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January 2021

The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Erin Bauer

A RESOLUTION FOR 2021



I never make New Year's resolutions. I prefer to avoid the guilt and self-loathing that would take place in March when I realized it's impossible to get up each morning at 4:30 a.m. to work out and still stay awake in an afternoon deposition...or the resentment I would feel when I realized that I cannot refuse to return evening client emails if I want to get home before 8 p.m. This year, however, I think I'll go out on a limb and make a resolution: I resolve to be more grateful for the little things.

Because of all of the horribleness it offered, the year 2020 made me realize how much I previously took for granted. I took for granted walking into family law court and shooting the breeze with Tim Hambidge and five other lawyers (all at once and not socially distanced). I took for granted being able to conduct a cross examination without hyperventilating into a mask that stunk an hour into a hearing. I took for granted meeting my friends for lunch and complaining about difficult clients. I took for granted greeting a client in the lobby with a handshake. Is it strange that I miss handshakes so badly? And, finally, I took for granted not being portrayed in Res Gestae as "Erin Huang," author of an article about exotic animals. (Yes, that really happened...in the December edition...see below. Really, could 2020 get any weirder???)

Thankfully, the EBA finished the year strong. The always popular annual Hot Topics and Bench and Bar seminars combined to offer a great CLE attended by over 40 attorneys. Thanks to Magistrate Weiberg and Lane Siesky for your work on the event, especially in a year of adjustments. And, thank you to Judge Tornatta for starting the annual Hot Topics event years ago. The last CLE of the year, Procrastinators' Delight, was back by popular demand and well attended as well. We look forward to offering more quality CLEs and events this year and hope to be able to introduce a little more socialization into the mix.

The return to complete normalcy may not be immediate, but I'm confident that 2021 will be better. With any luck, I'll be cutting up again with Tim and other fellow lawyers soon. And just maybe, I'll be able to carry out my resolution and take a minute to enjoy those moments that I so often took for granted....at least until August or so.

Could things get any weirder? A case of mistaken identity. An interesting end to 2020.

As a side note, I looked up Erin Huang, and she appears to be a great advocate for animal rights.

Cover Story



Indiana falls behind in regulation of private ownership of dangerous wild animals

By Erin Huang

"Lions, tigers, and bears. Those are not the only dangerous wild animals that you could find in more Indiana back yards than you'd care to imagine. Hyenas, primates, crocodiles, and wolves are also popular choices for some who wish to have a more exotic pet, or make a little money exploiting these animals. Sadly, Indiana has very lax laws for the ownership of these dangerous

species."



The Evansville Bar Association is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for staff, members and guests. Until further notice, the EBA office is closed to the public and open on a limited-basis to our members.

As we continue to adapt in response to COVID-19, we want to share information on our ongoing actions that will help ensure that we continue to fulfill our mission.

All meetings, events and all CLE courses will be held virtually until further notice.

The Evansville Bar Association Board of Directors will continue to evaluate the situation to determine best practices moving forward.

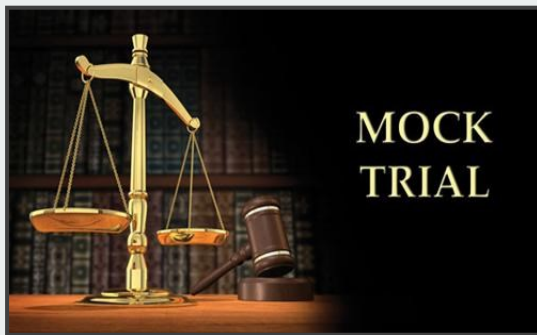
VLP News

By: Senior Judge Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

Now that 2020 is in the books (and good riddance by the way) we look forward to 2021 with optimism that the pandemic will soon be improving and moving into our rear-view mirror. To do that, VLP will be putting together the reports and other data to continue its operation in the coming year – a year that will call upon all of us to increase our pro bono service as we deal with the impacts of COVID-19. So, please help us help others by doing the following:

- Sign up for Talk to a Lawyer in the coming year, especially if you are in a lower risk age group. The sign-up is at the end of the Summation.
- Report any pro bono or modest means service done for non-VLP clients on the Self-Reporting Form that follows at the end of the Summation as well. Your hours directly impact the funds VLP receives.
- Consider taking a case in the next few months to aid the legal need.

