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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Yvette LaPlante**

Being president of this organization provides unique insights into what makes this organization special. Before taking on this role, I served on the Evansville Bar Association's board for several years. I'd been involved in a myriad of EBA projects. I had more cocktails than I care to publically disclose with EBA members. Through those experiences, I thought I had a firm grasp on what the EBA was all about. But from this vantage point, I have gained a new perspective about how hard the members of this bar work and how much they contribute to the community, even when there is no personal gain to be had. We are heading into the season where we recognize those contributions.



Each year, the EBA honors four individuals with awards for their outstanding work and service, and we have several deserving members every year. In two separate events, we will recognize an outstanding paralegal, an exceptional legal secretary, an individual or group that has made a noteworthy contribution in the last year, and an individual whose career has elevated respect for the law. Nominations for the awards are due on February 15, 2019. [Forms can be found HERE.](#)

The Outstanding Paralegal Award and Florence Britzius Award are presented at the Members' Lunch, which will be held on March 20th. The Outstanding Paralegal Award recognizes a member of the Paralegal Section who has provided outstanding service to the Evansville legal community through her involvement in the EBA and through her work. The Florence Britzius Award recognizes a legal secretary who has shown outstanding commitment to the profession and legal community.

On Law Day, April 26, 2019, the Bar will present the James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award and the Doran Perdue Service Award. The James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award recognizes and honors individuals who have distinguished themselves in activities or careers which have elevated respect for the law, promoted freedom, or otherwise furthered the ideals for which Law Day is celebrated. The Doran E. Perdue Service Award recognizes a member or group who has provided outstanding service on an EBA project, committee, section or the organization as a whole over the last year.

As the deadline for nominations approaches, look around your office, across the table at opposing counsel, or at your colleagues at happy hour. Find a deserving individual and nominate them for an award. While few members of this Bar do things solely for the recognition, it always feels good to know that someone noticed your efforts.

Even if you don't nominate anyone this year, please take the time to celebrate the award recipients at the March 20th Members' Lunch and Law Day on April 26. I look forward to seeing you there and recognizing some of the many hardworking members of this organization.

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Deadline for
nominations is
February 15

ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

- * [Outstanding Paralegal Award](#)
- * [Florence Britzius Award](#)
- * [James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award](#)
- * [Doran E. Perdue Service Award](#)

LAWYERS LUNCH CLUB

The next Lawyers Lunch Club will be
March through June.

If you would like to join the fun, let us
know at eba@evvbar.org or
(812)463-3201 by February 15.

*Even if you have participated in the Lawyers
Lunch Club in the past, please let us know
you would like to be involved this session so
we only include those who want to
participate.*

VLP NEWS

By: Judge Smith and Senior Judge Corcoran

For nearly two decades our Talk to a Lawyer program has assisted area residents by answering simple (not always...) legal questions and directing those who need counsel to our Lawyer Referral Service or civil legal aid programs. This long partnership between members of the Evansville Bar Association and VLP has reached nearly 13,000 callers during that time. In 2018, forty-six members of the EBA staffed twenty-five hotline sessions serving 609 residents from throughout Southwestern Indiana and sometimes far beyond that.

Talk to a Lawyer is offered twice monthly on the first Thursday of the month in the late afternoon and on the third Tuesday over the lunch hour. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Scott Wylie at vlpwylie@sigecom.net.

Special thanks go out to four area attorneys who staffed ten or more sessions last year: **Ole Olson, Tracy Thread, Katherine Rybak, and Michael Keating**. Amongst our paralegal volunteers **Peggy McCormick** and **Michelle Robinson** staffed fifteen sessions between them. Thanks!

ANNUAL AWARDS MEMBER LUNCH

MARCH 20

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30AM

PROGRAM AND LUNCH AT NOON

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Don't miss the annual awards
and support staff appreciation event.
*Please bring your legal and support staff
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Women Attorneys Section

Night of Chocolate

Wed, February 06

5:00 pm Mingling

5:30 pm Chocolates served

Evansville Country Club

Thanks to the generosity of **Stewart
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signature chocolate drink are **FREE!**



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WHO'S DOING WHAT?



On January 16, the EBA honored members celebrating 50 years in practice. Congratulations to these attorneys who have made a substantial and positive impact on the legal community!

LT to RT: Terry Noffsinger, Tom Bryan, Hon. Carl Heldt, Bob Kinkle, David Miller. (Not pictured: Mike Phillips)



The EBA Young Lawyer Section held the annual New Lawyer Bootcamp on January 16. Great group!

LT to RT: Kristen Koewler, Alex Scates, Hannah Dill (Mock Trial Chair), Christine Pham, Jonathan Danks, Julia Dick, Shannon King, Keaton Miller (YLS Chair), Jeremy Schnepfer and Hayley Fowler.



