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President's Perspective

by Elizabeth Elliott, LBA President

Never be afraid to try something new, because life gets boring when you stay within the limits of what you already know.

~Author Unknown



From starting-time changes to location changes, this year's board embraced the challenge to try something new.

Although I don't advocate change just for the sake of change, I do advocate the philosophy that you always need to assess what is working and what isn't, and try to make changes to improve and grow. That is exactly what we did this year.

We started this year with a time change to the clinics. Moving the meetings from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. is not as easy as simply making the change in the meeting notice – it only took five months, five announcements at clinics, and highlighting it in the monthly reminders to get everyone on the new schedule.

If moving the time was considered rocking the foundation of LBA clinics, retiring the Barristers Show shook the entire bedrock of the organization. After much debate and a lot of consid-

eration, the Board decided that all good things must come to an end. We are taking this opportunity to get back to one of our core principles: giving back to the community. In a new event this year, LBA is partnering with Job Outfitters to provide an opportunity for our members to give back to the community by donating business-appropriate clothing for men and women in the Lincoln community. But we couldn't do away with all of the fun, so after a lot of work by Andrea Snowden, we are pleased to announce that we will wrap up this year's clinics with dinner and entertainment from comedian Willie Farrell, a renowned performer who is sure to bring the funny to LBA!

On top of those changes, the board grappled with the inevitable addition of technology and social media. From Facebook to Twitter to everything in between, the Board debated for months what would be the best way for LBA to keep its members informed—yet also keep it simple and inexpensive. Hopefully, all of you have visited our website, Facebook page, and Twitter

feed. If you haven't, I strongly recommend you take a look. On our website you will find our schedule of events and all of the past clinics' handouts and information. A tremendous thank you goes out to all of the board members for sticking through what was much more difficult than anyone ever expected.

And last but definitely not least, starting in November, all of our clinics will be held at the Cornhusker Hotel.

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Save The Date

Lincoln Bar Association's
Annual Memorial Service
will be held
on Friday, May 22, 2015,
at 10:00 a.m. in Lancaster
County District Courtroom #30,
575 S 10th St, 3rd Floor,
Lincoln, Nebraska.



Law Day 2015: Call for Volunteers

By Milissa Johnson-Wiles, Law Day Committee Chair

The Lincoln Bar Association Law Day Committee needs you! Volunteer attorneys and judges are needed on Friday, May 1, 2015 to help give classroom presentations to area high school students in honor of Law Day 2015. Law Day was established in 1958 by President Dwight Eisenhower to celebrate the role of the law and its importance in our society. This year's theme is "Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom Under the Law." The Lincoln Bar Association Law Day committee is finalizing a classroom presentation to highlight this theme,

focusing on the right to Trial by Jury. The time commitment is approximately 1 hour, you will be paired up with at least one other volunteer, and presentation materials will be provided.

If you are interested in helping with Law Day 2015, please contact Kelsey Dawson at kdawson@krbkllaw.com, or (402) 434-9051 to sign up for a time at one of the high schools! If you have questions about Law Day or this year's program, please contact Milissa Johnson-Wiles, Chair, Milissa.johnson-wiles@nebraska.gov or (402)471-2955. Thank you! ■

Employment Law: What Every Attorney Should Know

By Tara Tesmer Paulson

On January 15th, Tara Tesmer Paulson, attorney at Rembolt Ludtke LLP, and Abby Osborn, attorney at Shiffermiller Law Firm, presented on "What Every Attorney Should Know About Employment Law" at the Lincoln Bar Association (LBA) clinic. Tara and Abby explained how the law permeates the workplace and effects the hiring process, terms and conditions of employment, firing, and everything in between.

Just because practitioners don't practice employment law, does not

mean they should not be able to spot certain employment related issues from both the employer/management side and employee side. Tara and Abby helped explain the employment at-will relationship, what to do when an employment lawsuit comes in the door, what to do if a violation occurs, common wage and hour issues, and how the National Labor Relations Act applies to non-unionized settings.

[Ed. note: LBA thanks Tara and Abby for their time and expertise.] ■

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For those of you who recall the years when the clinics were held at the Cornhusker, you will be pleased to know that a lot of changes have taken place since that time. Although the view may not be quite as exquisite as at the Nebraska Club, our meetings will be held in the area where the former Renaissance Restaurant was located, so we will maintain two walls of windows. We will also be able to save the members a few dollars at the bar. I am very excited to be at this location and am hopeful that this location will suit LBA's needs perfectly.

I want to thank all of you, and especially this year's board members, for sticking through all the changes over the last year. These new ideas and goals could not have been accomplished without your help and support. I must acknowledge, with great gratitude, a few of the board members who have reached their term on the Board and are now handing the board over to new members: Dave Kyker, Stan Beeder, and Frank Daley. Thank you for everything you have given the Board over the last several years. Thank you for taking the time to make the Lincoln Bar Association a great organization to be a part of. This organization is successful in no small part because of all your efforts. Thank you all for allowing me to be part of a great organization.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Business Meeting in April. ■



Looking Back at the LBA

Selections from more than 20 years of Lincoln Bar Association Newsletters

This issue's feature: 1997-1998

Vol. IV, Issue 4

- Rex Schultze profiled John Ransdell Baylor, founder of the Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Gritit & Witt law firm. Baylor had a long career practicing law in Nebraska—but he also had an amazing life outside of the law, too, including serving with the British Army in World War II (Baylor had been denied service in the U.S. Army because of an injured left arm). This same issue included a detailed section about the origin of the Baylor Evnen law firm.

Vol. V, Issue 1

- This issue included an announcement about the sixth annual “Walk Through the Courts” program, which allowed new attorneys, law clerks, paralegals, and anyone else interested in the law profession to meet court officials in four educational sessions, all for only \$25.00.

Federal Building and Old City Hall, while the City County Building was being renovated.

Vol. V, Issue 2

- The January 1998 LBA Clinic involved the new topic “lawyers on the Internet.” ■

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- Judge Karen Flowers contributed an article detailing the move of the County and District Courts to the Old

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