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#### A big shot for a year, then forgotten

I gave the following remarks as my "Inaugural Address" during the Annual Awards Gala on June 21, 2017. I would like to take this opportunity to share them with all ISBA members in my first President's Letter.

"In our busy lives, we tend not to take the time to reflect. This occasion has forced reflection upon me. As I thought about what to share with you, I returned to two particular memories, one serious, one humorous.

The serious memory is this. Less than three years ago, I found myself in a hospital room at Iowa Methodist. I was visited by two doctors. A few days earlier, I had suffered a stroke. After three days of tests, the doctors concluded that the stroke likely had been caused by a small, fibrous tissue on one of my heart valves. It was, they said, the size of

a pencil lead. They could find no other explanation for the stroke than that a piece had broken off and blocked a blood vessel to my brain. The doctors were concerned another piece might break off. They said one option would be to have surgery to remove what was left.

My first reaction was 'Okay, let's do it.' But then they said the surgery would be open heart and there would be a five percent mortality risk. They left the room.

In an hour, my wife Dawn was going to visit me in the hospital. I paced the room the entire hour. I don't mind telling you the first 20 minutes were spent feeling pretty nervous. The last 20 minutes were spent figuring out how to put a positive spin on all this so my family wouldn't worry so much.

The middle 20 minutes were as impactful as any in my life. During that time, I realized how lucky I was to have already succeeded in my greatest life goal. That goal was to have a family and to raise children that I would be proud of. When I realized we had achieved that goal, the nervousness went away.

So, let me begin by thanking my family, my wife Dawn, daughter Jennifer, son David and youngest son Greg. They have made my life fulfilling. Everything else is extra.

Whatever success I have had in our profession has been dependent on the help of many, many people, to whom I owe immeasurable thanks. Senior lawyers who guided me, partners who worked with me, younger lawyers who in recent years have carried me, and just as important, staff who supported me, covered for me and put up with me.

There have been so many who deserve my thanks that I will refrain from naming individuals. But there is one person I would like to recognize even though he is not here tonight.

Thirteen years ago, the Belin law firm and The Iowa State Bar Association lost a brilliant, much loved attorney who tragically passed away in the prime of his career. At that time, I was with a different law firm. I had partners who were great friends, but a practice that had grown dull. That brilliant Belin attorney had previously approached me about joining his firm, but with his passing I assumed I had lost the opportunity. I was wrong. As the firm struggled with the impossible task of filling the void in its ranks, my name came up.

The shining light we all lost 13 years ago was Roger Stetson. He was once a president of this association. If life had been kinder to all of us, Roger would be here tonight, sharing the stage with the other past presidents. It is gratifying to think that my time as your president will be another extension of Roger's legacy.

Last, but not least, I am especially grateful to my friends with the Polk County Bar Association and The Iowa State Bar Association, whose support and encouragement have led, to my great surprise, to the honor and privilege of becoming your bar president.

The second memory I will share still makes me smile. The path to

becoming bar president is not a short one. Typically, after building a legal career, you spend several years on the BOG demonstrating a commitment to the bar's mission. After that you have a year as V.P., a year as President-elect, and then you become President. Shortly after I became V.P., I was at a bar function and one of our more outspoken Iowa Supreme Court justices happened to walk by. He almost went past without saying anything, but then he stopped. He turned and said "Well, you'll be a big shot for a year, then you'll be forgotten." And he went on his way.

You might be surprised that I am comforted by this remark. The Iowa State Bar Association was formed 143 years ago. We were the very first state bar association. Today we are the best bar association in the country, and if you think I'm blowing smoke, talk to our peers. So, I hope that in a few short years, my time as caretaker is indeed forgotten. It will mean that I succeeded in not damaging a truly great organization. So, thank you, Justice Wiggins, for your words of wisdom and comfort.

This year, we will again face challenges.

- These include a projected decline in membership as larger numbers of older lawyers are replaced by smaller numbers of younger lawyers. We must resist this demographic trend by doing everything we can to be recognized as a value proposition for all Iowa lawyers.
- Another challenge will be to find ways to draw lawyers to our rural communities.
- And we must advocate for relief from the crushing student loan debt borne by many of our younger lawyers.
- We will continue our efforts to provide legal help to Iowans who struggle to afford an attorney.
- This year we will again battle for full funding for the judicial system.
- Finally, to our last breath, we will fight any threat to the impartiality of our judges.

We will face these and other challenges with determination and confidence, as we have every year for nearly a century and a half. Knowing that we will work together, I can't wait to get started."

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Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Cady administers the oath to Stephen R. Eckley during his investiture ceremony at the Annual Awards Gala on June 21, 2017.

## **2017 Annual Meeting**

Thanks to all who attended!

2017 Annual Meeting was held June 19-21 at the lowa Events Center in Des Moines. There was a major push by ISBA leadership this year to encourage more young attorneys to attend, by making the CLE registration free for ISBA members in their first through third years of practice. More than 150 young attorneys who fell into that category registered to attend Annual Meeting as a result.





Stephen Eckley, the new ISBA President, gives his inaugural address at the Awards Gala on the Wednesday night of annual meeting. Eckley, who practices at the Belin McCormick firm in Des Moines, is the bar's 131st president.









More than 30 vendors set up in the hallway to meet with members during seminar breaks. Annual meeting is held at the **Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center in** the Iowa Events Center.





**Diocese of Des Moines Bishop** Richard Pates holds up a ciborium and host while Deacon Steve Reed, an attorney in West Des Moines, holds up a chalice during the annual "Red Mass" at St. Ambrose Cathedral that is part of the ISBA Annual Meeting, Instituted more than 100 years ago in England, the Red Mass calls upon the Holy Spirit to guide judges in their decisions and lawyers in their advocacy for clients throughout the year.



A new annual meeting social event this year was the YLD Tailgate event on Tuesday night, replacing the Luau in the Lot in the bar association office parking lot. Another new social event introduced this year was an I-Cubs baseball outing on Monday night.



ISBA staff members help check in registrants during the three-day annual meeting, including **Emily Chafa (pictured** left). More than 600 attorneys and more than 200 judges and judicial staff members attended all or part of the Annual Meeting **CLE** seminars or social events.



Fred Rooney, known as the father of the law firm incubator movement, speaks during the Access to Justice track CLE at annual meeting. Over 80 presentations in 25 educational tracks were available for attendees to choose from.

#### **Former ISBA President Guy Cook** honored with 2017 Award of Merit

By Steve Boeckman, Communications Director Emeritus

A long-time member, former president and widely-recognized trial lawyer received The Iowa State Bar Association's highest honor the Award of Merit – at this year's annual meeting, June 19-21.

"Guy R. Cook embodies the principles upon which the Award of Merit was established," Outgoing President Skip Kenvon read from a proclamation honoring the senior partner at the Des Moinesbased Grefe and Sidney law firm. "During his 35 years of practice, he has tirelessly applied the law to assist his clients, appearing as counsel in more than 1,000 litigated matters and trying more than

"He has served the legal profession through his contributions to The Iowa State Bar Association, as president from 2013-2014, and as a member of numerous committees and sections. He is a former president of the Polk County Bar Association and member of the Board of Counselors at Drake University. In addition, he is a member of the Iowa Association for Justice, is a fellow of the Iowa Academy of Trial Lawyers and is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates," President Kenyon read.

