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In the Spotlight



Sarah Dooley Rothman

Sarah Dooley Rothman is an attorney who lives and practices in Independence, Iowa. The primary areas of practice on which Rothman currently focuses are: criminal defense; acting as the City Attorney for the City of Independence; and acting as contract attorney for the Anamosa State Penitentiary. In January 2006, Rothman also began to offer estate planning services to her clients.

While attending Drake University, Rothman's mock trial team won the National Championship. She continues to be active in mock trial, helping local teams and serving as a judge. In 2004, during the College National Mock Trial Tournament, Rothman was inducted into the American Mock Trial Association Judge's Hall of Fame.

She graduated from Drake University in 1995 and from the University of Iowa College of Law in 1998. Rothman began her legal practice later that year.

Rothman is active as a volunteer for the First United Methodist Church in Independence; the Family Readiness Group of the Army Reserve's Alpha Company, 389th Engineer Battalion; the Red Cross and for her local high school's mock trial team. Her hobbies include crochet and baking.

Rothman is the mother of two children – Spenser and Molly. Her husband, Ben, is a member of the Army Reserve. His Unit was deployed to the Middle East in 2003 and the couple's daughter, Molly, was born while he was on tour.

CLE Over Lunch, *October 6:* Mag. Judge Celeste Bremer & Roxann Ryan

I.O.W.A. is sponsoring a judicial recruiting panel discussion teleconference with Magistrate Judge Celeste F. Bremer and Roxann Ryan on **October 6, 2006 from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.** The cost for the conference call is \$15.00. If you would like to participate, ***please send check*** (payable to I.O.W.A.) to Gretchen Kraemer; 317 Sixth Avenue, Suite 1200, Des Moines, IA 50309 ***by October 2, 2006.*** CLE application has been submitted (one hour – state).



Upcoming Events

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ISBA Young Lawyers Nuts & Bolts Seminar Oct. 4 and Oct. 6



The Iowa State Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division Professional Development Committee will present its annual “Nuts & Bolts Seminar” in **Des Moines on October 4, 2006** and in **Cedar Rapids on October 6, 2006**. This seminar is primarily designed for “new” attorneys; however, any attorney is invited to attend. For those attorneys admitted to practice for less than two years, the seminar is free. The seminar is available at a low cost for more “seasoned” attorneys. The seminar starts with a general session on the Legal Community and Ethics before breaking into litigation and transactional tracks. Litigation track topics include: Discovery; Juvenile Law; Cross Examination/Trial Technique; and Case & Client Evaluation. Transactional track topics include: Business Formation Entity, Selection, Sale/Purchase; Basic Bankruptcy; Nonprofit Corporations; Real Estate; and the Probate Process. New to the seminar this year, is a panel discussion for new lawyers at the end of the day, with a panel of attorneys from various types of practice. For more information or a registration form, please call (515) 243-3179.

Newsletter Submissions

Do you have an idea for the I.O.W.A. newsletter?



Do you have a job to advertise, news about an I.O.W.A. member, or an upcoming event to announce?

Contact Kathy Law at kklaw@nyemaster.com.

Polk County Women Attorneys Annual Basket Auction for YWRC October 26

The Polk County Women Attorneys (PCWA) will hold its 5th Annual Basket Auction to benefit the Young Women’s Resource Center (YWRC) on **October 26, 2006** at the **Hotel Fort Des Moines**. The mission of YWRC is to support, educate and advocate for young women by providing free, voluntary, confidential and non-judgmental information and counseling. YWRC provides numerous programs for minority women, young mothers and adolescents facing various issues in their lives. If you would like to donate a basket, money, or objects to place into the baskets, please contact Kathy Law at kklaw@nyemaster.com.



The event begins with cocktails, appetizers and basket browsing at 5:00 p.m. The live auction will begin at 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$10 for a single ticket and \$75 for a table (which seats 8 people). For tickets, please contact Rebecca Brommel at brommel@brownwinick.com or 515-242-2453 or Katie Cownie at cownie@brownwinick.com or 515-242-2490.



Upcoming Events

CLE — Kids First Law Center Making Children’s Voices Heard in Custody Cases *November 10, Cedar Rapids*

The Kids First Law Center is sponsoring a one-day CLE, “Can You Hear Me Now? Making Children’s Voices Heard in Custody Cases.” The CLE will take place in Cedar Rapids on **Friday, November 10, 2006 from 8:30 to 5:00 p.m.** This one-day program provides an introduction to representing children in custody cases. It will serve as a training session for attorneys interested in representing children, as well as provide useful information regarding the child’s perspective in divorce and custody cases.



Topics include: Developing a Custody Case for a Child Client, ABA Standards for Children’s Attorneys, Sixth District Judges’ Views on Children’s Representatives, Child Psychology Related to Separate Households, Collaborating with Therapists, Techniques for Interviewing Children, Ethical Issues in Child Representation, Children and the Griev-ing Process, and Iowa Law on Representing Children.

Presenters include: Judge Marsha Beckelman; Ann Estin, University of Iowa Family Law Professor; Kathy Ruyle, LISW, Children’s Therapist; Sasha Mudlaff, MA, Children’s Grief Counselor; Jenny Schulz, Kids First Law Center.

Sponsors anticipate the program will provide 6.5 hours of CLE credit, including 1 hour ethics. The registration fee for the program is free to attorneys who agree to represent two children pro bono through the Kids First Law Center within the next year. For attorneys unable to represent two children, the registration fee is \$150.00.

Space is limited, so attorneys must register in advance. To obtain a registration form, email Jenny Schulz at jenny@kidsfirstiowa.org or call (319) 365-5437 for more information.

