

# The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Sacha Armstrong**

### Murder, mystery & mayhem for education and building character!



What happens when a veteran police officer interrupts an attempted bank robbery by a repeat criminal offender, the offender escapes arrest and the officer is later accused of murdering the offender? You can see how this story plays out on **February 8 at the Regional Mock Trials**. Fellow members have been hard at work with eight teams of students from area high schools to compete against each other for a chance to go to the state competition. Whichever team wins the state competition will represent Indiana at the National Mock Trials that will be hosted in Evansville this May.

The purpose of the Indiana Mock Trial program is to stimulate and encourage a deeper understanding and appreciation of the American legal system. The program provides the opportunity for students to learn the judicial system through hands-on experience. It also emphasizes principles of professional conduct, courtesy and consideration to a new generation. I served as a judge last year and was really blown away by the work the kids and their coaches put into the competition. There are still opportunities available to judge the competition - <https://form.jotform.com/92884736214970>. Even if all the sessions are full for judging, there are plenty of other opportunities to participate. We want to have as many people as possible involved at the Regional level in order for them to be eligible to judge the NATIONAL competition in May. Please join us on Saturday, February 8 at the Vanderburgh County Courthouse. Sessions will be as follows: Round 1: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon; Round 2: 1:00 - 4:00 pm; Round 3: 4:30 - 7:30 pm.

Evansville hosting the **National Mock Trials May 6-9** is a huge "get" and is expected to bring approximately 900 students and coaches, plus their parents from all over the United States, Guam, South Korea, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Individual members of the EBA and firms have been heavily involved and integral to the planning process. During the competition, we will need 60 judges PER ROUND plus additional volunteers on site. You must first judge a regional or state competition to be eligible to judge the National Competition. Rounds will be on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9. REGISTER TO JUDGE - <https://2020.nhsmtc.org/actions/register/participants/judge-registration/>

Round schedule is as follows:

- Round 1 - Friday, May 8, 7:30 am-Noon
- Round 2 - Friday, May 8, Noon-4:30 pm
- Round 3 - Saturday, May 9, 7:30 am-Noon
- Round 4 - Saturday, May 9, Noon-4:30 pm



## AND DON'T FORGET...

Photos for the EBA composite will be taken beginning February 24. There is no cost for the photo and NO outside or previous photos will be accepted to be included in the composite. We want future generations of Evansville attorneys to marvel at our hairdos! (Check out the composite photos in the law library to see some of your favorite attorneys with full locks of hair.) Schedule your photo today at <http://www.gojrusell.com/>.



## INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE EBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

The mission of the Evansville Bar Association is to enhance the practice of law, cultivate professional excellence, promote high ethical standards and uphold the honor of the profession.

The primary role of the EBA's Board of Directors is to set policy, oversee finances and determine the viability of programs and projects. To do this, a member of the Board of Directors is expected to:

- Attend Board meetings regularly and miss a Board meeting only for a very compelling reason.
- Attend with regularity EBA and Evansville Bar Foundation activities and social functions and positively consider donation or financial requests in keeping with personal capabilities.
- Promote the involvement of members of their firms/companies/agencies in EBA activities and functions.
- Serve as a "Board Liaison" to at least one committee, section or program, providing leadership, direction and communication for and between the Board of Directors and the relevant group.
- Conscientiously review written material presented to them in their capacity as members of the Board of Directors.
- Be active in the affairs of the Evansville Bar Association and diligent in the performance of all duties during the term of office.

Submit a letter of interest to the EBA Nominating Committee at [julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org) by **March 1, 2020**. Please include your name, number of years in practice, number of years as an EBA Member, principal areas of practice, participation in EBA activities, committees, and sections.