The association's Award of Merit was created in 1947. It is awarded annually to a member who has demonstrated selfless dedication to the legal profession, to the bar association and to the community, and who demonstrates a passion for the legal profession and for fellow attorneys.

A Des Moines native, Cook was admitted to the Iowa Bar in 1982 after graduating from Drake University Law School. Prior to entering law school, he received an undergraduate degree in political science at the University of Iowa. During his undergraduate and law school years, he worked as a union ironworker, as a campus security officer and as a law library assistant to help pay for his education.

Following law school and admission to the bar, he served as a judicial clerk for Iowa Supreme Court Justice J. L. Larson, and as an Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa before being asked to join the Grefe & Sidney law firm in Des Moines in 1987. Over the years with the firm, he has developed a practice exclusively in litigation.

"Those who know him would agree that Guy is passionate about educating the public on the legal profession and the courts, especially Iowa's merit selection of judges, and is always prepared to discuss the subject on radio and television programs," President Kenyon



read from the proclamation. "As president-elect of the bar association during the contentious 2012 retention election of Iowa Supreme Court Justice David Wiggins, and as chair of the ISBA Fair and Impartial Courts Committee during the 2016 retention elections of Supreme Court Justices Mark Cady, Daryl Hecht and Brent Appel, he labored relentlessly to ensure they would be retained."

His life-time advocacy for fair and impartial courts resulted in appointments to the Merit Selection Panel for U.S. Magistrate Judges for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, and service on the state judicial nominating commission charged with identifying and vetting candidates for Iowa's appellate courts. In addition, he was appointed to the Iowa Supreme Court Grievance Commission.

In his acceptance speech, Cook praised Iowa's judiciary, stating that it is consistently in the top five in the nation, and urged those in attendance to do everything in their power to keep Iowa's court system fair and impartial.

President Kenyon also told the audience that, had it not been for Cook, the ISBA would not be meeting in the beautiful surroundings of the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center (for-

merly Veterans Auditorium). During his presidency, Cook pushed hard to boost the attendance at the annual meeting, resulting in an estimated 30 percent increase in attendance and necessitating a larger space than was available at previous venues.

"It is with great pride that The Iowa State Bar Association presents its 2017 Award of Merit to this giant of the profession: Guy R. Cook," President Kenyon concluded.



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#### Stephen B. Jackson, Sr. receives the Rolland Grefe Pro Bono **Publico Award**

One of the highlights of the Awards Gala each year at the ISBA Annual Meeting is the presentation of the Rolland E. Grefe Pro Bono Publico Award. This award recognizes a legal professional who has committed his or her talent and training to improve the quality of justice in the community and around the state. The recipient is someone who has enhanced the human dignity of others by improving or delivering pro bono legal services to those who are unable to afford a lawyer.

In so doing, this individual honors the legacy of Rollie Grefe, one of the true pillars of the Iowa Bar. The Rolland E. Grefe Pro Bono Publico Award was established by his widow, Mary Grefe, in his memory and in recognition of his long service to the ISBA, as well as his support for access to justice for all people.

On June 21, the Rolland Grefe Pro Bono Publico Award was presented to Stephen B. Jackson, Sr. of Cedar Rapids. Steve has practiced law for 50 years and is a member of the Shuttleworth & Ingersoll firm. He also was the founder and former chair of the Linn County Bar Association's Family Law Group for many years. Prior to joining Shuttleworth & Ingersoll, P.L.C., Jackson practiced at Jackson and Jackson PLC in Cedar Rapids with his son. Steve is a graduate of Coe College and the University of Iowa Law School. He was admitted to practice in 1964.

Steve Jackson, Sr. has assisted in the development of pro bono legal services in eastern Iowa in a variety of ways for nearly three decades. Steve has been a great volunteer attorney, serving many clients, but he has been so much more than just a volunteer attorney.

Steve has been a member of Iowa Legal Aid's Volunteer Lawyers Project since 1987. The Volunteer Lawyers Project records only go back to 1999, but reflect that since that time Steve has closed over 100 cases, primarily in the area of family law, and has contributed nearly 540 hours of pro bono time.

Steve recognized an unmet legal need for assistance with family law matters in the Cedar Rapids area and wanted to do what he could to help meet this need. Steve

talked with staff in Iowa Legal Aid's Cedar Rapids Regional Office and proposed an arrangement where he would come to the regional office on a regular basis and meet with clients who were eligible for free legal assistance, but would be turned away for lack of staff resources. The result of this collaboration was the "Jackson Intake Project," which was established in 1997. One Wednesday afternoon a month, Steve came to the Cedar Rapids Regional Office of Iowa Legal Aid and met with clients who had a variety of family law problems. Steve provided these clients with free legal advice and accepted many of the cases for extended pro bono representation through the Volunteer Lawyers Project. This was just the beginning of Steve's long-term commitment to an intake project that was unique to the Cedar Rapids Regional Office of Iowa Legal Aid.

Knowing that alone he was just making a dent in the demand, it didn't take long for Steve to recruit his son and law partner, Stephen B. Jackson, Jr., to volunteer as well. With Steve, Jr. on board, the Jacksons were able to come to the regional office once every two weeks instead of once a month, to advise and represent low-income clients with family law problems.

Steve was serving as the Chair of the Linn County Bar Association's Family Law Committee and realized that if he recruited some of the Family Law Committee's members to join this effort, the Jackson & Jackson Intake Project could be expanded to a weekly effort that would substantially

#### Past Rolland Grefe Pro Bono Publico Award Recipients

2005 Marti D. Nerenstone, Council Bluffs

2006 Diane H. Kutzko, Cedar Rapids

2007 Donald A. Wine, Des Moines

2008 Behnaz Soulati, Des Moines

**2009** Robert Holiday, West Des Moines

**2010** Thomas G. Fisher, Des Moines

2011 Philip L. Garland, Garner

2012 Scott G. Buchanan, Algona

**2013** Robert C. Oberbillig, Des Moines

2014 Brian W. Peters, Dubuque

**2015** Deborah M. Tharnish, Des Moines

2016 Timothy G. Pearson, Des Moines



Stephen B. Jackson, Sr. addresses the crowd at the ISBA Awards Gala, after accepting the 2017 Rolland Grefe Pro Bono Publico Award. This award is annually bestowed upon an ISBA member committed to delivering pro bono legal services to lowans who cannot afford a lawver.

increase the number of clients who could be served. Steve proposed this expansion in 2005 and spearheaded both the recruitment and training efforts. As a result of Steve's leadership, an additional two-dozen volunteer lawyers joined the project, which was renamed the "Linn County Family Law Intake Project." The Linn County Family Law Intake Project continues to this day, connecting literally hundreds of low-income Linn County residents with pro bono family law attorneys.

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Those who were able to attend the luncheon included (front row, from left) James Richmond, Raymond Beebe, Robert Holz, Jr., Donald Senneff, Kathleen Neylan, Gerald Kuehn; (second row, from left) Nick Critelli, Jr., Paul Tyler, Robert Goodwin, V. Philip Watson, James Updegraff, Hon. Gerald Magee, Jerrold Oliver; (back rows, left to right) Hon. J.C. Irvin, Edgar Bittle, Gerald Seidl, Thomas Langlas, Julian Garrett, John Veldey, Michael Sellers, Hon. J. Hobart Darbyshire, Boyd Boehlje, John Klaus, David Funkhouser, Michael Elwood, Hon. Joel E. Swanson, Lewis McMeen and Scott McLeod.

