

2017 Bench/Bar Spring CLE - February 23, 2017

1:30 p.m. Judge Lawrence P. McLellan

1:45 p.m. Juvenile Justice - Moderator Mackenzie Benson

The Honorable Eliza Ovrom - Update re: efforts to bring Kids First to Polk County
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Judge Ovrom was appointed to the bench in 1999. She has served as assistant chief judge of the Fifth Judicial District since 2014. She helped implement the district's family law mediation program, and has been active in national, state, and local bar associations. She currently serves as co-chair of the State Child Support Guidelines Review Committee, and is actively involved in the court construction projects in Polk County.

Jenny Schulz/Kids First - Standards of practice for representing children in custody cases
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Ms. Schulz is the executive director and founder of Kids First Law Center. She has been practicing in the area of family law since she received her law degree with High Distinction from the University Of Iowa College Of Law in 1998. Jenny previously worked as an attorney at Bread for the City in Washington, DC and at Iowa Legal Aid in Cedar Rapids. In 2005, she opened Kids First to help make children's voices heard.

Brent Pattison/Drake Legal Clinic - Children in the courtroom
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Mr. Pattison is the Director of the Joan and Lyle Middleton Center for Children's Rights. He is also an Associate Clinical Professor.

2:30 p.m. Iowa Access to Justice Commission - Moderator Drew Gentsch

Anjela A. Shutts/Whitfield & Eddy Law - Intro. to Iowa Access to Justice Commission
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Ms. Shutts is a member attorney in the Whitfield & Eddy Law Family Law Practice Group and has served as the Practice Group Chair and member of the firm's Executive Committee. She has established a practice representing individuals and families in family law matters since she joined the firm in 1986 and has been recognized by Best Lawyers in America and Great Plains Super Lawyers. She was appointed to the Iowa Access to Justice Commission in 2016.

Dennis Groenenboom/Iowa Legal Aid
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Mr. Groenenboom serves as the Executive Director of Iowa Legal Aid. A 1978 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Law, Dennis has spent his entire professional career with Iowa Legal Aid. He has worked as a Staff Attorney, Senior Staff Attorney, Managing Attorney, Deputy Director, and since 1992 as the Executive Director. Before assuming administrative responsibilities, Dennis' substantive areas of expertise were in representing individuals with disabilities. He also developed substantial expertise in the area of public benefits and rights of older Iowans. Dennis has been an active member of the Iowa State Bar Association and has served on the boards of several community and faith-based organizations.

Robert Rigg/Drake Legal Clinic
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Mr. Rigg is a professor of law with the Criminal Defense Clinic at Drake University Law School. He is also a founding member and president of the Iowa Assoc. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, as well as a member of several boards providing advice and assistance to the Iowa Supreme Court.

Justice Brent R. Appel/Iowa Supreme Court
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A Dubuque native, Justice Appel received his J.D. degree from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1977.

Justice Appel served as a court law clerk for the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. In 1979, Justice Appel was appointed Iowa First Assistant Attorney General, and in 1983 became Iowa Deputy Attorney General. While serving in the Iowa Attorney General's office, Justice Appel argued and briefed four cases before the United States Supreme Court. In 1987 until 2006, Justice Appel was engaged in private practice in central Iowa.

Justice Appel has served as chair of the Iowa State Children's Justice Council since 2010. He has also served as chair of the Iowa Supreme Court's Task Force on the Rules of Evidence since 2015. In the summer of 2016, Justice Appel was named by the Iowa Supreme Court to chair the newly formed Access to Justice Commission. Between 2010 and 2016, Justice Appel was appointed by United States Chief Justice John Roberts to serve as a member of the Federal Advisory Committee on the Rules of Evidence.

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. Cyber-security Regulations and EDMS Security Practices - Moderator Samantha Gronewald

Srikant Mikkilineni/Brick Gentry, P.C.

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Srikant Mikkilineni is an intellectual property attorney at Brick Gentry, P.C. He advises on technical aspects of computer/software/technology-related patents as well as practices in copyright, trademark and other areas of intellectual property law. Srikant also advises client with respect to licensing matters as well as internet and technology law including, but not limited to, domain name issues, cybersecurity matters, and data security matters.

Joshua M. Miller/Polk County Courthouse

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Mr. Miller has served as the Training/Compliance Coordinator and Probate Division Supervisor at the Polk County Courthouse since 2011. Prior to that he provided application support for Judicial Branch Information Technology and worked on the EDMS pilot project. Mr. Miller is an Iowa State graduate with degrees in Political Science and History.

4:15 p.m. Legislative Update - Moderator Samantha Gronewald

Senator Nate Boulton

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Senator Boulton was elected to his first term in the Iowa Senate in 2016. He represents the Northeast part of Des Moines and Pleasant Hill. He is a practicing workers' rights attorney and part-time professor at Simpson College.

Representative Rick Olson

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Representative Olson is serving his 5th term in the Iowa House of Representatives. He serves on the Judiciary, Public Safety, Transportation, Committees and Administrative Rules Review. Representative Olson has been in private practice since 1979 and has practiced law in Des Moines for over 30 years.

4:45 p.m. Closing Remarks - Judge Lawrence P. McLellan

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