## VLP News

By: Judge Smith and Senior Judge Corcoran

One of the tasks assigned by the Indiana Courts to each Pro Bono District is to report on the number of hours of pro bono service provided by the District's attorneys. Members of the EBA are often amongst the most generous in the state. While our volunteers assist VLP's clients, answer Talk to a Lawyer phones, and serve at Teen Court because they believe in these efforts, it is nice to be able to reward this volunteerism. So, each year our staff reports on the attorneys who have provided fifty (50) or more hours of pro bono service in the previous year. Those stand-out volunteers then receive twenty percent (20%) off of most of their EBA and ICLEF CLE for the next year. We still have a few more weeks before we have to report 2019 numbers so if you have unreported pro bono service from last year just send the information to Scott Wylie at [vlp-wylie.@sigecom.net](mailto:vlp-wylie.@sigecom.net).



**Deadline for  
nominations is  
March 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](mailto: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.*

# WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Over 120 Evansville Bar Association members, family and friends came together on January 22 to honor **Paul Black, Ron Freson, Steve Krohn, Edward Johnson** and **Tom Magan** for 50 years of service to the legal community. Thank you for your time, talent and continued support of the EBA.



**Kent A. "KAB" Brasseale II** has been named a Co-Managing Partner of Kahn, Dees, Donovan and Kahn. Congratulations, KAB!

**Todd Glass** of Fine & Hatfield has been selected as Co-Chair for 2020 of the Indiana Trust and Estate Specialty Board. Todd has been a certified specialist since 2007. Congratulations!



Congratulation to **Max Fiestler** of Terrell, Baugh, Salmon and Born on becoming a Registered Civil Mediator. He would appreciate the opportunity to work with EBA members!

**Scott Danks** and **Jonathan Danks** of Danks & Danks both competed in their first triathlon, a sprint distance triathlon, on January 5 in Sarasota, Florida. The race was a half mile swim, 13 mile bike ride then a 5K.



## Bar Updates:

Welcome new paralegal members **Jennifer Burnette** and **Jeana Goebel**. Please make the following additions and changes to your contacts:

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## NEW LAWYER BOOTCAMP

Welcome to the new attorneys who attended the New Lawyer Bootcamp on January 22. Pictured above are **Chris Riccio, Davin Shaw, Erik Bryant, Jordan Heck, Jackson Ford, Matthew Rust** and **Robert Lamey**.

Thank you to **Judge Kiely, Judge Lloyd, Judge Pigman, Magistrate Marcrum**, Christina Johnson, Kathleen Weston, **Carla Hayden**, Magistrate Ferguson, Amy Cron, Judge Niemeier, Priscilla McClure, **Judge Young** and **Magistrate Brookman** for sharing your knowledge with the group.





**Ryan Parker,**  
President

February...already? January seemed to get away from me as I was caught in the chaos of completing tasks of 2019 and embracing challenges in the new year. As Spring is only 48 days away, I am reminded in the chaos that "If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant." Here's to warmer weather and starting anew!

This month's featured organization is The Parenting Time Center (<http://parentingtimecenter.org/>). The Parenting Time Center (PTC) provides a safe, neutral and convenient location for supervised visitation between children and their non-custodial parent. The PTC also provides a safe, neutral and supervised location for the visit and custodial exchanges of children between parents. The PTC is the only professional supervised visit and exchange center in a nine-county area of Southern Indiana, as well as Southern Illinois and Western Kentucky.

Don't let another month get away from you without making a contribution to your Evansville Bar Foundation (<https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx>). All donations are tax deductible and now reportable under Revised Rule 6.7(a)(3) of Professional Conduct!

To donate to the Foundation, follow the link above or click the DONATE button below.

**Donate**

## Volunteer Opportunities



*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." ~Elizabeth Andrew*

### Upcoming volunteer event: Borrowed Hearts

1144 Indy Court, 47725

Thursday, February 27—5:30-7:30pm

Volunteers will stock the store, sort and hang donations.



**BorrowedHearts**  
A MOMENT IN OUR ARMS, FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

Borrowed Hearts mission is to lead the efforts in which every foster family attains the rights to clothing, hygiene, development and a loving support system.

To volunteer email Julie Moore Holtz at [julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org).

If you know of an organization in need, please consider involving your section or committee. It's a great way to get together with friends and give back!



## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN DONORS\*

### Legacy of Leadership

Randall K. and Rebecca L. Craig Family Foundation, Inc.