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#### Board of Governors Annual Meeting

## ISBA BOG takes action to approve new mission and vision, looks ahead to new year at annual meeting

Members of the ISBA Board of Governors (BOG) approved resolutions and recommendations submitted by committees, sections and others as part of the annual meeting of the ISBA Corporation and The Iowa State Bar Foundation. During the course of the meeting June 21 and 22, a variety of reports were also presented.

#### **ACTIONS**

Resolutions approved by the ISBA Board of Governors included:

- Honoring ISBA Immediate Past President Skip Kenyon in recognition of his service as ISBA President.
- Honoring Deceased Members. See page 16.

Additional actions taken by the BOG included:

- Approval of the 2017-2018 Budget.
- Approval of the reappointment of Mark Schuling and appointments of Phil Garland and Debra Peterson to The Iowa State Bar Foundation Board of Directors.
- Approval of changes and additions to the Iowa Civil and Criminal Jury Instructions approved and recommended by the Iowa Jury Instructions Committee.
- Approval of a revised ISBA Mission and Vision Statement.
- Approval for the ISBA Criminal Law Section's legislative committee to have the option to perform an analysis and recommend a position on a death penalty bill if introduced in the Iowa General Assembly.
- Approval to provide free ISBA membership for qualifying, YLD legal aid attorneys.
- Authorization for the ISBA to send a letter regarding concerns with H.R. 1215, the "Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017," to U.S. Congressman Rod Blum.

#### **REPORTS**

President's report - President Skip Kenyon (June 21)

ISBA President Skip Kenyon reported on the election of President-elect Tom Levis, Vice President Bill Boyd and ABA Delegate Jane Lorentzen by the general membership.

#### Strategic Planning – ISBA Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee Chair Bill Boyd (June 21)

ISBA Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee Chair Bill Boyd presented governors with a proposed mission and vision statement for approval. The governors reviewed the committee's draft mission and vision statements and approved the following statements, including goals and priorities:

<u>Mission:</u> ISBA supports members and their services to clients, community, and the judicial system.

**Vision:** ISBA is a leading voice and trusted collaborator in helping its members serve their clients, the public, and the judicial system through engagement, advancements in law, innovation, and access to justice.

Annual Meeting of the Corporation (June 21)

ISBA Executive Director Dwight Dinkla and ISBA Assistant Executive Director Harry Shipley began the annual meeting of the corporation with a presentation of the new, easier-to-navigate ISBA member website, www.iowabar.org, that is compatible with handheld devices and includes a searchable CLE index with video resources. The new member site is also easier to navigate because legal resources for the public are now relocated to the ISBA's new public website, Iowa Find-A-Lawyer.com and also accessible via a "Public Resources" link at the top, right of the member home page.

Iowa Find-A-Lawyer users can access the new service at www. iowafindalawyer.com where 400 Iowa attorneys are currently registered, as well as self-help tools and free legal help. The self-help tools that are available through the new, public website include short videos where ISBA attorneys provide legal information on topics of interest to the public and informational brochures on additional legal topics. The free legal help option available via the new, public website provides links to legal services providers in Iowa and to IA Free Legal Answers, part of the ABA's Free Legal Answers pro bono initiative. All Iowa attorneys now have the opportunity to provide brief, limited legal answers pro bono to qualifying members of the public via this "virtual legal clinic."

The Iowa Find-A-Lawyer advertising campaign began in June to promote the new website through state-wide newspaper ads; bus ads in Cedar Rapids, Marshalltown and Waterloo; radio ads on the Iowa Almanac radio program; and through social media ads.

Shipley presented the 2017-2018 Budget in lieu of Eric Turner, for approval by the ISBA Board of Governors. Highlights included membership projections for the next three years and 99 percent attainment of goals to fund a rainy-day, six-month operating expense and building reserve fund to maintain the building for 30 years.

In closing, Dinkla recognized ISBA Committee Chair of the Year Kathy Law, who is also a member of the BOG for District 5C, for all of her work to make the annual meeting a success through her service as an ISBA Annual Meeting Co-Chair.

#### Legislative counsel's report (June 21)



The Board of Governors recognizes outgoing President Skip Kenyon during their June meeting.



Jim Carney, ISBA legislative counsel, provided governors with a summary of all 15 affirmative proposals in the 2017 ISBA Affirmative Legislation Program.

Jim Carney, ISBA legislative counsel, provided governors with a summary of all 15 affirmative proposals in the 2017 ISBA Affirmative Legislation Program; seven affirmative bills were signed by the governor.

Carney highlighted significant legislation that passed during the 2017 legislative session including SF 413 – Statute of Repose; SF 465 – Medical Malpractice; and HF 518 – Worker's Compensation. Read more about these bills in the "2017 Legislative Session in review" article in the May 2017 issue of The Iowa Lawyer, available online on the ISBA's website under "Publications." Additional information regarding the 2017 Regular Session of the 87th Iowa General Assembly prepared by the Legislative Services Agency is available on page 26.

#### Recognition of Outgoing Board of Governors and Section and Committee Chairs (June 21)

President Kenyon recognized outgoing members of the board of governors and outgoing section and committee chairs and commended them for their services to the ISBA and the BOG. See page 10 for a list of these outgoing leaders.

**YLD president's report** – YLD President Reed McManigal (June 21)

ABA YLD Chair Anna M. Romanskaya from San Diego, California, attended the annual meeting as part of her tour of state bar association YLDs throughout the country. She commended the ISBA YLD for setting an example and for its outstanding leadership.

YLD President Reed McManigal recognized YLD Secretary Maggie White, YLD President-elect Tom Hillers and incoming YLD Secretary Abhay Nadipuram for their efforts during his term. He reported that White started a successful, new online tool where YLD members can anonymously post questions and receive answers; Hillers launched the student debt task force; and Nadipuram contributes significant leadership in the YLD's diversity efforts, which receive national recognition.

Hillers summarized the YLD's member recruitment efforts and asked the governors to take action on the YLD's proposal to provide free ISBA membership for YLD legal aid attorneys.

#### ISBA Public Service Project (June 21)

The ISBA Public Service Project President Rosanne Lienhard Plante and ISBA PSP Executive Director Brett Toresdahl presented a written report to the BOG regarding the ISBA PSP Board of Director's vote to dissolve the organization effective June 30. The non-profit organization operated independent of the ISBA. The report states that the action to dissolve the ISBA PSP became necessary due to the loss of nearly 50 percent of its annual funding, and highlights accomplishments made during the past 24 years including the ISBA PSP's work to promote the creation of the Iowa Access to Justice Commission.

#### Dialogue with Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Cady (June 21)

Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Mark Cady began his remarks by thanking the members of the ISBA BOG for their efforts this year. He also thanked the BOG for supporting the Iowa Access to Justice Commission and the Iowa Supreme Court's new policy prohibiting weapons from courtrooms, court-controlled spaces and public areas of courthouses and other justice centers occupied by the court system. Cady and Molly Kottmeyer, Counsel to the Chief Justice of the Iowa Supreme Court, answered questions regarding the ongoing impact of budget limitations that do not fully fund the court system and the ongoing work to maintain a presence in all 99 Iowa counties and provide the best service possible to Iowans. Cady stated that ISBA members can continue to build on the concept that our state court system is essential to life in their communities.

