish sauce, which is an ingredient common to many Southeast Asian foods including Vietnamese and Thai food. If you find a distinctive flavor in one of those foods but can't quite put your finger on what it is, it is most likely fish sauce. Aside from the fact that I detest the culinary term *de rigueur* "umami", I might almost be tempted to use it to describe what fish sauce brings to a dish.

The Salmon Ginger is also an excellent dish with broth that tastes lightly of soy sauce and ginger that cuts perfectly through the richness of salmon. The Tamarind Chicken is an elevated form of sweet and sour chicken, with a fantastic sweet and tangy Tamarind sauce that drapes the fried chicken pieces.

The Larb Ped is an outstanding spicy ground chicken and noodle dish. As a word of caution, when they say something is spicy, they mean it. You can specify a spice level between one and ten. I like spicy food but find myself tapping out at a level four. Spice levels above that should be left to the professionals. All the fried rice dishes I have tried at NaRa have an outstanding smoky flavor that is achieved from the proper technique of stir-frying rice at high heat.

In all, I have yet to have a dish at NaRa that I don't like and suggest checking it out. NaRa is located at 1725 Blairs Ferry Road, Suite 102, Marion, Iowa.

Matt