We so appreciate all that you have done in 2020 and wish you the best of New Years!



Regional Mock Trial VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*

Saturday, February 13, 2021

In 2021, the Young Lawyers Section and Evansville Bar Association are once again teaming up with the Indiana Bar Foundation to host the Evansville Regional Mock Trial Competition **VIRTUALLY** on **Saturday, February 13, 2021**.

In order to host the competition, we must secure volunteers to serve as presiding judges (one per court room) and scoring judges (three per court room). **Ideally our local judges and magistrates will serve as presiding judges with lawyers and other volunteers serving as scoring judges. For more information or to volunteer on February 13 as a Mock Trial judge, please [REGISTER HERE—https://form.jotform.com/203246269659970](https://form.jotform.com/203246269659970) prior to January 22.**

Please contact Kristen Koewler (kkoewler@etfcu.org) if you have any questions about the competition.

***To be eligible to judge the 2021 National Mock Trial Championship to be held virtually from Evansville on May 14 and 15, you are required to judge a regional or state competition. REGISTER TO JUDGE THE EVANSVILLE REGIONAL AND FULFILL THAT REQUIREMENT!**



Welcome to January 2021!



Daniel Robinson, Jr.,
President

While every new year provides an opportunity for reflection, both on the past and future, this year the exercise seems particularly significant. If we've learned anything from 2020, it's that we have no idea what 2021 holds.

That said, there are many reasons to hope for a better tomorrow. Despite all of the turmoil, I am happy to report that 2020 donations to the Foundation have been strong, and that speaks volumes about members of the Evansville Bar. My challenge to each of you is to keep that momentum going and make 2021 our best year ever!

I am also encouraged by the great work happening in our community through non-profits and others. One of the most rewarding aspects of serving on the Foundation's board of directors is to see firsthand so many examples of great work going on in our area. Thank you to all those who are working to make our community a better place!

As we turn the page on 2020, let's all do our part to make 2021 a great year.

To donate to the Foundation, go to <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx> or click the DONATE button below. All donations are tax deductible and reportable under Revised Rule 6.7(a)(3) of Professional Conduct!

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LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone contributing in response to the Law Library Foundation's annual appeal. Your generous donations and ongoing commitment to the Foundation and the William H. Miller Law Library ensure that the people in this community have "...a **quality law library readily accessible to all...at a substantial economic savings to everyone.**" In addition to this mission, the goals of the Foundation are to preserve, maintain, and enhance the Law Library of Vanderburgh County as a resource center for legal information that serves the courts, bar, and people of Evansville and the surrounding tristate area. This work has been even more important during the pandemic. And you make it possible for this library to remain one of only two county law libraries in the entire state.

To become a 2021 member of the Law Library Foundation, you may use the envelope enclosed in the December mailing or send your contribution to:

Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation
City County Courts Building
825 Sycamore Street, Suite 207
Evansville, Indiana 47708

As always, I welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions. Please feel free to call me, Kathleen Weston, at (812) 435-5175 or send me an email (kweston@vanderburghgov.org).

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* 2021 Campaign donations received November 1-December 31, 2020

You can find an up-to-date listing of CLE on the EBA website at evvbar.org

Registration and pre-payment required; Registrations received two hours or less prior to start of course will be charged an additional \$5; Registrations received less than 24 hours prior to start of course cannot be guaranteed.

Printed materials provided by request for \$5/credit hour up to \$25.

TALK TO A LAWYER TODAY ISBA VIDEO REPLAY 6 CLE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6
9:00AM-4:00PM - VIDEO CONFERENCE

FREE to attendees who agree to volunteer for two (2) Talk to a Lawyer sessions or take one (1) Volunteer Lawyer Program case in the first half (1/2) of 2021.

Member \$180
Non-member \$300

To register call (812) 463-3201, email ashley@evvbar.org or click [here](#) to register online.



CLE COURSES AVAILABLE ON DEMAND!

20 courses to choose from including general and ethics courses.

Member \$55/hour; Non-member \$75/hour.