#### Incoming President's Remarks (June 22)

Incoming ISBA President Steve Eckley opened his remarks by thanking Immediate Past President Skip Kenyon for his leadership during 2016-2017. Eckley stated that the ISBA's preeminence as a bar association is due to many people including a tremendous staff, sections and committees that work to serve members and the legislative team. He noted accomplishments that were made during the past year, including the formation of the Iowa Access to Justice Commission. Eckley concluded his remarks by inviting members to engage in the ISBA's work in a manner that suits their interests and abilities and stating that he looks forward to members joining him to address the challenges ahead during the coming year.

Incoming YLD President's Remarks (June 22)



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1345 Wiley Road, Suite 121, Schamburg, Illinois 60173 Telephone: 800-844-6778 FAX: 847-519-3636 www.landexresearch.com Incoming YLD President Tom Hillers opened his remarks by thanking the dedicated leaders and members of the YLD for their service. Hillers highlighted goals to continue the work of the YLD Student Debt Task Force and to find solutions that can get licensed, new attorneys employed where they are needed.

The Iowa State Bar Foundation Annual Meeting (June 22)

ISBF Immediate Past President Paul Tyler noted that members of the ISBA BOG are also members of the ISBF. Mark Schuling was reappointed for an additional term on the ISBF board and Phil Garland and Debra Peterson were appointed to serve as new ISBF board members. Tyler provided an update on the ISBF's finances, and the engagement of a professional fundraiser and campaign called "For the People," to raise \$1 million to grow the endowment over the next decade.

#### Iowa Lawyer Assistance Program (June 22)

Iowa Lawyers Assistance Program Executive Director Hugh Grady and ISBA Past President and Lawyers Helping Lawyers Committee Chair Dan Moore commented on the importance of ILAP and the committee in serving lawyers, and noted findings from the 2016 landmark study conducted by the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation and the American Bar Association Commission on Lawyer Assistance Programs. Grady informed new governors and reminded all other governors and attendees of his availability to make CLE presentations at county bar functions, law firms and other venues. The ILAP website is Iowalap.org The best way to reach Grady is via mobile phone at 515-360-1668.

#### ABA Delegate Report (June 22)

ABA Delegate David L. Brown invited the BOG to consider authorizing the ISBA to send a letter regarding concerns with H.R. 1215, the "Protecting Access to Care Act of 2017," to U.S. Congressman Rod Blum. In addition, he underscored the ABA's commitment to the independence of the judiciary and thanked his fellow ABA delegates, ISBA Past President Jane Lorentzen and ABA Past YLD President and ISBA member Alan Olson.

#### Reports from the law school deans (June 22)

Drake Law School Dean Jerry Anderson provided highlights and accomplishments from the year including a special IOLTA award of \$500,000 to create an entrepreneurial clinic to help start-up businesses in low-income communities. Anderson stated that Drake Law School created a new Law Opportunity Leadership Program

that will attract a more diverse student body and engage corporate and law firm partners to provide employment opportunities for program participants. He also commented on 3+3 Programs, the LLM Compliance and Risk Management fall entrants, faculty transitions, honors and upcoming events.

University of Iowa College of Law School
Dean Gail Agrawal was asked to report on trends
in U.S. legal education on the whole in addition
to her report on the University of Iowa College
of Law. National applications are down nearly
50 percent and the pool of college-aged students
is declining. Last year, the average University of
Iowa College of Law School student indebtedness for students who have taken out loans was

\$75,000; the national average is between \$96,000 and \$98,000 with \$120,000 for private law school students. Agrawal also provided updates on the 2017 graduating class, student and faculty achievements, events, retirements, awards of tenure and new faculty hires.





Drake Law School Dean Jerry Anderson (top) and University of Iowa College of Law School Dean Gail Agrawal (bottom) present updates to the governors.



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**Janice Becker**, 76, of Iowa City died on May 24.

Becker was born in 1940 in Marshalltown. She received her J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law. Among other things, she was a founding member and former president of the Johnson County Humane Society, active in the Johnson County Bar Association, past president of the Iowa City School District Transition Services Community Agency Parent Teacher Organization, served on the University of Iowa Animal and Care Committee and also on the Coralville/Iowa City Animal Control Advisory Committee.

**Robert Coats**, 80, of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, died on April 9.

Coats was born in 1937 in Omaha, Nebraska. He received his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law. During his law school career, Bob joined Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity, authored several legal articles published in the Iowa Law Review and was a student assistant for Professor Charles Davidson. Upon being admitted to practice law in both Iowa and Illinois, Bob worked as a lawyer for Chicago Title & Trust Company in Illinois and later in Florida.

John Cray, 83, of Burlington died Feb. 28. Cray was born in 1933 in Burlington. He received his J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1957. He joined the law firm of Poor, Cray, Walter and Youngstrom, becoming a partner in 1962 and practicing until his retirement in 2011.

**Rodeny Mulcahy**, 45, of Charles City died on May 22.

Mulcahy was born in 1972 in Charles City. He graduated from Oklahoma City University School of Law. After finishing his internship, he began work at Eggert, Erb, Frye and VonAh in Charles City. Shortly after, he became a partner, and continued working for the same firm, now known as: Eggert, Erb, Mulcahy and Kuehner P.L.L.C.

**Patricia Mullin**, 90, of Dubuque died April 4.

Mullin was born in 1926. She was the first technician for the newly-formed Dubuque Blood Bank Association, but later set her sights on a degree in law. Upon receiving her J.D. from DePaul University, she went to work for the John D. MacArthur Company, principally Bankers Life and Casualty Company in Chicago. She was a member of The Iowa State Bar Association, Illinois State Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association of Illinois (where she was elected president from 1970-1971) and the Women's Bar Association of Illinois Foundation (where she served as director from 1963-2012). She was also licensed to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court

# Iowa State Bar Association's deceased members, since December 2016

The following twice-annual resolution honoring the ISBA's recently deceased members was approved by the Board of Governors.

The following individuals have served the legal profession with dignity and honor. They have been faithful stewards in upholding the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Iowa, and supportive members of The Iowa State Bar Association. They have unselfishly responded to any requests made of them to further the cause of the legal profession in the State of Iowa.

