

The SUMMATION

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March 2020

The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Sacha Armstrong**

BUILD YOUR EBA COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS!



March signals the official start of the spring season. It is also Women's History and Optimism Month (along with a list of other observances, including National Oreo Day on March 6!). This month, we continue to focus on highlighting and building our EBA community connections.

During the strategic planning process, we repeatedly heard that our members wanted to be able to connect with each other regardless of age, gender or practice area. You wanted a means to put faces to names and more opportunities to get to know each other. A few weeks ago, we celebrated our colleagues that have been in practice for 50 years. A common theme from all of our honorees was the important role that their families and EBA community connections played in both their personal and professional lives. Each honoree credited these strong connections to their personal happiness and successful practices.

Don't miss opportunities to build and strengthen your own connections. There is still time to be included in the EBA photo composite at no cost to you. These photos will also be used for an EBA directory available to our members. The directory will include professional contact and practice area information, and help us all to more easily connect with people that may be outside our immediate professional circle. (Don't worry, inclusion in the directory is purely voluntary.) Schedule your photo today via email appointment.jrussell@gmail.com.

We have so many people in the EBA community that support us, our Association and other organizations. Each year the EBA recognizes a legal secretary and paralegal who has shown outstanding commitment to the profession and community with the Florence Britzius and Outstanding Paralegal Awards. The Doran Perdue EBA Service Award is presented to a fellow member who has provided outstanding service to the EBA in the proceeding year or on an EBA project, committee or section. The James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award is presented to honor an individual whose activities or career has elevated respect for the law and/or promoted freedom. Please take a moment to nominate the people around you that deserve some recognition. Award Nominations are due by March 15! - <https://evvbar.org/members/annual-award-nominations.aspx>.

The EBA will continue to push out information to you about new opportunities to get involved and connect with each other. The Law Day celebration on April 17 at the DoubleTree provides another great occasion to get to know the people around you. Sponsorships and tables are available.

There is also still time to be part of the National Mock Trials May 6-9. During the competition, we will need 60 judges PER ROUND plus additional volunteers on site. Rounds will be on Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9. REGISTER TO JUDGE - <https://2020.nhsmtc.org/actions/register/participants/judge-registration/>

Enjoy Oreos with friends and colleagues on National Oreo Day!

Friday, March 6

Roll on by anytime 11:30am-1:00pm
for an Oreo...or two!
EBA Office

PS—There will be milk, too!



**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**

Law Day Celebration and Annual Meeting of the Evansville Bar Association

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

TABLE SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

**For more information, contact Julie Moore Holtz at
(812) 463-3201 or julie@evvbar.org**

VLP News

By: Judge Smith and Senior Judge Corcoran

One of the most challenging problems facing civil legal aid organizations and the Courts is how to deal with litigants who must use the court system but don't have the income to hire an attorney. Despite historic low interest rates for IOLTA and limited resources, VLP has worked with area judicial officers and other partners to better serve this population in recent years. These efforts improve court efficiency by ensuring properly drafted pleadings allow matters to be prosecuted without unnecessary continuances and delays. They also relieve some of the burden on our intake systems operated by the EBA Lawyer Referral Service, the Legal Aid Society of Evansville, and Indiana Legal Services. So, when you are looking for a way to volunteer some pro bono time, you might want to consider some of these other opportunities. VLP helps operate Indiana Free Legal Answers. Take a look at the site and consider registering so you can answer questions: <https://indiana.freelegalanswers.org/>. We offer two monthly Talk to a Lawyer phone hotline clinics – on the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m. and the third Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. We also offer weekly in-person Talk to a Lawyer Clinics at the Vanderburgh County Law Library on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. These clinics now serve approximately 35 self-represented litigants monthly. Volunteering for a clinic or TTAL is easy; just contact Scott Wylie at vlpwylie@sigecom.net.

ANNUAL SUPPORT AWARDS MEMBER LUNCH

APRIL 29

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30AM

PROGRAM AT NOON

\$15

TROPICANA

WALNUT ROOM

**Plan to attend the annual awards lunch where the
Florence Britzius Legal Secretary award, Outstanding
Paralegal award and VLP award recipients will be honored.**

***Please bring your legal and support staff to enjoy this
wonderful event!***

To make your reservation, call (812) 463-3201 or email eba@evvbar.org.

WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Dentons Bingham Greenebaum is pleased to announce the elevation of **Meagan R. Brien** to partner in the Firm's Evansville office. Congratulations, Meagan!

