

The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Cliff Whitehead**

THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR PROFESSION



News flash: Evansville is a small community. When you meet someone "new," your friends either know or are related to them. While some may look at that as a bad thing, I try to see the good, as I firmly believe it promotes accountability or, at least, let's you know who to steer clear of. Like Evansville, the EBA and the practicing attorneys form a small community "where everybody knows your name," or can quickly find out. Again, I think it's a good thing.

If you have ever practiced in or faced opposing counsel from a large city, you know that honesty often takes a backseat to winning at all costs. However, being a good attorney isn't just knowing the law but playing fair and treating everyone – clients, colleagues, and the court – with respect. The preamble of the Indiana Model Rules of Professional Conduct provides, "A lawyer, as a member of the legal profession, is a representative of clients, an officer of the legal system and a public citizen having special responsibility for the quality of justice. Whether or not engaging in the practice of law, lawyers should conduct themselves honorably." (How about that transition!?) And, I know, ethics is not the most thrilling topic, but stick with me for a sec.)

Ethical considerations are the cornerstone of our profession. They guide our actions, shape our decisions, and define our relationships with clients, colleagues, and the judiciary. As attorneys, we are entrusted with the privilege of representing the interests of our clients. With that privilege comes the responsibility to act with honesty, competence, and diligence. We must zealously advocate for our clients within the bounds of the law, always mindful of our duty to uphold the administration of justice.

So, if you ever find yourself in a sticky situation or need some guidance, don't hesitate to reach out to someone you trust. I am sure that person will tell you not to cut corners, stay clean, and not to compromise your integrity for a quick win. It is never worth it in the long run.

Remember, we're all in this together, and we've got each other's backs, so stay classy Evansville and keep fighting the good fight. Plus, while it's not a reason to be honest, everyone will know if you aren't.

****Cliff steps down from his soapbox****

"Are you from Evansville? Where did you go to high school?"

~ nearly any Evansvillian still living in Evansville



MEMBERS LUNCH

State of the Bar

April 17, 2024

 Doors open at 11:30am
 Program and Lunch at Noon

 DoubleTree - Downtown
 601 Walnut Street


Join us as we celebrate community,
 share accomplishments, and
 present upcoming opportunities.

\$25
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 ashley@evvbar.org, or online at evvbar.org

VLP News

By: Senior Judge Sheila Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

The Volunteer Lawyer Program will be working alongside volunteers and our civil legal aid partners at Homeless Connect this month, March 21st, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Old National Events Plaza in Evansville. Homeless Connect is a one-day event that aids those struggling to get resources by bringing together community partners to help those in need. Community partners help provide public benefits assistance, housing resources, financial education and assistance, dental, vision, and haircare help and more. VLP assists in providing legal services to those in need at this event and will help by providing brief advice to participant's legal questions.

The Commission on Homelessness reported in their January 2022 point-in-time count that there were 364 people experiencing homelessness in a single night in Evansville. Homeless Connect is an extremely valuable event for those in need and provides opportunities to address several obstacles that people may face in a single location. We want to thank all of our community partners that help make this event possible. If you are interested in volunteering with us for a portion of this event reach out to Max Happe at max.happe@probonoindiana.org.

Join us for
*Breakfast with the
 Bench & Bar*

All are invited to attend!

Thursday, March 21
 Drop by anytime
 7:00-8:30am

No agenda, no CLE, just open
 conversation with judges and lawyers!

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PIZZA AT THE BAR

MARCH 22
NOON
 501 MAIN STREET, SUITE 101

ITS TOTALLY CASUAL. A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY
 FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER. AND GRAB A SLICE OF PIZZA!



Carrie Roelle
President

As March rolls in, planning for the **Evansville Bar Foundation's 25th Anniversary Celebration** is underway! A big thank you to Hon. Shelia Corcoran, Angela Freel, Buddy Lobermann, Mike Mitchell, and Barbara Williams for volunteering their time to plan this special event. It is sure to be a fun evening with great food, fellowship, and entertainment.

Mark your calendars for the EBF 25th Anniversary Celebration:

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2024

Venue: The Pavilion at the Evansville Museum

Next month at its regularly scheduled meeting, the EBF Board of Directors will vote to approve amendments to the EBF Bylaws.