Janice Malfeld Becker	Iowa City	(5/24/17)
Barbara Berkenpas	Ashton	(3/6/17)
Theodore Ralph Boecker	Des Moines	(1/30/17)
Hon. Donald Bormann	Emmetsburg	(3/8/17)
Willis 'Will' Buell	Homer, NE	(4/7/17)
Bruce Irving Campbell	Des Moines	(12/21/16)
Robert Bruce Coats	Scotch Plains, NJ	(4/9/17)
Hon. Phillip R. Collett	Ottumwa	(1/13/17)
John D. Cray	Iowa City	(2/28/17)
Julie Fillenwarth	Arnolds Park	(4/14/17)
Donald H. Gloe	Decorah	(2/28/17)
James Heiny	Mason City	(12/29/16)
Walter H. Johnson	Des Moines	(2/15/17)
Charles Joiner	Naples, FL	(3/10/17)
Terry D. Loeschen	Roanoke, VA	(3/21/17)
Charles M. Manly III	Spirit Lake	(3/7/17)
A. Frederic Matthias	Newton	(3/31/17)
Hon. Edward J. McManus	Cedar Rapids	(3/20/17)
Col. Philip C. Mills	Venice, FL	(1/31/17)
Rodney 'Rod' Mulcahy	Charles City	(5/22/17)
Arthur P. Ovrom	Keosauqua	(4/27/17)
Richard S. Rhinehart	Sioux City	(1/18/17)
Jack D. Russell	Seagoville, TX	(2/27/17)
William G. Stockdale	Omaha, NE	(3/27/17)
Sydney A. Thomas	Waterloo	(4/14/17)
David C. Tracey	Manchester	(1/17/17)
LeRoy R. Voigts	Waverly	(4/20/17)
Harley A. Whitfield	Spirit Lake	(1/9/17)
Harold R. Winston	Austin, TX	(2/2/17)



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## New CAFO law goes into effect July 2017

By Jennifer De Kock



In 2004, Jim & Joan Doe owned a century farm in southeast Iowa, growing corn and soybeans and raising a few hundred head of hogs. That year, the Does sold 10 acres of their land to Ed and Bev Roe. The Roes built their retirement home, where they enjoyed fishing and entertaining their children and grandchildren. In 2010, the Does formed an LLC and constructed a 5,000-head hog barn, commonly known as a CAFO, or confined animal feeding operation. By 2012, the Does and the Roes were immersed in lengthy, expensive litigation over their respective rights to enjoy their property and go about their business.

The above case is fictitious, but consistent with disputes that are increasingly litigated in Iowa and other agricultural states. When one neighbor claims that another neighbor's lawfully operated CAFO interferes with the use and enjoyment of their property, they can file a common law nuisance suit for damages.

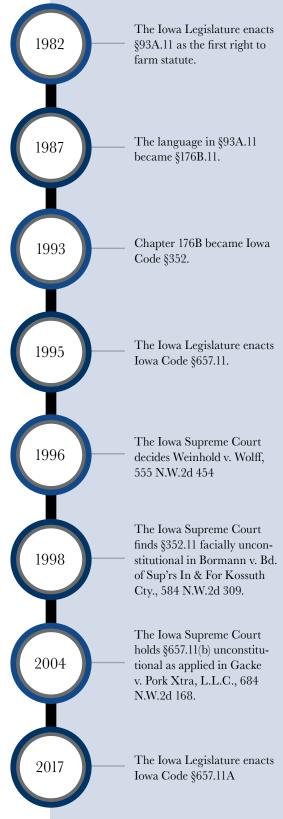
CAFOs continue to expand across the state, spurring nuisance lawsuits. Iowa is one of 48 states and the District of Columbia to enact "Right to Farm" laws that limit nuisance litigation against CAFOs. "Nuisance" has two meanings in this context: it is both the invasion of odor, particulates, flies or other infestations from a CAFO on a neighbor's property, and the statutory and common law cause of action for interference with

property rights.

The Iowa Legislature enacted 657.11A in 2017, adding to the existing statute insulating a CAFO from nuisance suits unless it violates state or federal law, or 1) unreasonably interferes with a neighbor's use and enjoyment of property for a significant amount of time; and 2) does not use existing generally accepted management practices reasonable for that CAFO. The legislature declared that it enacted 657.11A to limit nuisance lawsuits. However, the new law adds to an existing statute found unconstitutional in 2004.1 Building on top of this already weakened legal foundation could increase litigation between CAFOs and their neighbors as parties - and the judicial system - try to clarify whose rights are protected and on what basis.

The new law is not retroactive, although it aggressively limits CAFO nuisance lawsuits with a cause of action arising after July 1, 2017. It caps damages, limits who can sue and creates strict medical and property claim requirements.<sup>2</sup> The real meat of 657.11A - no pun intended - is its limitation on damages. It caps damages for loss of use and enjoyment of property at one and one-half times the total of lost property value plus health damages. To justify an award of compensatory health damages, objective medical evidence must prove the nuisance caused a health condition.3

## The history of Iowa right to farm law





Future plaintiffs may only recover for diminution in value to their share of property. If all owners do not sue, they cannot recover all the lost property value. This provision already has traction, as the Iowa Court of Appeals recently halved lost property value damages for a homestead held in joint tenancy when only one spouse sued in nuisance.<sup>4</sup>

Under the new law, only a person with legal or equitable title to property can sue for compensatory property damages. The new law seemingly abrogates the right of a resident spouse to sue for lost property value, despite historic statutory and common law homestead rights and Iowa Supreme Court precedent.<sup>5</sup> Even if plaintiffs without titled property interests are allowed to sue a CAFO, their damages for lost use and enjoyment will be minimal when calculated under the statutory formula. The statute also specifically defines fair market value as what a willing buyer and seller will pay and accept. Under previous law, plaintiffs could simply testify as to their lost property value. Under the new law, both parties may require expert witnesses, potentially increasing litigation costs for each side.

As the new law mandates that all nuisance is permanent, a CAFO can only be sued once even if the same nuisance occurs multiple times. CAFO nuisance is generally permanent, as the only real way to stop stink and flies is to close a barn, a remedy the courts do not allow. Individual instances of manure runoff or leaks are temporary nuisances and can arise multiple times at the same barn, spurring multiple lawsuits. Under the new law, when a temporary nuisance reoccurs after litigation, the CAFO is immune from liability. The statute additionally bars injunctive relief, preventing courts from restricting and monitoring CAFO practices.

The legislature enacted 657.11A to protect CAFOs from expensive litigation. However, the Iowa Supreme Court consistently finds Right to Farm statutes unconstitutional when CAFOs interfere with the use and enjoyment of their neighbors' property. Only future litigation and the Iowa courts can clarify these ambiguities and constitutional questions, presenting Iowa attorneys with the challenge of arguing nuisance suits under a new law that creates more uncertainty than it was intended to resolve.

<sup>1</sup> The Iowa Supreme Court held the current version of 657.11 unconstitutional as applied in Gacke v Pork Xtra, 684 N.W.2d 168 (Iowa 2004). The facial and as applied constitutionality of 657.11 currently awaits further scrutiny from the Supreme Court in an interlocutory appeal taken from Dovico, et al. v. Valley View Swine, et al., Wapello County No. LALA105144, S.Ct. No 16-1002.

- $^{2}$  There is no "loser pays" provision in the enacted version of 657.11A
- <sup>3</sup> Weinhold v. Wolff, 555 N.W.2d 454, 465 (Iowa 1996).
- $^4$  See McIlrath v. Prestage Farms of Iowa, L.L.C., 889 N.W.2d 700 (Iowa App. 2016).
- <sup>5</sup> Weinhold v. Wolff, 555 N.W.2d 454, 465 (Iowa 1996)

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# A message from the new YLD President on the mission to help alleviate law school student debt



By Tom Hillers



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Growing up in a small town, I remember that before we started the Iowa Test of Basic Skills every year, our teacher would say that it was called the Iowa Test of Basic Skills because we had the best education system in the country. I was so proud to be part of something great. Not just great - but the very BEST. So now, I often wonder - Is Iowa the BEST state in the nation to practice law? To measure this, we don't need surveys or metrics or study groups. We need only to take some time to step into the shoes of a growing number of our young peers. As they walk to the court, they know that Iowa offers them and their clients the most fair opportunity to obtain justice. When they interact with opposing counsel, they know that more likely than not, they are shaking hands with a trusted friend. But in the silence of the afternoon, as they take a moment from the day, they can't help

> but feel disheartened because despite all of their hard work, their disposable income cannot cover the principal and interest of their monthly student loan payments.

