

DCBA Update



Where You Hang Your Hat

By Robert Rupp

It is said that home is where you hang your hat. While it would be nice if that was always wherever it is you feel that true sense of home, the simple fact is that our minds, heads and the hats upon them are often far away from that spot. Certainly the office can begin to feel like home, in good ways and bad, and that can lead to a comfortable consistency. It does not take a lot to outfit your “work home” with the creature comforts that make life there palatable. I’ve been impressed with the lengths those of you whose offices I have seen have gone in that regard. But what happens when you are out of that carefully crafted office space. For the purpose of this column, I think especially of those of you who find yourself in one of the many courthouses where DuPage lawyers practice.

For those of you who find yourselves in the Wheaton Judicial Center, I hope you have found that you always have a home at the William E. Hooper Attorney Resource Center (the ARC). Located on the third floor, this room is open to all attorneys (and only attorneys) looking for a place to take a quiet moment, meet with a colleague, grab a coffee, or partake in a DCBA lunchtime CLE. There is ample space to spread out and work

with conference tables, lounge chairs, moveable partitions, and even two semi private offices. A dedicated terminal is available for e-filing, a workstation with a printer is available for e-mail or document transfers, and free WiFi is available for all your devices. On Thursday mornings, you will often find donuts and ample conversation. Over the lunch hours, DCBA Sections often present MCLE sessions with free MCLE credit available to DCBA members. And yes, there is a great cloak room with plenty of space to hang your hat.

A second home away from home for those of you with business downtown can be found at the offices of ISBA Mutual. Offering a café, conference rooms, and a suite of micro-offices, this facility is located at 20 South Clark Street, and provides a quiet, comfortable, secure and convenient place to get things done. The café features seating and tables, complimentary coffee and tea and plenty of outlets and USB ports to charge your devices. If you require more privacy, 5X7 micro offices are available as well as a quiet meeting room with a limited number of seats and tables for closed meetings. Large meeting space and small conference rooms are

also available. Special thanks to ISBA Mutual for opening this space to us for our DCBA in Chicago Reception.

In ways that only they can do, these two spaces really do represent the best of what a home away from home can be. They are places to see old friends, meet new ones, embrace a quiet moment or tackle a weighty issue. I urge you to take advantage of them. If you have any suggestions for improvements to the ARC, my line is always open and I look forward to seeing you there.

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