Notice to EBF Members:

On April 18, 2024, at noon, the Board of Directors for the John L. Sanders Memorial Evansville Bar Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation") will meet at 501 Main Street, Suite 101, Evansville, Indiana 47708, to consider proposed amendments to the Amended By-Laws of the Foundation. The proposed amendments change the definition of a "member" of the Foundation to only include members of the Evansville Bar Association who make a donation to the Foundation between November 1 and October 31. The current definition includes any individual or business who donates between November 1 to October 31. Because individuals who are not members of the Evansville Bar Association ("EBA") and businesses are currently considered members of the EBF with voting rights, the Board has been hesitant to seek donations from such individuals or businesses. If the proposed amendments are approved, it will allow the EBF to be more assertive in seeking donations from businesses as well as individuals who are not members of the EBA.

Finally, if you have not yet donated to support the EBF and the grants it awards each year, I encourage you to do so. Your donation is tax deductible and is reportable under Revised Rule 6.7(a) (3) of Professional Conduct.

To donate:

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501 Main Street, Suite 101, Evansville, IN 47708 or
go to <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx>
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THE
DATE**

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

JOHN L. SANDERS MEMORIAL -
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**LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: FAMILY LAW
CLINIC, PRO SE CLINIC, AND HELP DESK**

As you may remember, the law library hosts legal clinics operated by Pro Bono Indiana, Inc./Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana. The Family Law Clinic meets on the first and third Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants must have an appointment in advance to attend the Family Law Clinic. The *Pro Se* Navigation Clinic meets on the second and fourth Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No appointment or referral is required to participate in this general clinic.

Since the autumn of 2021, the William H. Miller Law Library has also provided space for a daily in-person help desk. Pro Bono attorneys staff this help desk from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. each week day to assist self-represented litigants facing evictions, collection matters, support modifications, or issues.

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).

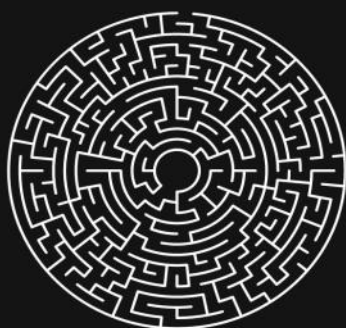
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Presented by the EBA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

NAVIGATING THE MAZE

(3 CLE/ 3 Ethics Pending)

Friday, May 3, 2024
11:30am-4:30pm
Doors Open at 11:00am; Lunch at 11:30am
The Welborn Community Room



CLE Pending



CASE LAW UPDATE: FAMILY LAW

2 CLE (PENDING)

07
MAY
11AM - 1PM
Lunch to be provided

SECTION MEMBER	\$65
EBA MEMBER	\$75
NON-MEMBER	\$115

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EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION
501 MAIN STREET, SUITE 101

MEDIATION

BE PREPARED

Friday, August 23, 2024
8:30am-Noon
Check-in and Breakfast at 8:00am

EBA Office
501 Main Street, Suite 101

EBA Member \$110
Non-member \$170

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(3 CLE/3 CME Pending)



BENCH & BAR CONFERENCE

09.26.24 | EVANSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

Light breakfast at 8:00am
CLE 8:30am-4:30pm
(6 CLE/1 Ethics PENDING)

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Bar Updates:

Please welcome non-attorney members **Kiersten Butler** and **Tiffany Lubbehusen**. Please make these additions and updates to your contacts:

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

MARCH 2024

- 03/05 **EBA Family Law Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 03/06 **EBF Nominating Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA/EBF Office
- 03/07 **EBA Nominating Committee Meeting**—10:00am, EBA Office
Talk to a Lawyer—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 03/11 **EBA DEI Committee Meeting**—Planning for Navigating the Maze CLE—Noon, EBA Office
- 03/12 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
EBA Paralegal and Legal Staff Section Meeting—Noon, Ziemer Stayman Weitzel & Shoulders
- 03/18 **Meeting of Foundation 25th Anniversary Committee**—Noon, EBA/EBF Office
- 03/19 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 03/20 **EBA Young Lawyer Lunch & Learn**—Noon, EBA Office; Lunch will be provided—RSVP to julie@evvbar.org
- 03/21 **Breakfast with the Bench & Bar**—Everyone is invited to attend! - No agenda, no CLE, just open conversation with judges and lawyers! - 7:00-8:30am, EBA Office
- 03/22 **Pizza @TheBar**—It's totally casual, a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship with one another, and grab a slice of pizza! - Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 03/29 **EBA Office Closed**—Good Friday

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