But even in those mo-

ments, so many of us recall the months or even the year that we spent searching for a legal job – barely able to buy groceries let alone being able to pay all of the bills with something other than a credit card. So, from those shoes, we must ask ourselves – "Is this the BEST state to practice law?" When every graduate from Drake and Iowa has a real opportunity to practice law here in Iowa, and in return for their hard work they have a real opportunity to earn an income that would allow them to pay off their debt in 10 years – at that point – we will be the very BEST place to practice law. The journey begins today. If you are ready to make a positive change, email us because we cannot do it without your help.



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#### **Legal Legacy: The story of the Spellmans' unique family tradition**

By Melissa Higgins, Communications Directork

Most kids don't grow up playing "personal injury attorney." But for the children of the Spellman clan in Central Iowa, that was just another regular Saturday morning.

Siblings and cousins would trot out old typewriters and dusty files from the basement of their fathers' law firm in Perry and set up a play office. They would open briefcases, stack up legal pads and fire up the coffee pot to make some brew for their "clients." They would meet in the conference rooms and pretend to prep for trial, all while their dads were doing the same thing in real-life the next room over.

"We couldn't wait to come in on Saturday mornings," said Christine Creighton, reminiscing about her days growing up in the firm where her father, uncles and grandfather worked.

Christine, as well as four of her siblings, Mark, Ted, Beth and Kevin, are all now attorneys in that same office they grew up playing in: Spellman Law Firm in Perry.

Two of their cousins are also attorneys in the firm, Daniel Jay and AnneMarie.

This is the "new generation" of the Spellman Law Firm; the old guard consists of brothers Martin, Daniel, Patrick and Thomas. They all joined the firm with their father Edward in the 1970s

and 80s.

All four brothers speak fondly of their dad, who passed away in 1995. He started the firm on his own in 1954.

"He was kind of understated, you know, part of that World War II generation. They don't say much; he didn't brag," said Patrick. "But our dad was a good example for being honest and for treating people fairly and with respect."

Daniel recalls the care his father took with clients, visiting with everyone at length even if they didn't have an appointment. He was a hard worker, a full-time farmer who practiced law up until the day of his death.

It was that quiet example that led four



The Spellman brothers, left-to-right; Martin, Thomas, Daniel, Patrick, A photo of their father, Edward, hangs in the middle.



The "new generation" of Spellmans. Back row: Daniel Jay, Mark, Edward (Ted),



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of Edward's sons to follow in his footsteps into the practice of law in Iowa, though the brothers said they never felt pressure to do so.

"It was a tradition that developed. Our dad was a role model," explained Daniel.

"I just think – you grow up around a group of lawyers, so you tend to become what your dad became. It's just natural," said Thomas.

There are 37 total blood relatives who are lawyers in the Spellman family, spanning three generations. They work all over the country and in Iowa, including two of Patrick's children, but 11 of them practice at the office in Perry that Edward founded, including the seven who are children of Daniel and Martin.

Martin's children recall, in addition to "playing law" when they were younger, accompanying their father to depositions when they were a little older, even serving as mock juries or sounding boards for their dad at the dinner table.

"It was a great experience," said Beth, "though I didn't understand the value of it at the time."

Martin, Daniel and Patrick all said, like their dad, they didn't try to persuade their children into law. But the seeds were inevitably planted, and one-by-one some of them followed that path.

As the family firm grew, so did the office. The Spellmans bought two more neighboring buildings along 2nd Street in Perry.

"We just kept knocking down walls and expanding," said Mark, the first of the "new

generation" to join up with his dad and uncles. The firm also opened a Des Moines location in 1999, and the children kept coming back.

"I never made a resume," said Kevin, laughing. "I just showed up one day and started working."

"There's plenty of work to be done ... everybody's busy," said Ted. "We've been able to absorb everybody."

Currently, there are 11 Spellmans on the letterhead, but you'll also see one name that stands out: Michael Kealhofer. Don't be fooled; he's family too. Michael is Martin Spellman's brother-in-law.

Kealhofer is quick to point out, from an "outsider perspective," just how amazing it is that a firm full of family members gets along so well.

"Nepotism run rampant," he jokingly calls it. But on a serious note: "Different people, different personalities, but everyone gets along."

The Spellman Law Firm focuses primarily on plaintiff's litigation, representing people who have been injured or harmed, which is another thing they see as a sort of family tradition.

"I don't think you'd have a great big



The only non-blood relative attorney in the firm is Michael Kealhofer, though he is still related by marriage. Martin Spellman is married to Kealhofer's sister.

family passion if we were working for corporations or insurance companies. We were raised to see what's not fair and what can be done about it. We are always fighting for the little guy," explained Christine.

There is also a tragic event in the family's history that might have shaped this desire to help injured Iowans. Daniel tells the story of their brother who, when he was eight years old, was hit by a school bus on a gravel road by their house.

"There were originally nine of us," said Daniel. "I was there when it happened. He was hit, taken to Mercy Hospital in Des Moines. He passed away there."

"Awful, terrible thing to happen to your family," said Patrick. "That might have influenced us."

When the Spellman Law Firm handles injuries or wrongful death plaintiff's cases, they always pair at least two attorneys together. Typically, one of the newer attorneys will be paired with an uncle, or perhaps his or her father.

So, what's it like serving as a professional mentor to your own child?

"It's good for them because they learn, but it's good for me too," said Martin. "When I'm on (a case) with my kids, they do more work than I do," he said, chuckling.

AnneMarie added that sometimes going into client meetings as a father-daughter duo makes for interesting interactions.

"My dad (Daniel) would say something like, 'Honey, go make a copy of this.' And the client would look at me strangely. I had to explain 'Oh, it's okay. He's my dad,'" she said.

The built-in mentorship that comes with having a multi-generation family firm is one of the reasons several of the younger attorneys came back to grow their career in Iowa.

"They all want us to do well and we want



everyone else to do well. Because we all love each other and we're a family, not because it's going to look better for our firm. We want everyone to have a thriving practice and get self-fulfillment from their jobs," said Christine.

"You don't feel afraid to go ask for help," added Beth. "Because it's a family firm, we all want everyone to succeed."

The nature of a family firm also lends itself to a more family-friendly environment. For example, it's not only acceptable, but encouraged, to bring your children into work.

"We've all been through the children ringer," said Daniel Jay. So, he says, no one minds if you bring a sick kid into the office. In fact, the grandpas and great uncles keep toys and candy onhand, just in case the grandkids come visit.

"It reduces those stresses that come with working in a more corporate-type atmosphere," said Beth. "You can bring your child in and not worry what your boss is going to think. Work-life balance is better than a lot of firms."

And just like they did many years ago, sometimes the younger Spellmans will catch their own kids acting out a game of "attorney" in the office.

"I bring my kids sometimes after school and they'll sit in my office and do homework. My four-year-old will set up his "office" and play lawyer," said AnneMarie.