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders, LLP is seeking a highly-motivated Associate Attorney to become a part of our commercial and civil litigation team. The ideal candidate will have 1-3 years of prior experience in Litigation with particular emphasis on research, writing, and discovery practice with deposition and hearing experience a plus. This position requires excellent writing, communication, and organizational skills, strong work ethic, attention to detail, and strong academic credentials. Salary commensurate with experience. All interested candidates should forward a copy of their resume and law school transcript to

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Deaconess Health System is in search of a real estate paralegal. Job responsibilities include drafting and organizing of real estate and non-real estate related documents; organizing and maintaining files; filing and recording documents with courts and agencies after approval by an attorney; coordinating and completing special projects as needed. Preferably the candidate will have experience in real estate matters as a legal assistant or paralegal; an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree; certification as a paralegal by a national or state organization; and good analytical, reasoning, organizational and communication skills. Candidates can apply at deaconess.com/Careers or contact Bob Scheller in HR at (812)450-2362 or bob.scheller@deaconess.com.

Madisonville, KY - The Kentucky Dept of Public Advocacy (DPA) is hiring an entry level staff attorney to join the criminal defense team in the Madisonville Trial Office. Application deadline is February 10, 2019. To learn more about the position or the apply, [CLICK HERE](#).

NOTE: Out-of-state attorneys may practice in KY with a Limited License up to 18 months during which time, they must take and pass the KY Bar Exam.

We want to know WHO'S DOING WHAT!

Email news, updates and photos of professional achievements about you, your firm or other EBA members to julie@evvbar.org by the 20th of each month to be included in the next Summation.

NOTE: Due to space constraints not all submissions will be included.



Kelly Jackson,
President

February. By now, despite our best intentions, many of us have had our New Year's resolutions fall by the wayside. Getting up at 5:00 a.m. to go to the gym before work is simply not appealing when it's dark and 30 degrees outside. Eating healthy is made nearly impossible when co-workers bring in cookies and cakes that stare at you from the office kitchen. Instead of dreading the month of February, however, maybe we can look at it as a new beginning. Put January behind us and start anew.

One way to do this is by participating in the EBA and EBF events and activities offered in the month of February. Get out of the office and attend a live CLE event or an EBA section meeting at the EBA office; nominate a deserving paralegal for the EBA Outstanding Paralegal Award and a deserving secretary for the Florence Britzius Award; volunteer to be a judge at the Regional Mock Trial Competition to be held in Evansville on Saturday, February 16; make a donation to the EBF.

Break up the monotony of the month of February and get involved in EBA and EBF events and activities, and March will be here before you know it.

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For 2019, the law library has selected Westlaw + Practical Law as its online legal resource. That means law library users will once again have access to secondary sources such as *Corpus Juris Secundum*, *American Jurisprudence (Am Jur) Proof of Facts*, and *Am Jur Trials* as well as statutes and legislation, federal and state agency materials, administrative code, directories, cases, and KeyCite.

Practical Law provides legal know-how written by experienced practitioners to give library patrons a better starting point, including practice notes, plain-language discussions of the law as it stands today, and checklists. Please remember that online services are only available in the law library, supplementing the extensive printed materials. There is no charge to search, though printouts will be charged at current photocopier rates.

As always, I welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions. Please feel free to call (812) 435-5175 or send me an email kweston@vanderburghcounty.in.gov.



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Tanisha Carothers

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Kristin McLaughlin

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

**DRAFTING AN EASEMENT:
REAL WORLD 101 - 1 CLE**
SETH ZIRKLE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 01
NOON - EBA OFFICE

Real Property Section Member \$25
EBA Member \$30
Non-member \$50
To register call (812) 463-3201, email eba@evvbar.org or click [here](#) to register online.

**MURDER AT THE INTERSECTION OF A
CRIMINAL LAW RIGHT AND A CIVIL LAW
RESPONSIBILITY: KOHM V. GASH - 1 CLE**
JUDGE ROBERT PIGMAN

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15
NOON - EBA OFFICE

EBA Member \$30
Non-member \$50
To register call (812) 463-3201, email eba@evvbar.org or click [here](#) to register online.



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.