Randall K. Craig, J.D., CELA, CAP, has again been listed in the Martindale Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. Mr. Craig is a Charter member (and one of only two Indiana members) of the Council of Advanced Practitioners of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, open by invitation only to preeminent Elder Law attorneys.



Stoll Keenon Ogden PLLC (SKO) is pleased to announce that **Raymond Dudlo** has been promoted to Member of the firm. Congratulations, Raymond!

Super Lawyers®

CONGRATULATIONS TO EBA MEMBERS...

...**Todd Barsumian, Steve Barber, Charlie Berger, Kyle Biesecker, Tim Born, Michele Bryant, Laurie Bumb, Beth Burger, Brian Carroll, Neil Chapman, Randall Craig, Terry Farmer, Max Fiester, Mark Foster, Greg Freyberger, Jacob Fulcher, Jimmy Gentry, Danny Glass, David Hatfield, Rich Hawley, Edward Johnson, Jim Johnson, Chris Lee, Nathan Maudlin, Andrew Ozete, David Robinson, Ross Rudolph, Mark Samila, Lane Siesky, Dirck Stahl, Stephen Thomas and Brent Weil** who have been recognized as 2020 Super Lawyers.

...**Ross Rudolph** and **Pat Shoulders** who have been recognized as two of the Top 50 Super Lawyers In Indiana.

...**Erin Bauer, Lauren Berger, Meagan Brien, Mallory Deckard, Lauren Dimmitt, Clay Havill, Ashley Hollen, Laura Nowinski, Drew Pittman, Lindsay Schmitt, Steve Theising, Patrick Thomas, Crystal Wildeman and Jonathan Young** who have been recognized as 2020 Rising Starts.



Bar Updates:

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

Robert Garrett

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Visit the EBA website at evvbar.org for current job postings.

Retirement Open House

for

Judge Robert Jeff Tornatta

Wednesday, March 18

12-2pm

Special remarks at 12:15pm

Vanderburgh Superior Court
Courtroom 101

*Refreshments and cake
will be served*



Women In Law Section

Night of Chocolate



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DEPOSITION SERVICES

Thanks to Joannie Geuder of
Stewart Richardson for
sponsoring the evening!



Ryan Parker,
President

Am I the only one who experiences difficulty scribing the entire year 2020 on a check? Now, I know what some of you are thinking – Who writes a check anymore? This guy is really behind the times... Well, you're right, but that might not be such a terrible thing. In this technology driven world of ours, the act of writing a check is not something most of us regularly perform. When I break out my well-worn, brown leather check book, the opening of this archaic item almost seems reverent in its formality. The action takes me back to a time (not so long ago in my mind) when the device in my pocket didn't rule my transactional and informational life. Today, the writing of a check is an uncommon, even obscure event but because of its infrequency, I feel the act now holds a special significance. So, who writes checks anymore? Well, the Evansville Bar Foundation does. In fact, the writing of those checks and the funding provided holds a great significance for many charities around the Evansville area. Those checks are made possible by the good will and generosity of the Members of this great Bar Association and for that, I sincerely thank you.

As my time as the President of the Foundation begins to wane, it is imperative that I position the Board in the best possible hands for the future. Our current Board members are a very dedicated group who genuinely care about the mission and vision of the Foundation. Each year, however, we have a few members of the Board "roll off", to be replaced with new members sharing the Board's commitment. To my fellow Members of the Bar who might have an interest in becoming part of a group showing just how significant the act of writing a check can be, please consider serving on the Board of the Evansville Bar Foundation. I or Julie Moore Holtz our Executive Director would love to speak to you.

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE LAW LIBRARY

Did you know that you can follow the William H. Miller Law Library on social media? At the end of February, we started posting historic information about the law library and the EBA, fun facts, famous quotes, and other law-related information. You will find our twitter account at @evvlaw and our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/William-H-Miller-Law-Library-101311568104620/>. Please check out these links and let your colleagues know about them, too. Thanks!

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



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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
Walk-ins additional \$5; Printed materials provided by request for \$5/credit hour*

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 or click [here](#) to register online.