She and others wouldn't speculate about whether their own children might be interested in practicing law. Perhaps not.

"At some point, maybe the kids will get sick of going to law school," said Beth, laughing.

#### The Spellman Law Firm Family Tree

**Edward** Started firm in 1954

Martin Joined 1967

Daniel Joined 1970

Patrick Joined 1974 Thomas Joined 1985

Michael Kealhofer rother-in-lav Joined 1975

Christine Joined 1995

Mark

**Daniel Jay** Joined 1997

Anne Marie Joined 1995 Joined 2011

Ted Joined 1998

Kevin Joined 2009

Beth Joined 2015

"They all want us to do well and we want everyone else to do well. Because we all love each other and we're a family, not because it's going to

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AnneMarie discusses a mutual case with her father, Daniel, in his office.



The original sign for Edward Spellman's firm in Perry.

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## 8 Tips for Cyber Security Practices in Law Firms







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Most firms already employ common data security tools such as spam filters, anti-spyware, software-based firewalls, and virus scanning on both PCs and in email. These are indeed essential risk management tools, but lawyers and law firms should not assume that installing these security features results in comprehensive protection. These eight tips will help you take the necessary steps to shrink security gaps.

#### 1. Encrypt, Encrypt, Encrypt

According to a 2013 American Bar Association survey, all forms of encryption – including file encryption, e-mail encryption and full-disk encryption – are the security features used least often by law firms.<sup>1</sup> This data is surprising as encryption represents a relatively simple and effective risk management tool. Furthermore, lost or stolen laptops and devices are a top cause of law firm data breaches. If a computer or device is encrypted, even if the laptop or device is lost or stolen, the information will not be accessible.

#### 2. Use Caution in the Cloud

Reportedly, the cloud is used by 64 percent of lawyers in their practices.<sup>2</sup> When you store firm and client information in the cloud, it is essentially stored off site, possibly in another country, where it may be subject to international search and seizure laws.

Most bar associations that have published opinions on the ethics of cloud computing found that working in the cloud is ethical if appropriate precautions are taken.<sup>3</sup> At a minimum, you must use due diligence in selecting a cloud provider by

asking the right questions. Does the cloud provider employ adequate security to protect the data? Will the data be stored internationally? If so, will it be subject to search and seizure? You also should know what data you're placing in the cloud, and whether that data is subject to state or federal privacy laws. Have the clients provided their written consent to place information in the cloud? Will the information in the cloud be encrypted? Law firms should use only a cloud provider that can provide reasonable assurance that the data will be protected.

#### 3. Beware of BYOD

While advantageous for many reasons, Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policies are risky if appropriate security measures are not taken. Firms should have a specific BYOD policy in place regulating how those devices are to be used, and giving the law firm ultimate control over the devices. Company data on the devices should be both encrypted and password protected. Law firms also should install mobile device management (MDM) software that can remotely "wipe" the employee's device if the firm employee leaves the company. Law firms may consider installing a remote location-tracking "app" on the device if the device does not already have such software installed.

#### 4. Vet Your Vendors

Lawyers frequently outsource work such as e-discovery, legal research, copying, IT and other non-legal services to third-party vendors. As recent data breaches have demonstrated, third-party vendors are becoming a vulnerable point of attack at which hackers can strike.

Lawyers have specific ethical duties under ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct 5.1 and 5.3 to ensure that their vendors' conduct is compatible with professional obligations, including the duty of confidentiality under Rule 1.6. According to ABA Formal Opinion 08-451, an outsourcing lawyer must "act competently to safeguard information relating to client representation against inadvertent or unauthorized disclosure" by the individuals to whom the lawyer has outsourced the work.

<sup>1</sup> Joshua Poje, "Security Snapshot: Threats and Opportunities," ABA TechReport 2014, Legal Technology Resource Center.

<sup>2</sup> Alan Cohen, "Survey: Data Security is Tech Chiefs' Top Worry," The American Lawyer, (Oct. 29, 2014).

<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., Oregon Bar Ethics Opinion 2011-188 (November 2011); Pennsylvania Formal Opinion 2011 – 200; North Carolina 2011 Formal Opinion 6 (January 27, 2012); New York State Bar Ethics Opinion 842 (Sept. 10, 2010); Alabama Ethics Opinion 2010 – 02; Washington State Bar Advisory Opinion 2215 (2012).

Therefore, you must assess whether your vendors are storing, transporting or analyzing confidential data. If so, written and signed contracts should address the various relevant security issues, including ensuring that the information is properly stored and secured to prevent unauthorized access. Finally, law firms should carefully and thoroughly review the vendor's contract for indemnification clauses, limitations on liability and guidance as to the party who will be expected to pay in the event of a data breach.

#### 5. Staff Training is Key

Educating staff on confidentiality issues and avoiding a data breach can greatly reduce the risk of a data breach in your firm. They should receive instruction on the policies and practices the law firm expects them to follow, including Internet usage policies and social media policies. For example, targeted or untargeted malware and/or viruses are a major cause of data breaches, which can be transmitted to the firm's network when firm employees click on a link in an e-mail. It's important for employees to understand that spam filtering and anti-virus will never be 100% effective in stopping malware. Regular training for employees about these and other "do's and don'ts" can help avoid a large number of potential data breaches within law firms.

#### 6. Be Wireless Savvy

Strong wireless protocols should be observed in order to prevent unauthorized guests from accessing firm data. Also, you must exercise caution when working over unsecured networks using laptops, smart phones and tablets. Free networks, including those found in airports, hotels and coffee shops, are frequently unsecured. A virtual private network ("VPN") will encrypt any data sent or received, and make it more difficult to intercept. Another alternative involves purchase of a mobile Wi-Fi hotspot, which is a small, transportable Wi-Fi router that provides a personal and private Wi-Fi cloud to which you can securely connect your device.

#### 7. Have a Password Policy

Enforcing a uniform password policy for all lawyers in the firm is one of the most effective – and inexpensive – programs a law firm can pursue to protect its sensitive data. Employers should be required to select a complex password with a combination of letters, numbers and symbols. The password should be a minimum of 12 characters, and contain upperand lower-case letters and numbers. Passwords should be changed regularly and not repeated. Password managers can help attorneys create, track and store secure passwords. The limited risk associated with using a password manager is greatly outweighed by the benefit of having a strong password in place.

#### 8. If All Else Fails, Be Prepared

Even law firms with the best security protection available remain at risk of a data breach or another disaster. Therefore, law firms should prepare for the possibility of a disaster by having a business recovery plan in place and test it at least annually. In addition, routinely back up your data and maintain a copy at an off-site, secure location. Given the potentially devastating impact of a data breach, cyber liability insurance coverage could mean the difference between a law firm surviving a data breach relatively unscathed, or not surviving at all. Cyber liability coverage can help a law firm cover the costs related to a data breach, including privacy breach notification expenses, litigation, loss of income, regulatory fines and penalties and other expenses.

#### Conclusion

In short, data security represents a real and growing concern for law firms. Excellent data security is increasingly becoming a criterion for clients in selecting legal counsel. In addition, various ethical and legal duties require law firms to make reasonable efforts to provide adequate security for sensitive data. Failing to provide such security could have serious legal, financial and reputational consequences. Implementing cyber security practices is the first step in lessening your risk of being hacked. But it's important to have cyber liability coverage to help lessen your financial losses should the worst occur.