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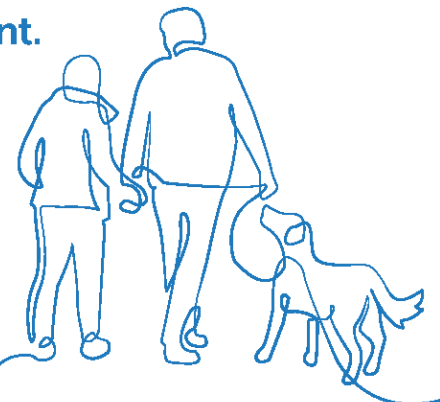
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Celebrate THE HoliDays

Although the holidays were a bit different in 2020, there was no shortage of holiday cheer! Here are a few photos of our members celebrating!

Erik Bryant, Jean Blanton, Allison Breeden and Katie Boren of Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel and Shoulders know how to celebrate! Masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing!



Mallory Deckard of Deckard Law celebrated with some retro cheer...an "apple" martini!



Jean Blanton and family.



This photo perfectly captures how much fun Jean had attempting to assemble a gingerbread house. Attempting because after the third time of it falling apart, it went into the trash!

Magistrate Krista Weiberg's daughters, Abigail and Isabelle, sum up 2020 for us all!



Family Christmas throw back to c. 1964 with Magistrate Don Vowels (front row, left) and Dennis Vowels (second row). Looks like there was a bit of mischief going on!

update

Bar Updates:

Welcome new attorney member **Carol Jansons**. Please make the following additions and changes to your contacts:

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HELP?

Have you had problems logging into the EBA website?

If so, please let us know!

Call Ashley at the office at
(812)463-3201 or email her at
ashley@evvbar.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP, seeks to hire a litigation associate attorney with 2 to 5 years of private practice experience in litigation. Applicants should have a strong academic background, excellent research and writing skills, strong analytical and communication skills, and experience drafting pleadings, motions and briefs. Deposition and trial experience is a plus. A license to practice law in Indiana is required, and a license to practice in Illinois and/or Kentucky is a plus. Please send cover letter, writing sample, and resume to: Dani M. Eggers, Hiring Assistant, Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP, via email: deggers@kddk.com. The firm's website can be viewed at www.kddk.com.

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WE ARE THE EBA



Laura Nowinski, Associate Attorney, Law Offices of Steven K. Deig

10 years in practice; primarily family law and estate planning, occasionally criminal defense matters.

What are three (3) fun or interesting facts about you that people may not know? 1.) I was really close to being on the Bachelor many years ago. I started dating my husband when I got the call to fly to CA and opted out. I likely would have opted out anyway as the entire concept wasn't really my thing and I applied for fun with some of my law school girlfriends during a study break. 2.) I've been skydiving twice. 3.) While in college, I worked at a psychiatric hospital and also volunteered in Pendleton Prison and Indiana Women's Prison to help inmates prepare for reintegration into society pending their release.

What's your favorite item in your office and why? My family picture(s) are easily my favorite. The pictures are a great reminder of why I do what I do. I also have a large picture of our 1st Great Dane. It serves as a great ice breaker for new clients who are nervous about meeting with an attorney for the 1st time.

What is one thing you will never do again? Rides that spin! That means no: teacups, round house, gravitron or anything else that goes in circles and is supposed to be fun. A fun day at Holiday World took a turn after I did the bird ride with our oldest. I lost major mom points. Gag.

When you're not working, what are you most likely to be doing? My husband and I have two very energetic daughters. Eliza is 4.5 years old and Ella just turned 2 years old. When not working, I am with them doing what we can to enjoy the day. We love the zoo, pool, trips, playing in the dirt and getting together with family. They are my favorite place to be - even if it means I have no social life. I made up for it in my 20's!

If you could share a meal with four individuals, living or dead, who would they be? This is easy: my deceased maternal grandparents and my two daughters. I know they would just love and see so much of themselves in my girls (spunk, sass, humor, compassion, sarcasm, wit) and that my girls would have absolutely adored them given the chance to meet.

What is something on your bucket list you've completed? What do you still want to do? I really want to mine/sift for diamonds out West.

Who inspires you? My mom has been my biggest inspiration. She came from very humble beginnings and despite being very bright didn't have the stability or resources to take advantage of the educational opportunities she made sure my siblings and I had growing up. I realize that she quietly sacrificed a lot as she provided never ending support, encouragement and fun as my siblings and I pursued our dreams. She was supportive but also expected hard work and a good attitude. Doing something ½ way wasn't an option and would be expected to be redone until it was right and with a smile. My sister became an emergency pediatrician and my brothers both have successful careers in medical device sales. She is also the most amazing and giving Mimi to all of her grandbabies. I'd be lost without her.



