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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Andy Ozele**

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN



I cannot wait to see you all again. It was with a heavy heart that the Board decided to postpone our January Member Lunch and 50 Year Celebration. I miss seeing my colleagues and friends from around the Bar, and I share your frustration with yet another postponed Bar event.

With that said, I hope everyone will make special plans this year to attend Law Day on Friday, April 22. I anticipate a particularly meaningful Law Day this year. In addition to our usual Law Day activities, we will be celebrating our 50 year honorees and new attorneys. We will also announce the recipients of the James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award and the Doran E. Perdue Service Award.

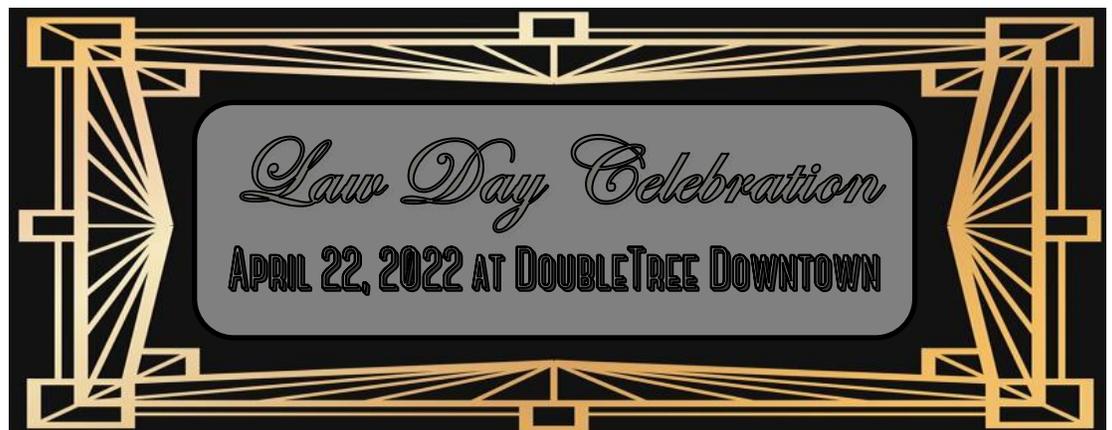
While we have not been able to get together as a full association, the Board of Directors at least has had the opportunity to continue our monthly meetings, in person or virtually, throughout the year. It has been a pleasure to see my fellow Directors at the meetings. I cannot recommend strongly enough that every member consider serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bar Association at some point. If you are interested in serving, please let Julie or I know. Nominations for the Board of Directors close March 1.

Until we can all get together in April, the work of the Bar Association will continue. If you are a section or committee chair, please try to meet with your section or committee by the end of the month. If your section or committee has not met in a while, or you want to meet soon, drop me a note. I'm happy to attend any meetings and help organize. We will continue to offer both in person and virtual CLE. The regional mock trial is set for February 19. It is again going to be conducted over Zoom. Volunteer judges are needed, and you can sign up here: <https://form.jotform.com/213466333459157>.

Finally, if you have not yet renewed your membership, I ask that you please do so soon. We want to be sure that you can continue your membership and we can continue to offer you the education services and collegiality of our fantastic Bar Association.

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WE NEED YOU 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 by **March 1, 2022**. 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: Senior Judge Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

It is time for you to join **Indiana Free Legal Answers**. Indiana was the second state in the nation, following Tennessee which created the service, to join Free Legal Answers. This website allows low-income Hoosiers to post civil legal questions on the site and registered attorneys to answer them any time, twenty-four hours a day. Hosted by the American Bar Association, volunteer attorneys in Indiana fielded over 1,700 questions last year allowing those residents to obtain answers without adding to the intake systems of our civil legal aid and lawyer referral services. This service is yet another way VLP stretches our volunteer efforts as far as we can to serve the state. It is an easy and convenient way to do some pro bono service when you have a few extra minutes. There is no obligation to take any matter, your identity is not disclosed to the questioner, and you can preview any question before deciding whether to answer. Joining the site is easy and takes just seconds. Here is the link: [Indiana \(freelegalanswers.org\)](http://indiana.freelegalanswers.org)

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2022

Regional Mock Trial
Competition
EVANSVILLE

Regional Mock Trial VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, February 19, 2022—**VIRTUAL via Zoom**

In 2022, 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 on **Saturday, February 19, 2022**.

