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In the Spotlight



Jennifer Smith of Coralville, Iowa is this month's featured attorney. She graduated from the University of Iowa in 2001 with a B.A. in Psychology and Sociology. Jennifer graduated with high distinction from the University of Iowa College of Law in 2004.

She started her legal career at a Milwaukee law firm, first as a summer associate and then as an associate until February 2006. Although Jennifer and her husband enjoyed living in Milwaukee, they decided to look for an opportunity to return to the Iowa City area to be closer to family and friends. In addition, although Jennifer found her experience at the Milwaukee law firm rewarding, she found herself wanting to provide legal services in a different setting, such as for the public or for a nonprofit corporation. Fortunately, Jennifer and her husband were both able to secure positions with the University of Iowa. She joined the Office of General Counsel and her husband joined the University police department.

Currently, Jennifer is employed as Assistant Vice President, Legal for the University of Iowa Foundation in Iowa City. She is the foundation's sole in-house counsel and a member of its management group. Her practice at the foundation includes nonprofit corporate law, charitable giving, trust & estates, compliance, etc. Jennifer enjoys her practice, as it offers complex legal issues together with passionate, dedicated employees, supporting a worthwhile and inspiring mission. The thing Jennifer likes best about being an attorney is the satisfaction that comes from being able to help someone through a tough or stressful situation and being in a role as an advisor.



Jennifer is a member of the Iowa State Bar Association, Johnson County Bar Association, National Association of College and University Attorneys; I.O.W.A. In addition, she is a Board member for the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP) and Vice President of Communications for the University of Iowa Dance Marathon Alumni Group.

Jennifer is expecting her first baby (a boy!) on March 30. She is very excited to become a "Mommy." She stated that moving back to Iowa and transitioning from private practice to in-house counsel seems like a great combination when getting ready to start a family. After her baby is born, she plans to return to the foundation full time and feels confident that being a full time mom and full time attorney will be very satisfying.

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I.O.W.A. Board Meeting, March 8

Just a reminder to consider meeting your fellow I.O.W.A. members for lunch and conversation on **Saturday March 8th** at the Meskwaki Resort and Casino in Tama, Iowa. Lunch starts at 11:30, followed by a short board meeting and a tour of the Iowa Juvenile Home, where we will meet some of the residents and present a donation to the home for our new service project to help improve the library and art studio at the juvenile home.

I.O.W.A. members are invited to make a personal donation to the project by sending in or bringing a check to the event, or by purchasing items on the Wish List (located on our website). If you cannot make the meeting but would like to make a donation, please send it to I.O.W.A. at PO Box 10098, Iowa City, Iowa 52240 or contact your district representative, who can arrange to pick up your check or in-kind items.

Please help us make this project a success!!

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.

In the Spotlight



If you know of a female Iowa attorney who would

like to appear in this section of this newsletter, please contact Kathy Law at kklaw@nyemaster.com.



Iowa Juvenile Home Foundation

Mission Statement

To enhance the IJH's ability to enable youth to become contributing members of society through:

- Advocating for youth and the programs that serve them
- Educating people about the abilities and needs of the IJH
- Supporting the accomplishments of youth and staff; and
- Pursuing auxiliary funding

Belief Statement

Recognizing the changing political and social climate and the uncertainty of the delivery of services to youth in Iowa, we believe there will always be youth at risk, and we want to assure and enhance ongoing services for them.

(from the IJHF brochure)

Welcome to New or Renewing Members



Nancy B. Willis, Iowa City
Robin Miller, Cedar Rapids



It's About Time Again

At the inaugural *It's About Time Awards and Auction* the Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence honored three Iowans who, through education, leadership and volunteerism, demonstrated that it's time to take a stand against domestic violence in Iowa. Attendees also had an opportunity to bid on time-related merchandise provided by various Iowa businesses. More than 200 people attended helping raise more than \$33,500!

The second annual event, to be held at the Scottish Rite Consistory in downtown Des Moines, is already on pace to out do that impressive start. Dedicated volunteers have been working since August 2007 to make sure that the Second Annual It's About Time Auction & Awards Gala, Saturday, April 26, sets new records and raises even more money to fight domestic violence in Iowa.

The Awards

We are extremely excited to honor three amazing Iowans this year. The winner of the *Time To Lead* award is Bill Downs. Bill has been instrumental through his work with the Integrated Services Project looking at the cross over between domestic violence and substance abuse. The winner of the *Time to Volunteer* award is Katie Thompson, AKA Kate Iola. Katie is an amazing author who has given hundreds of hours in the past year writing the stories of Iowa abuse survivors for the Iowa Voices Project. You can read these stories at www.icadv.org. Finally, we are thrilled to honor Dean Linda McGuire of the University of Iowa College of Law with the *Time to Educate* award. Linda has been educating law students on domestic violence for years. Many I.O.W.A. members have surely benefited from her guidance.

What can I.O.W.A. members do?

There are many ways to help make the Second Annual It's About Time Awards and Auction an amazing success. First, you can attend. Tickets are \$75 (\$50 is tax deductible) and include complementary food from the Flying Mango and Sweet Binneys, wine, beer and new this year, a Martini Bar! We will once again enjoy the music of the Scott Davis Trio and a lively auction filled with surprises.

Second, you can purchase a table as an individual or through your firm. Tables of eight are only \$500 and sponsorships of larger amounts are of course available (contact Sarabeth Anderson at sarabetha@icadv.org).

Finally, you can donate clocks or watches. We are hoping to include a clock or watch with every auction package this year. So, if you received one too many clocks as a wedding gift or have too many high quality watches cluttering your jewelry box, ICADV would love to take them off your hands.

For more information on the event or how you can help please contact Sarabeth Anderson by phone or e-mail at 515-244-8028 or sarabetha@icadv.org.