Tammy Springer, Paralegal, Law Offices of Steven K. Deig

34 years, of which 30 years have been at the Law Offices of Steven K. Deig; Primarily family law, estate planning and also some adoption, guardianships and estates

Why did you become a paralegal? Funny story, my mom had a friend who was an attorney when I was in high school. His wife worked for a well known attorney at that time and he told me I should considering becoming a legal assistant/paralegal because his wife was making more money than he was! I had my first job interview during my senior year in high school with a law office and the rest is history!

What are three (3) fun or interesting facts about you that people may not know? 1.) I have had the same hair stylist since my first haircut. 2.) My favorite sport to watch live or on TV is Motocross/Supercross Racing. 3.) I have an extremely rare genetic tumor in my left leg and went to Mayo Clinic 27 years ago who diagnosed it and performed

my surgery which allowed me to be able to walk again.

What are your hobbies? Camping, watching and/or attending motocross races with my family, and in 2020 I planted my very first vegetable garden.

Tell us a bit about your immediate family. I have been married to my high school sweetheart and love of my life Kevin for 33 years. We have two sons, Brandon who is an RN in an Evansville Heart Cath Lab, and Zachary who is a financial advisor in Indianapolis.

What's your favorite family tradition? Eating Overnight French Toast for breakfast on Christmas Day - the only day of the year we make it!

What is your favorite movie? I have so many, but since it is Christmas, I will pick my favorite Christmas movie - Miracle On 34th Street

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? Breakfast food - eggs, pancakes, oatmeal - I love all breakfast food.

If you could live anywhere, where would that be? Anywhere with a great view of the mountains but within 30 minutes of shopping.

What's your favorite item in your office and why? My split keyboard because it is more comfortable for me to type on.

When you're not working, what are you most likely to be doing? Camping

If you could not work for 1 year, what would you do? Travel across the United States in a really nice RV to see all of our beautiful state parks and historic landmarks.



Karolina Viehe, Court Administrator, Vanderburgh Superior Court

8 years in practice

Why did you become an attorney? I followed the advice of my grandfather and my history teacher.

What are three (3) fun or interesting facts about you that people may not know? 1.) I played field hockey for the Czech Republic National Team for about 10 years. 2.) I have two law degrees. 3.) I speak five languages.

What are your hobbies? Traveling, skiing, snorkeling, camping, playing ball games, coaching my son's soccer team, learning about other cultures, going to outdoor festivals, and above all playing with my two sons. I would love to learn how to surf and snowboard.

How would your friends describe you? Positive, optimistic, honest, outgoing and spontaneous.

What was your first job? I was an au pair in Germany for one year.

Tell us a bit about your immediate family. My husband, Kale, and I met in England. He runs InterPro Barbers downtown Evansville. We have two sons, Clive, who is the best soccer player and dancer I know and Croix, who looks, talks and acts like Boss Baby and runs our family.

What is something on your bucket list you've completed? What do you still want to do? I've traveled around Europe and lived in different countries. Some of the things I still want to do: swim with whales in Tonga, fly in a hot air balloon in Cappadocia, go paragliding in New Zealand, go on a safari in Africa, visit every country in the world, and millions of other things.

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? Hungarian Goulash.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Read "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman.

What always makes you laugh? My husband and my two boys.

JANUARY 2021 CALENDAR

01/01 **EBA OFFICE CLOSED—HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

01/05 **EBA Family Law Section Meeting**—Noon, Video Conference*

01/06 **CLE—ISBA Video Replay: Talk to a Lawyer Today (6 CLE/1 Ethics)** —9:00am-4:00pm, Video Conference**—FREE to attendees who agree to volunteer for two (2) Talk To A Lawyer sessions or take one (1) Volunteer Lawyer Program case in the first half of 2021; Member \$180, Non-member \$300—[REGISTER](#)

01/07 **EBA Committees on Racial Equality, Equity and Justice Initiatives**—11:00am, Video Conference*

Talk to a Lawyer—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office

01/11 **EBA Access to Justice Committee Meeting**—Noon, Video Conference*

01/12 **EBA Paralegal Section Meeting**—Noon, Video Conference*

01/14 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Noon, Video Conference

01/19 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office

01/21 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Noon, Video Conference

01/26 **EBA D&I Subcommittee—Local Government and Strategic Alliances Meeting**—Noon, Video Conference*

01/27 **EBA CLE Committee Meeting**—Noon, Video Conference*

01/28 **EBA Women In Law Section Meeting**—Noon, Video Conference*

* Log in information is sent in the calendar invite for each meeting. If you would like to participate, contact Julie Moore Holtz at julie@evvbar.org.