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 19 as a Mock Trial judge, please REGISTER HERE—<https://form.jotform.com/213466333459157> prior to February 5, 2022.**

Please contact Jordan Saner (jordan.saner@skofirm.com) if you have any questions about the competition.



Heath Tuley
President

Spring is coming. In a matter of weeks, the bitterness of winter will be replaced by warm spring days, and we'll soon forget the chill that cuts deep to the bone on our morning drives to work. In time, it will be the summer heat that makes us long for a change in seasons, and we may even find ourselves longing for the cold that we now hope to escape.

As many of you know, with spring comes of the changing of the guard on the EBF Board of Directors. If you are not aware, the EBF was created over 20 years ago with a \$1 million grant from a gracious donor. The grant was intended to last in perpetuity to help fund programs designed to promote public understanding and awareness of the law, among other things. Our primary duties are to oversee the EBF fund itself and to decide which requests to grant from the fund on an annual basis. We meet once a month at 12:00 pm over lunch, and our meetings typically do not go over 45 minutes (and are usually closer to 30 minutes). With the onset of COVID, we have utilized Zoom appearances as an option for board members, and this will certainly continue post-pandemic to help make it easier for board members to attend meetings. Being a board member requires a minimal time commitment, but the impact you are capable of making is invaluable. If you are interested in serving on the EBF board, please reach out to Julie at the EBA office, or to me directly. The EBF has thrived for decades because of volunteers who generously gave of their time, energy, and intelligence. You might find that serving on the board is one of the best resolutions you make in the New Year!

The John L. Sanders Memorial EVANSVILLE BAR FOUNDATION

WE WANT YOU ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

The mission of the John L. Sanders Memorial—Evansville Bar Foundation is to promote justice and improve lives through the law. This is done by encouraging and supporting programs designed to promote a public understanding and awareness of the law; supporting an improved delivery of legal services; promoting activities to enhance the performance of the practicing lawyers' professional qualifications and ethical responsibilities; and advancing and promoting the administration of justice primarily through grant awards and volunteer time.

If you are interested in serving on the EBF Board of Directors, please submit a Letter of Interest on or before April 6, 2022 to:

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915 Main Street, Suite 108
Evansville, Indiana 47708

Or, email Julie@evvbar.org



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

Registration and pre-payment are required by phone at (812) 463-3201, email at Ashley@evvbar.org or online at evvbar.org.

Registrations received less than 24 hours prior to the start of the course cannot be guaranteed. Registrations received two hours prior to start of course will be charged an additional \$5.

Credit will not be reported to the Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE Commission) until payment for the course has been received in full.

THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF PROTECTIVE ORDERS

1 CLE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

NOON

EBA OFFICE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE*

HON. MARY MARGARET LLOYD, VANDERBURGH SUPERIOR COURT
KERRI BLESSINGER, VANDERBURGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Family Law Section Member \$25
Member \$30
Non-member \$50

To register call (812) 463-3201, email ashley@evvbar.org or go to evvbar.org to register online.

*Please indicate at time of registration.

UPDATE TO INDIANA'S PARENTING TIME GUIDELINES 2022

1 CLE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

NOON

EBA OFFICE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE*

HON. LES SHIVELY, VANDERBURGH SUPERIOR COURT
KELLY LONNBERG, STOLL KEENON OGDEN

Family Law Section Member \$25
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To register call (812) 463-3201, email ashley@evvbar.org or go to evvbar.org to register online.