### Senior Partner

Gary and Paula Gerling Foundation, Inc.  
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### Lead Counsel

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Andy Ozete  
Carrie Roelle  
David Shaw  
Toby Shaw  
Charles Spaetti  
Phil Siegel  
VanStone & Kornblum,  
Kathryn L. Kornblum  
Keith Vonderahe  
R. Scott Wylie

### New Attorney (0-3 Years)

Nicholas Gartner

### Paralegal

Rebecca Korba

### Law Student

Nicholas Loehr

You can find an up-to-date listing of CLE on the EBA website at [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org)  
Walk-ins additional \$5

## ANNUITIES, PLAIN AND SIMPLE: WHAT YOU AND YOUR CLIENT NEEDS TO KNOW 1 CLE

MATTHEW KELLY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18  
NOON—EBA OFFICE

LUNCH PROVIDED BY LIFETIME FINANCIAL GROWTH AT 11:30AM

Probate, Elder Law and Guardianship Section \$25  
Member \$30  
Non-member \$50

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

## SAY GOODBYE TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE 9 AND...HELLO TO ACR! THE NEW INDIANA RULES ON ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS 1 CLE

JUDGE MARY MARGARET LLOYD  
RAYMOND DUDLO

TUESDAY, MARCH 17  
NOON—EBA OFFICE

Member \$30  
Non-member \$50

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



## NEW COURSES AVAILABLE ONLINE!

EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

The Evansville Bar Association now offers web based, on demand CLE programming to fulfill your education requirements! There are 20 courses to choose from including general and ethics courses.  
Member \$55/hour; Non-member \$75/hour

## New videos available:

### 1031 Exchange: Legal and Practical Considerations 1 CLE

Speakers: Chris Wischer, Stoll Keenon Ogden and Joe Kiefer, Hahn Kiefer Real Estate Services

### Update on Bankruptcy Statutes, Rules and Cases 1 CLE

Speakers: Dax Miller of The Law Offices of Dax J. Miller, Bob Musgrave of Chapter 13 Trustee's Office, Andy Ozete of Farmer Scott Ozete Robinson and Schmitt

### Review of Indiana's New Child Support Changes 1 CLE

Speaker: Judge Les Shively, Vanderburgh Superior Court

Go to the EBA website at [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org) and click the **CLE** button!

## WHY CLE?

### CURRENT AVERAGE PRICE OF 6 CLE HOURS

ICLEF - \$375

NBI - \$359

**EBA - \$180**

### OTHER ADVANTAGES OF EBA CLE

- Local Issues
- No Travel Expenses
- Great Speakers
- Lunch hour CLE

Did you know? Attorneys who speak at EBA CLE events get **FREE CLE** & generally receive 4x the speaking time in CLE credits.

Is there a topic you would like to learn about and/or speak about? If so, contact Julie at the EBA Office at (812) 463-3201 or [julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org).

## Time for a Change

Beginning February 1, the EBA office staff will no longer print materials for continuing legal education courses.

Materials will be sent electronically to registered attendees 24 hours prior to the course.

Printed materials will be available upon request for \$5 per CLE hour, not to exceed \$25.

Join the Judges of Vanderburgh County for the first

# OFF THE RECORD

with the **Bench & Bar**

Wednesday, February 5

Noon to 1:00pm

Vanderburgh County Courthouse, Courtroom 107

Thank you to Judge Shively for organizing this session.  
No agenda, no CLE, no speeches, just open conversation  
with judges and lawyers.

Bring your own lunch and beverage.

## Memorial Service

A memorial service for

*Don Wright*

will be held on

**Tuesday, February 11**

**at Noon**

**in the Shepard Courtroom  
Old Courthouse**

**All are invited, and encouraged,  
to attend.**

Women Attorneys Section

## Night of Chocolate

**Wednesday, February 5**

**5:00 pm Mingling**

**5:30 pm Chocolates served**

**Evansville Country Club**

RSVP at [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org)



**StewartRichardson**  
DEPOSITION SERVICES

Thanks to Joannie Geuder of  
Stewart Richardson, chocolates  
and a drink are FREE!