** Pre-payment required; Log in information and course materials will be emailed to you 24 hours prior to start of course.

SAVE-THE-DATE

New Lawyer Bootcamp—To be announced

Regional Mock Trial Competition—Evansville: A VIRTUAL EVENT—Saturday, February 13, 2021—Register to judge the competition [HERE https://form.jotform.com/203246269659970](https://form.jotform.com/203246269659970)

National Mock Trial Championship to be held virtually from Evansville—May 13-14, 2021

Applied Professionalism Course for New Attorneys—Thursday, September 23, 2021

32nd Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute—November 5, 2021

In Memory Of...

Members of the Evansville Bar Association who have passed away are remembered by friends and colleagues with contributions to the John L. Sanders Memorial—Evansville Bar Foundation.

Thank you for your contributions in memory of...

John Hegeman
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Do you have an idea for a CLE course? Is there a topic you would like to learn about and/or speak about?

If so, contact Julie Moore Holtz at the EBA Office at (812) 463-3201 or Julie@evvbar.org.

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(E-mail to vlpwylie@sigecom.net, fax to 812.402.6304, or mail to the address above.)

Afternoon Talk-to-a-Lawyer on the First THURSDAY of the month – We need both attorneys and paralegals. Sign-up to help below:

_____ January 7, 2021 4:30 to 6:00	_____ February 4, 2021 4:30 to 6:00
_____ March 4, 2021 4:30 to 6:00	_____ April 1, 2021 4:30 to 6:00
_____ May 6, 2021 4:30 to 6:00	_____ June 3, 2021 4:30 to 6:00
_____ July 1, 2021 4:30 to 6:00	_____ August 5, 2021 4:30 to 6:00
_____ September 2, 2021 4:30 to 6:00	_____ October 7, 2021 4:30 to 6:00
_____ November 4, 2021 4:30 to 6:00	_____ December 2, 2021 4:30 to 6:00

☐ My firm would be interested in staffing one of these dates – please contact me to discuss.

Lunch-Time Talk-to-a-Lawyer on the Third TUESDAY of the month – We need both attorneys and paralegals. Sign-up to help below:

_____ January 19, 2021 11:30 to 1:00	_____ February 16, 2021 11:30 to 1:00
_____ March 16, 2021 11:30 to 1:00	_____ April 20, 2021 11:30 to 1:00
_____ May 18, 2021 11:30 to 1:00	_____ June 15, 2021 11:30 to 1:00
_____ July 20, 2021 11:30 to 1:00	_____ August 17, 2021 11:30 to 1:00
_____ September 21, 2021 11:30 to 1:00	_____ October 19, 2021 11:30 to 1:00
_____ November 16, 2021 11:30 to 1:00	_____ December 21, 2021 11:30 to 1:00

☐ My firm would be interested in staffing one of these dates – please contact me to discuss.

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Talk to a Lawyer Session on January 18th – we need both attorneys and paralegals. Sign-up to help below:

_____ January 18, 2021 (Monday) from 11:30 to 1:00

☐ Please send me information on VLP's Walk-In Family Law Clinics operated in partnership with the Law Library and typically held on the First and Third Thursday of each month from 11:00 to 1:00.

☐ Please send me information on VLP's In-Person Talk to a Lawyer Clinics operated in partnership with the Law Library and typically held on the Second and Fourth Thursday of each month from 11:00 to 1:00.

☐ I'm interested in participating in Homeless Connect, typically held in March. Please contact me with volunteer times when scheduled.

As always, thank you!

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In addition to facilitating the placement of eligible clients through its pro bono referral program, the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana (VLP) serves as a depository for information regarding the legal needs of District K's indigent and nonprofit community. Please use this form to report hours of service that you provide to clients obtained from sources other than VLP. *This form should not be used to report hours served through VLP's referral program; to report VLP service, please use the Case Closing Report provided with your referral package.* Thank you very much for your service and for reporting your hours to our office.

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