TRANSGENDER LITIGANTS IN THE COURTS: BEST PRACTICES

1 CLE

MEGAN STUART, INDIANA LEGAL SERVICES

TUESDAY, MARCH 31
NOON—EBA OFFICE

Member \$30
Non-member \$50

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

KEEPING THE PEACE: BEST PRACTICES TO MITIGATE HOSTILITIES IN HIGH CONFLICT CUSTODY CASES

2 CLE

KELLY LONNBERG, MAGISTRATE MOLLY BRILES,
KATIE WORMAN AND KATHRYN KORNBLUM

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
11AM-1:30PM—EBA OFFICE

Family Law Section Member \$60
Member \$70
Non-member \$110
Lunch is included.

To register call (812) 463-3201 or email eba@evvbar.org.

Breakfast with the Judge

Hon. Andrea McCord
US Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Indiana

1 CLE

Wednesday, May 20

EBA Office

Registration and Light Breakfast - 7:30am

CLE Presentation - 8:00am

Commercial Law Section \$30

Member \$35

Non-member \$55

To register call
(812) 463-3201
or email eba@evvbar.org.



Time for a Change

In an effort to cut down on paper waste, 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.



THERE IS STILL TIME...

Over 340 members have scheduled an appointment...don't be left out! Photos for the EBA composite will be taken through March 12 at noon. There is no cost for the composite 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 appointment.jrussell@gmail.com.

MARCH MADNESS

Everyone is invited to the first round of March Madness with the Young Lawyer Section
March 19
4:30pm
Myriad Brewing Company
101 SE First Street



NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

May 6-9

In May, Evansville will welcome over **900** students, teachers, coaches and judges for the National High School Mock Trial Championship. Students from the United States, Guam, South Korea and the Northern Mariana Islands will take part in this event.

HOW CAN YOU OR YOUR FIRM BE INVOLVED?

1. Be a JUDGE May 8 and/or 9—<https://2020.nhsmtc.org/actions/register/participants/judge-registration/>
2. Be an EVENT VOLUNTEER May 7, 8 and/or 9—<https://2020.nhsmtc.org/actions/register/participants/volunteer-registration/>
3. Market your firm by providing items for the "goodie bags" for the event! Pens, pads of paper, pop sockets, earbuds, Bluetooth speakers, etc. All items should be delivered to the EBA office on or before April 17. (900 items; do not have to be of the same item.)
4. Volunteer at the EBA office to assemble goodie bags, t-shirt orders, etc. Dates and times forthcoming.

QUESTIONS? Contact Julie Moore Holtz at (812) 463-3201 or Julie@evvbar.org.



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Beginning March 15 the EBA website will receive some subtle updates!

- ⇒ Revised tabs with new dropdown options
- ⇒ User-friendly information for the public
- ⇒ More mobile-friendly

MARCH 2020 CALENDAR

- 03/02-03/12 **Executive Photos for EBA Composite Photo**—Due to an overwhelming response, dates/times have been added through March 12 at noon; There is no cost for the photo; Schedule your appointment at appointment.jrussell@gmail.com or call (512) 266-8921.
- 03/03 **EBA Family Law Section Meeting** – Noon, EBA Office
- 03/05 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 03/06 **Enjoy Oreos with your friends and colleagues on National Oreo Day!**—anytime 11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 03/10 **EBA Paralegal Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 03/12 **EBA Morning Mixer**—7:30am, Donut Bank at Lincoln Avenue and Hwy 41
- 03/17 **Talk To A Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
CLE—Say Goodbye To Administrative Rule 9 and...Hello To ACR! The New Indiana Rules On Access To Court Records (1 CLE) - Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 03/18 **Judge Tornatta Retirement Open House**—Vanderburgh Superior Court, Courtroom 101
 12:00-2:00pm with Special Remarks at 12:15pm; Refreshments and cake will be served
- 03/19 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
YLS March Madness—beginning at 4:30pm, Myriad Brewing Company, 101 SE 1st Street—EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND!
- 03/25 **EBA CLE Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 03/26 **EBA Women Attorneys Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 03/27 **EBA Office Closed**
- 03/31 **CLE—Transgender Litigants In The Courts: Best Practices** (1 CLE)—Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)

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.
- Retirement Party for Katherine Rybak** May 15, 4-6pm, at EBA Office organized by Indiana Legal Services
- Young Lawyers Night at the Olters** 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 10—8:30am, DoubleTree Downtown Evansville

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.

03/09 Midwest Intellectual Property Summit —9:00am-4:00pm

03/23 Writing To Win: Results-Oriented Writing For Our Busy Practitioners—9am-12:30pm

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