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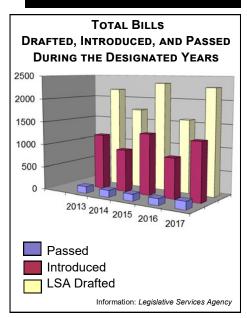
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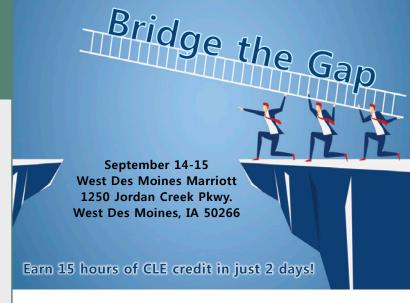
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Family Law Seminar
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#### Topics being presented at this year's seminar include:

- Mechanics' Liens
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#### Thursday, October 26

7:30 - 8:00 - Registration

8:00 - 9:15 - Family Law Update - Speaker: Jim Meade, Meade Law Firm

9:15 - 10:00 - Parenting Coordinator: Resolving Conflicts Informally - Speakers: Diane Dornburg, Carney &

Appleby PLC and Karen Thalacker, Correll Sheerer Benson Engels Galles & Demro PLC

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10:00 - 10:15 - Break

10:15 - 11:15 - New Changes to the lowa Child Support Guidelines - Speakers: Hon. Chad Kepros, District Court Judge, District 6;

Hon. Eliza Ovrum, District Court Judge, District 5C; Marlis Roberts, Robberts & Kirkman, LLLP; and Wayne Berman, Assistant Attorney General

11:15 - 12:00 - Special Issues in Child Support Cases - Speaker: Laurie Parrish, Miller Pearson Gloe Burns Beatty & Parrish PLC

12:00 - 12:30 - Lunch (included with registration)

12:30 - 1:00 - Lunch Presentation: Providing Limited Scope, Pro Bono Legal Services - Speaker: Virginia Sipes, ISBA Innovation & Community Outreach Director

1:00 - 2:00 - Ethics - Speaker: Tara van Brederode, Attorney Disciplinary Board

2:00 - 2:45 - Intellectual Property Issues in a Dissolution of Marriage Case - Speakers: Jay Hamilton, Hamilton IP Law PC;

Charles Damschen, Hamilton IP Law PC; and Alexander Johnson, Hamilton IP Law PC

2:45 - 3:00 - Break

3:00 - 4:00 - Post-secondary Education - Speaker: Hon. Nancy Baumgartner, Senior Judge, District 6

4:00 - 5:00 - Compassion Fatigue: How to Take Care of Yourself - Speaker: Hon. Colin Witt, District Associate Judge, District 5C

5:00 - 6:00 - Chair's Reception (included with registration)

#### Friday, October 27

7:30 - 8:00 - Registration

8:00 - 9:00 - Making Premarital Agreements Romantic by Taking Out the "D" Word - Speaker: Joseph Pavelich, Spies, Pavelich & Foley, LLC

9:00 - 10:00 - Valuing The Professional Practice - Speakers: David Cox, Bray & Klockau PLC; Shannon Shaw, Shaw Business Valuation and Litigation Support Services, LLC; Brian Crotty, HDH Advisors, LLC; and Jim Nally, BCC Advisers

10:00 - 10:15 - Break

10:15 - 11:15 - How To Cross-examine a Business Valuation Expert - Speakers: Anita Ventrelli, Schiller DuCanto & Fleck LLP and Mario Ventrelli, Ventrelli Simon, LLC

11:15 - 12:00 - How To Support or Cross-examine a Psychologist's Report - Speaker: Arnold Shienvold, Riegler Shienvold & Associates

12:00 - 1:00 - Lunch (included with registration)

1:00 - 2:00 - Tips For Handling the Grey Divorce (Divorces with Parties Over the Age of 50) - Speaker: Samantha Gronewald, Sullivan & Ward PC

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2:00 - 2:45 - Ethical Considerations of Legal Services Agreements - Speaker: Matthew Brandes, Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman PLC

2:45 - 3:00 - Break

3:00 - 4:00 - Expert Testimony in Domestic Abuse Cases - Speaker: Laurie Schipper, Executive Director Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence

4:00 - 5:00 - The Pilot Program for Informal Divorce Trials - Speaker: Hon. Henry Lathom II, District Court Judge, District 7 and Hon.

Nancy Tabor, District Court Judge, District 7

#### **Juvenile Law Track (Friday)**

Please indicate track attendance when registering.

8:00 - 9:00 - Updates from the Department of Human Services (DHS)

9:00 - 10:00 - UCCJEA/ICPC Issues in Juvenile cases

10:00 - 11:00 - Addressing Disproportionality in the System



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1.75 ethics and 3 juvenile hours

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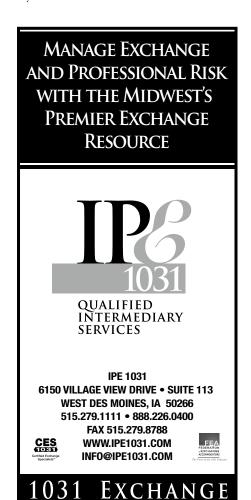
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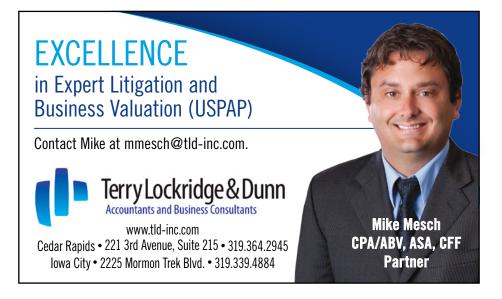
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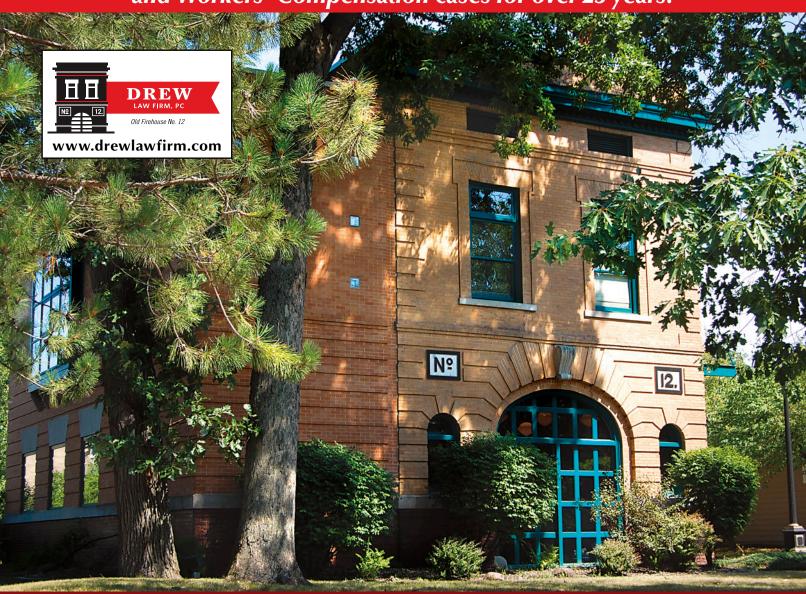
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