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THE VIEW FROM THE OTHER SIDE: PRACTICAL DRAFTING ADVICE FROM AN ESTATE ATTORNEY TURNED TRUST OFFICER

1 CLE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

NOON

EBA OFFICE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE*

DAVID HARRIS, FIFTH THIRD BANK

PEG Section Member \$25
Member \$30
Non-member \$50

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BANKRUPTCY AND DIVORCE: WHAT EVERY FAMILY LAW PRACTITIONER SHOULD KNOW

1 CLE

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

NOON

EBA OFFICE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE*

KEVIN KINKADE, KINKADE & ASSOCIATES

Family Law Section Member \$25
Member \$30
Non-member \$50

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WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Lauren Dimmitt, partner at Dinsmore & Shohl, will continue on the board of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana.

Chris Lee, partner at Dinsmore & Shohl, has been named president-elect of the Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana.



Congratulations to Robert Lamey with KDDK and Derrick McDowell with Dentons for having been accepted into the 2022 class of the Indiana State Bar Association's Leadership Development Academy (LDA).



Bar Updates:

Please make the following updates to your contacts:

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW



Allyson Breeden

Ziemer Stayman Weitzel & Shoulders LLP proudly announces that Allyson Breeden is joining Jim Casey on the ZSWS mediation team.

Allyson is a registered domestic relations mediator. She has considerable experience in contested family law matters including child custody, child support, division of assets, guardianships, and adoptions in Vanderburgh County and surrounding counties. She looks forward to assisting families and individuals to solve complicated family matters. Jim serves as a registered mediator in civil litigation matters pending in State and Federal courts throughout Southwestern Indiana in cases involving personal injury, contract disputes, tort claims, employment discrimination/non-compete litigation, construction disputes, eminent domain, medical malpractice, family law and other disputes.



Jim Casey

WE ARE THE EBA



Referee Beverly Corn, Vanderburgh Superior Court, Juvenile Division (Part-time) and ADR Mediation Coordinator (Part-time)

37 years in practice.

Why did you become a lawyer? When I was 5 years old, I watched the television series, Perry Mason, (The original one, in black and white, starring Raymond Burr), and I declared that was what I was going to do when I grew up. My philosophy about the law has always been that everyone, no matter their social-economic status, deserves the best representation possible, and I have spent my entire career with that in mind.

What is the most valuable asset the EBA has to offer? Julie Moore Holtz. She has connections all over southern Indiana and knows how to maneuver hurdles that seem impossible. Second place would be the opportunities to connect with other lawyers on an informal, non-legal basis.

What are three (3) fun or interesting facts about you that people may not know? I am the first female defense attorney in Vanderburgh County to try a capital murder case; I am the first female appointed magistrate in Vanderburgh County (Vanderburgh Circuit Court, 1992); I co-own and run an Airbnb.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Follow your instincts. The more you do, the stronger and clearer they will become.

If you were to describe yourself by a music genre, what would you be and why? 70's Disco. It had a driving beat and was all about life – the good, the bad, and the ugly.

What's your favorite family tradition? Fourth of July. Trent always buys fireworks, just because he knows I love them. We have a cookout with his mother and then either watch fireworks in Mount Vernon and/or put on our own show.



Jillian Hanneken, Deputy Chief Counsel, Dept. of Child Services

In practice 8 years and in public service for 7. Currently practicing civil litigation and compliance on behalf of the State of Indiana.

Why did you become a lawyer? I took an elective class in International Law my first year at Vanderbilt. I was so impressed with my professor, who had just left a job at the WHO. All my favorite professors ended up being attorneys, so I figured they were on to something.

What is the most valuable asset the EBA has to offer? Our members are our greatest asset. We have an amazing group of passionate, diverse, and brilliant folks practicing right here in our local Bar, hanging out in our courthouse, and frequenting our EBA events.

What are your hobbies? I play adult competitive volleyball in a few local leagues, and I coach high school women's travel teams through Evansville River City Volleyball. I also love reading, traveling, DIY

home projects, and a good game of Catan.