Save-the-Date

## Law Day Celebration

# A FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN

**Friday, April 17**

**DoubleTree in Downtown Evansville**

**Cocktails and Entertainment at 5:30pm**

**Program at 6:30pm**

**Dinner and Entertainment to follow**



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The League of Women Voters  
of Southwestern Indiana presents:

**Elaine Weiss**

Winner of the 2019 ABA Silver Gavel  
Award for

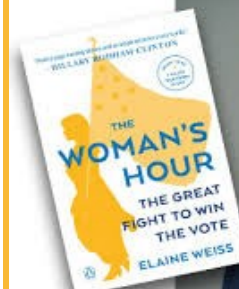
**The Woman's Hour:**

**The Great Fight to Win the Vote**

**Sunday, February 9 @ 2:00pm**

**The Victory Theatre**

For more information go to  
[lwvswin.org](http://lwvswin.org)





# FEBRUARY 2020 CALENDAR

- 02/04 **EBA Family Law Section Meeting** – Noon, EBA Office
- 02/05 **Off the Record with the Bench & Bar**—Noon, Vanderburgh County Courthouse, Courtroom 107—[RSVP](#)  
Thank you to Judge Shively for hosting this session of "Off the Record." No agenda, no CLE, no speeches, just open conversation with judges and lawyers. Bring your own lunch and beverage.
- Women Attorneys Section Night of Chocolate**—5:00pm Mingling, Chocolates and drink demonstration at 5:30pm, Evansville Country Club—[RSVP](#)
- 02/06 **EBA Section and Committee Chair/Vice Chair Lunch**—Lunch and meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 02/08 **Evansville Regional Mock Trial Competition**—8:00am-7:30pm, Vanderburgh County Courthouse
- 02/11 **Memorial Service for Don Wright**—Noon, Old Courthouse in the Shepard Courtroom
- 02/13 **EBA Morning Mixer**—7:30am, Donut Bank at Lincoln Avenue and Hwy 41
- EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—11:45am lunch with meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 02/18 **CLE—Annuities, Pain and Simple: What You And Your Client Needs To Know (1 CLE)**—Lunch provide by Lifetime Financial Growth at 11:30am, CLE at Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- Talk To A Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 02/19 **EBA Bench & Bar Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 02/20 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch and meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 02/24 **Executive Photos for EBA Composite Photo**—Photos will be taken through the week of March 3; There is no cost for the photo and NO outside or previous photos will be accepted to be included in the composite; Schedule your appointment at [goJRussell.com](http://goJRussell.com) or call (512) 266-8921
- 02/26 **EBA CLE Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 02/27 **EBA Women Attorneys Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- Volunteer Opportunity—Borrowed Hearts**, 5:30-7:30pm, 1144 Indy Court, 47725—[RSVP to Volunteer](#)
- 02/28 **Estate & Business Planning Committee Meeting**—Noon EBA Office

## SAVE-THE-DATE

- Law Day Celebration** Friday, April 17—5:30pm, Double Tree Downtown Evansville
- Member Lunch—Annual Support and VLP Awards** Wednesday, April 29—Doors open at 11:30am, lunch and program at Noon, Tropicana
- National Mock Trial Championship** May 6-9—For more information on how to volunteer\*, [fill out the form HERE](#), then more information will be sent to you by the Indiana Bar Foundation.
- Young Lawyers Night at the Otters** June or July—Bosse Field
- Trivia Night 2020** Thursday, October 15—Doors open at 6:00pm with Trivia at 6:30pm, The Ballroom at Sauced
- 31st Annual Estate & Business Planning Institute** Friday, November 6—8:30am, DoubleTree Downtown Evansville
- Bench & Bar Conference** December 2020—Exciting news about changes to this event coming soon!

*\*IN ORDER TO JUDGE THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, you must first judge a round at the regional or state competition.*

## ICLEF VIDEO REPLAYS @ EBA

**To register, for pricing, or to verify credits or content for the ICLEF video replays, please contact ICLEF at (317) 637-9102.**

02/10 The Car and Feeding of Expert Witnesses—9:00am-4:00pm

02/24 A General Practitioners Guide to Copyright, Trademark and Patent Law—9am-12:30pm