



# ICUL

IOWA CREDIT UNION LEAGUE

## NEWSLETTER

### Registration Open for Legislative & Regulatory Conference

Registration for the 2022 Legislative & Regulatory Conference is open! Join us February 16-17 to learn about pressing credit union topics and how you can best advocate for credit unions.



Attendees will hear from a variety of legislative and regulatory leaders, as well as Hike the Hill to meet with Iowa legislators and share the credit union difference. Held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in downtown Des Moines, in-person and virtual attendance options are available. [Register now!](#)

**CRASH Leg Reg:** Applications for the annual Legislative & Regulatory Conference opportunity for emerging leaders, CRASH Leg Reg, are open. All credit union professionals under the age of 40(ish) who are passionate about legislative and regulatory issues are encouraged to apply! Learn more [here](#).

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### Peoples Credit Union CEO Jordan Hensley Appointed to Fulfill ICUL Board Position

Peoples Credit Union CEO Jordan Hensley has been appointed by the ICUL Board of Directors as a new board member effective May 2022.

Hensley will serve the remainder of current ICUL board member Helen Pearce's term. Pearce will be stepping down after the board's February 2022 meeting due to her retirement.



## Iowa Leaders To Serve CUNA and AACUL Committees in 2022

ICUL is excited to recognize Iowa credit union industry leaders who are serving on national committees to help further the credit union movement in 2022:



CUNA:

- Todd Link, Dupaco Community Credit Union, Payments Subcommittee
- Julie Pingel, Fort Dodge Family Credit Union, Small Credit Union Committee
- Stefanie Rupert, Collins Community Credit Union, Credit Union Powers Subcommittee
- Murray Williams, ICUL, World Affairs Committee, Vice Chair

American Association of Credit Union Leagues (AACUL):

- Matt Oakley, ICUL, League Service Corporations (LSC) Committee
- Gracie Brandsgard, PolicyWorks, State Issues Advocacy Committee
- Erin O'Hern, ViClarity, Regulatory Advocacy/Compliance Advisory Committee
- Murray Williams, ICUL, Political Involvement & Grassroots Committee, Vice Chair

In addition to the above, Julie Pingel has also been appointed by Governor Kim Reynolds to serve the Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corporation.

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## Retention and Technology are Top-of-Mind Strategies for GRC Teams

ViClarity Vice President of Client Development and Operations Darron Dunn recently published an article that connects the dots between workforce retention and credit union governance, risk and compliance (GRC). [Click here](#) to read the article.



Through your credit union's ICUL membership, you have access to a variety of strategic resources, guidance and advice from ViClarity. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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## Legal Tip: Affidavit to Distribute Property

A credit union can release a deceased member's funds by affidavit in lieu of a formal probate proceeding when:

- 40 days have passed since the member's death;
- Less than \$50,000 in assets will be distributed;
- The affidavit is signed under penalty of perjury by the person receiving the funds; and
- A copy of the member's death certificate is retained.



The affidavit should identify the property being distributed and the date and place of the member's death. The person who signs the affidavit accepts responsibility for ensuring the situation meets the requirements for distribution by affidavit contained in Iowa Code §633.356(2) (e.g., total assets less than \$50,000, no real estate ownership, no one else is entitled to funds, and statements addressing payment of the deceased member's debts and taxes out of the funds, if applicable). If the person requesting the funds is unsure whether the affidavit can be used, advise them to call an attorney.

Questions? Contact Barker, Hodgson & Miller, P.C. attorneys [Elizabeth Hodgson](#) or [Julie Buenzow](#).

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## ICUL Office Closed for Holidays

The ICUL office will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31 in observance of the holidays.

Warmest wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.



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## News and Announcements

Have news to share? Submit your release online. *You must be logged into the members-only website in order to submit.*

- [Dupaco Partners for New Innovation Laboratory, Programming in Dyersville](#)
  - [League System Collaboration, Impact Highlighted at American Association of Credit Union Leagues Winter Conference](#)
  - [Veridian Credit Union Awards \\$70,000 in Grants to 22 Organizations Across Iowa and Eastern Nebraska](#)
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