What is the best advice you've been given? When I was clerking in New Orleans, my Judge often reminded counsel in his chambers, "pigs get fed; hogs get slaughtered."

What always makes you laugh? *The Office* or any Far Side comics.

What was your first job? My first job(s) started the summer I was 16 years old. By day, I was a lifeguard and swim instructor, and by night, I was shaving sno-cones at the Tropical Sno in Mt. Carmel, IL. TSno was in a dilapidated yard barn, we accepted cash only, and there was no lock on the door.

If you didn't have to work for one year, what would you do? I would finish all the projects around my house, then I would buy a fixer upper on the water somewhere and completely renovate it. I love real estate, design, and construction, so of course I would want to spend a year making a huge mess and then cleaning it up.



Lee Veazey, Partner, Dentons Bingham Greenebaum

14 years in practice specializing in private client services, family law, and fiduciary litigation.

Why is it important to be a member of the EBA? We have the best Bar Association in the state and getting to know our colleagues as friends and professionals is an important aspect of the practice.

What are your hobbies? I am a professional musician; I play the bass, guitar, and mandolin. I perform with the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra, and I conduct the Evansville Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. I also own a real estate investment company and enjoy furthering that venture.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Small boat, long river.

What always makes you laugh? Dark humor.

What song would you sing at Karaoke night? Anything by the Doors.

What was your first job? Miller Block Company, I cleaned the concrete presses and stacked concrete blocks.

How many pairs of shoes do you own? Five, tops.

What celebrity would you like most to meet for a cup of coffee? Gary Larson.

What's your favorite item in your office and why? A gavel made from two separate trees from my family's farm. The gavel head was first made for my great-great uncle who, while in law school, left to join the army in World War II. Unfortunately, he never returned home. The gavel was later finished for me by my great uncle and given to me upon graduation from law school.

When you're not working, what are you most likely to be doing? If I'm not playing in the orchestra, I'm backpacking or hiking.

If you could share a meal with four individuals, living or dead, who would they be? My son and his deceased great-grandparents so he could meet them all.

Who inspires you? My partners and my colleagues. I love to see other people succeed.

FEBRUARY 2022 CALENDAR

- 02/01 **EBA Family Law Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 02/03 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 02/07 **EBF Initiatives Committee Meeting**—1:00pm, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 02/08 **EBA Bench & Bar Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 02/09 **CLE—The Nuts and Bolts of Protective Orders** (1 CLE)—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference—[REGISTER](#)
- 02/10 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, meeting at Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 02/11 **EBA Editorial Board Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 02/15 **Talk To A Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 02/17 **EBF Finance Committee Meeting**—11:00am, EBA Office or Video Conference
- EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch and meeting at Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- EBA Young Lawyers Barristers, Bowling and Beer sponsored by Lifetime Financial Growth and First Federal Savings Bank**—6:00pm, Family Entertainment Center at Showplace Newburgh—[RSVP REQUIRED](#)
- 02/23 **CLE—Update to Indiana’s Parenting Time Guidelines 2022** (1 CLE)—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference—[REGISTER](#)
- CLE Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference

SAVE-THE-DATE

Law Day Celebration and EBA Annual Meeting—Friday, April 22, 2022; Cocktails 5:15pm, Program 6:00pm, Dinner to follow—[REGISTER](#)

Unraveling Parity: Solutions for Gender Inequality with guest speaker Justice Steven David of the Indiana Supreme Court (3 CLE/3 Ethics) - Friday, May 6, Doors open at 11:30am, Lunch at Noon, City View by Sterling Square—[REGISTER](#)—Sponsorships available! Contact Julie@evvbar.org for more information.

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Thanks to everyone who has contributed thus far to the William H. Miller Law Library in response to the Law Library Foundation’s annual appeal for 2022! You still have time to become a 2022 member of the Law Library Foundation. Please feel free to use the envelope enclosed in the December mailing or send your contribution to:

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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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