2019 Bench & Bar conference

March 21
Evansville Country Club

8:00 am	Registration 6 CLE/2 Ethics/1 CME	
8:30 am	Criminal Law Update Rules on Bail Bond 2020 Hon. Robert Pigman	Civil Law Update Civil Jury Instructions Hon. Les Shively
9:30 am	Existing and Proposed Pilot Programs Commercial Court (9:30-10:00 am) Hon. Richard D'Amour Cameras in the Courtroom (10-10:30am) Hon. Les Shively	Family Law Update Tax Exemptions Katherine Rybak
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	How to Approach Brief Writing in the Digital Era - Hon. Margret Robb	
11:45 am	Vendor Break and Lunch 12:15 - 12:45 pm - Christopher Pietruszkiewicz, President, University of Evansville	
1:00 pm	Ethics - Terry Harrell	
2:00 pm	Immigration David Guerrettaz	Mediation Ross Rudolph and Tim Born
3:00 pm	Break	
3:15 pm	E-Discovery, Data Breach and Privacy - Jim Boyers, Rob Simmons, John Babione	
4:15 pm	Adjourn	

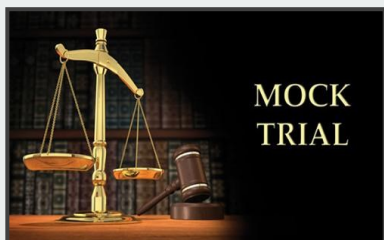
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FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 02/01 **Drafting an Easement: Real World 101 (1 CLE)** - Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 02/05 **Family Law Section Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office
- 02/06 **Business and Commercial Law Section Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office
Women Attorneys Section—Chocolate Night - Doors open at 5:00 pm, Chocolates served at 5:30 pm, Evansville Country Club—RSVP at eba@evvbar.org
- 02/07 **Talk To A Lawyer** - 4:30-6:00 pm, EBA Office
- 02/14 **Morning Mixer** - 7:30 am, Donut Bank (Hwy 41 and Lincoln Avenue)
EBA Board of Directors Meeting - Lunch at 11:45 am, Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 02/15 **Award Nominations Due**—Nominate [HERE](#)
Murder at the Intersection of a Criminal Law Right and Civil Law Responsibility: Kohm v. Gash (1 CLE) - Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 02/16 **2019 Regional Mock Trial Competition** - 8:30am– 8:30pm, Vanderburgh County Courthouse
- 02/19 **Talk to a Lawyer** - 11:30 am-1:00 pm, EBA Office
Bench and Bar Committee Meeting - Noon, Vanderburgh Superior Court, Jury Room 121
- 02/21 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office
- 02/27 **CLE Committee Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office

SAVE-THE-DATE

- EBA Members Lunch** Wednesday, March 20 - Doors open 11:30 am; Program and lunch at Noon, Tropicana Walnut Room—[RSVP](#)
- Bench and Bar Conference** Thursday, March 21 - Registration at 8:00 am; Sessions begin at 8:30 am, Evansville Country Club—[REGISTER](#)
- Law Day Celebration** Friday, April 26 - 5:45 pm, Evansville Country Club—[RSVP](#)
- Ethics Potpourri** Thursday, September 26 - 8:00 am-Noon, TBD
- Applied Professionalism** Thursday, September 26 - 8:00 am-4:00 pm, TBD



Regional Mock Trial

Saturday, February 16, 2019

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to judge, coach, sponsor or assist at the **first-ever** Evansville Regional Mock Trial Competition.

We invite you to join us at the Vanderburgh County Courthouse to observe the trials.

Round 1 - 9:00 am; Round 2 - 1:00 pm; Round 3 - 4:30 pm

Contact Hannah Dill (Hannah.Dill@skofirm.com) if you have any questions about the competition.

ICLEF VIDEO REPLAYS

For reservations, pricing, or to verify credits or content for the ICLEF video replays, please contact ICLEF at (317) 637-9102

- 02/04 **DWI@Trial** - 9:00 am-4:00 pm, EBA Office
 02/11 & 12 **Year in Review** - 9:00 am-4:00 pm, EBA Office

DIVERSITY SPOTLIGHT: *CELEBRATE DIVERSITY*

Sacha Armstrong, Diversity Committee

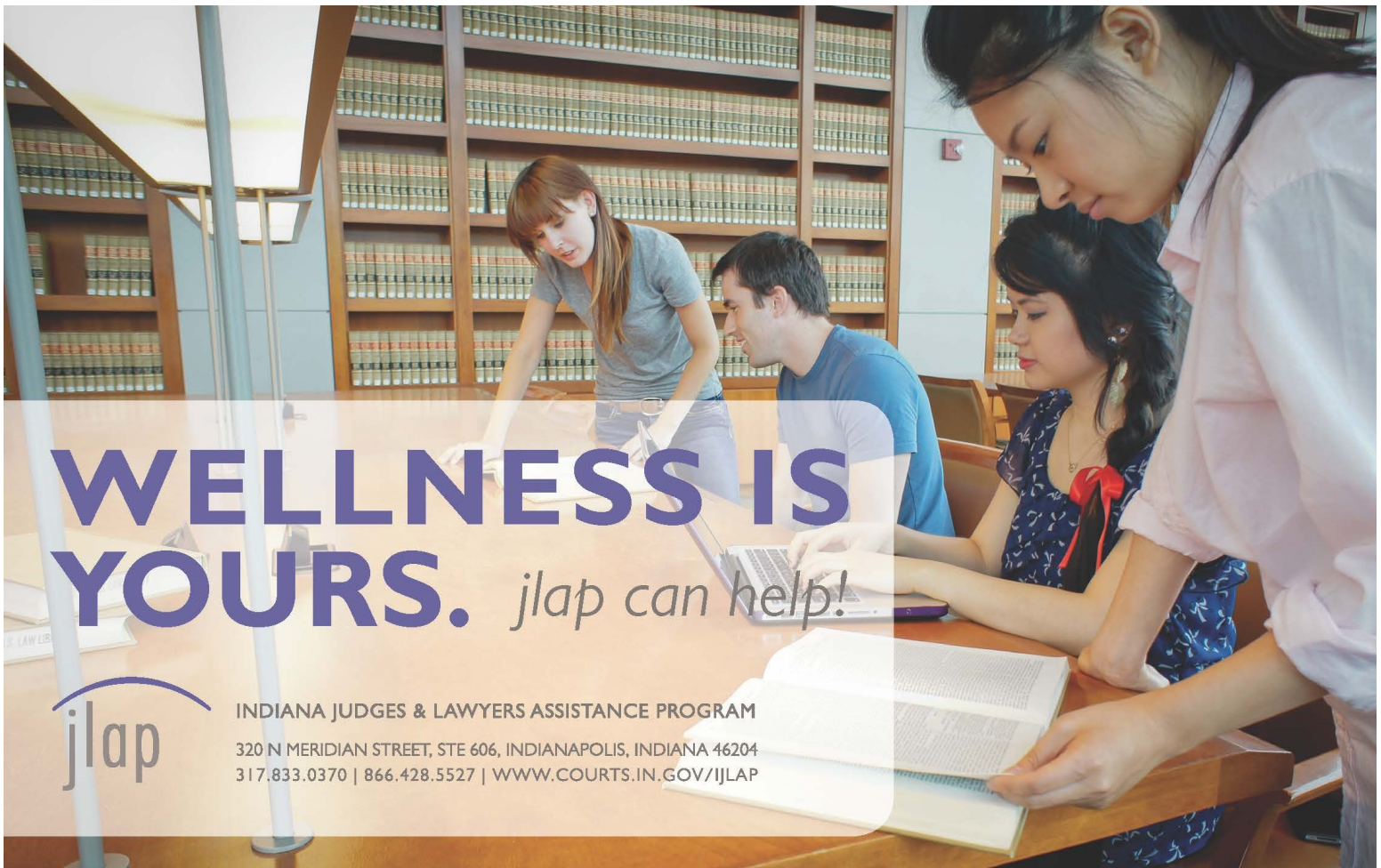
February is Black History month. The Association for the Study of African American Life and History's ("ASALH") 2019 theme is [Black Migrations](#) and emphasizes the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities. According to the ASALH, this theme focuses on the twentieth century through today. Beginning in the early decades of the twentieth century, African Americans moved from southern farms to southern cities; from the South to the Northeast, Midwest, and West; and included the emigration of noted African Americans to Africa and to European cities after the end of World War I and World War II. These migrations resulted in a more diverse and stratified interracial and intra-racial urban population and a changing social environment.

With this migration, black attorneys faced challenges claiming their place in the legal profession. In 1923, Earnest Tidrington was briefly admitted to

the Evansville Bar and was the second African American attorney admitted to practice law in Vanderburgh County. The first was his partner, Rudolph O'Hare. However, Tidrington's admission was challenged based on his moral character and history of heavy handed political tactics. A jury trial on the merits of his character took place and Tidrington ultimately withdrew his admission application. See *Rosencranz v. Tidrington*, 199 Ind. 140 (1927).

African American attorneys continue to face challenges practicing law in Evansville today. Likewise, the EBA faces challenges in attracting diverse attorneys to the practice of law in Evansville and maintaining those attorneys for the long term. However, the EBA remains committed to facing this challenge and to promoting diversity and inclusion among its members. You can find more information about the history of racial diversity in the Bar on the [Oral Histories page](#) of the EBA website.

Opportunities to learn more and celebrate Black History month in Evansville include: the Black History Month Oratorical Competition hosted by USI on February 5; the Black History Month Art Show at the Evansville Community Development Annex on Saturday Feb 23; and UE will host A Walk through Evansville Black History-Continued Learning on Mar 20. The Evansville African American Museum also has a series of events planned for Black History Month. On February 12, EAAM will partner with Leadership Evansville and the UE Center for Innovation and Change, to participate in a VOICE visioning process for the Community Changemaker Challenge; on February 21, Painting with a Twist will host a celebration of African American History through Art at the Museum; and on February 26, Anitra Donahue, EVPL will be providing a lecture on the presence of the Underground Railroad in Evansville, Indiana.



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