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April 2021

The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TOGETHER AGAIN

Finally...a great month — March! What other month allows us to drink green beer, watch basketball all day several days in a row, and take an entire week off of work without apologizing for it?? Spring Breaks look a little different these days. I find myself snapping pictures of my kids holding huge candy bars in Hershey, Pennsylvania and dragging the kids to every single monument in Washington D.C. as opposed to doing...well, all the things I wasn't



supposed to be doing as a 20 year-old. Regardless, Spring Break is always a great time to escape the craziness of the legal world for a few days. If you haven't taken any time off yet this year, you need to schedule your vacation. I've learned that we all need some time away from time to time to stay sane in legal profession. I've also learned that there are very few "true emergencies" in our profession.

Until two years ago, I worked through all of my vacations and refused to turn on my "out of the office" message...ever. At some point, I realized that taking a vacation was pointless and all of my family pictures would include an image of me hovered over an iPhone if I didn't truly attempt to unplug. So now, I try to only occasionally glance at my phone on vacation for work purposes, and, shockingly, my clients' problems are all still there when I return to work. Actually, most clients are very understanding and know what it feels like to need a break. So, plan your vacation now — yes, even you, Steve Barber. Seriously, take a vacation, Steve.

March not only brought us Spring Break but also great weather, a decrease in COVID cases, and vaccinations for many of our members. Because of the positive COVID outlook, we have been able to re-open the EBA office and will begin to offer more in-person events, with all proper safety precautions still in place. Without making any promises, we may even be able to hold a luncheon in the summer to reintroduce ourselves to one another. We have also set a date for Law Day. The always-popular event will take place on September 17th at the Doubletree Hotel. We will honor Judge D'Amour and Judge Tornatta and present the Bethel-Gresham and Doran Perdue awards. Hopefully, we'll all be fully vaccinated by then, and we can even bust out our dancing shoes so Judge Clowers can teach us all how to moonwalk.

Finally, because we are finally seeing a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel, the EBA would like to thank all of the members, sections chairs, committees, and judges who have busted their rears over the past year to keep the EBA effective and relevant during the time of virtual meetings, events, and CLEs. I would like to especially thank Scott Wylie for his continuous work, no matter what the circumstances, to ensure our under-served population has had access to the legal system, and Julie Moore Holtz for always thinking of unique ways to keep the EBA membership active even when we're stuck in our homes and offices. Although we're not entirely in the clear yet, let's hope we can see a lot more of each other in the months to come.



The Evansville Bar Association

Celebrating 110 Years In Style

The Evansville Bar Association was incorporated on April 22, 1911. Our founders had three stated goals:

- The study and development of law as a science.
- The elevation of the standing and dignity of the profession.
- The establishment of a law library.

Today, we have approximately 525 Attorney and Paralegal members. 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 EBA is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion within the legal profession and justice system to better serve the wider community.

You're invited to celebrate on Friday, September 17, 2021 Cocktail Reception begins at 5:30pm with Program at 6:30pm

VLP News

By: Senior Judge Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

In January of 2020, the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana became part of Pro Bono Indiana or PBI. PBI is headquartered here in Evansville and provides leadership to eleven of the twelve pro bono programs in the state of Indiana. Created at the encouragement of the Coalition for Court Access and approved by the State Supreme Court, PBI has spent the past 15 months working to integrate the administration of the state's programs and put more of each programs' resources back into client services – an important benefit during a pandemic that caused IOLTA rates to head back to zero. In the next month, PBI will take the important step of adopting a new statewide case management system called Legal Server. This change was made possible by our friends at Indiana Legal Services which also uses the same system. After the transition, this new system will allow both statewide entities to partner more effectively on a variety of issues. As this transition moves forward, our staff may need to recover information about your present or past volunteer efforts; please help us out if you are contacted. Thanks as always for your participation.



...the EBA has a Lawyer Referral Service? Let us refer potential clients to you! On average we receive 125 calls per month.

For more information on how to become a member of the LRS, contact Ashley at Ashley@evvbar.org or (812) 463-3201.



BE A JUDGE FOR THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

May 14 and 15, 2021

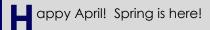
REGISTER TO JUDGE THE COMPETITION https://2021.nhsmtc.org/actions/register/

The National High School Mock Trial Championship will take place in Evansville (virtually) on May 14 and 15, 2021.

Students from around the United States and abroad will take part in this event. Volunteers are needed to participate as presiding judges and scoring judges.

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







Daniel Robinson, Jr., President

While Spring is a bustling time with warmer weather and new growth, it tends to be a little bit of a down period for the Foundation in terms of activity. However, as I previously mentioned, we are still seeking applicants to serve as new directors of the Foundation. New terms begin June 1. It is a truly rewarding experience, and also a chance to meet and interact with other lawyers from the Evansville Bar. Please reach out to Julie or me if you have any interest and we would be happy to address any questions you might have. If not, we are not above resorting to the tried and true law school tactics of calling on people!

Stay healthy and safe, and enjoy the warmer weather!

To donate to the Foundation, go to https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx or click the DONATE button below.



LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: FAMILY LAW AND PRO SE CLINICS

As you know, the law library hosts legal clinics operated by the Volunteer Lawyer Program. The Family Law Clinic meets on the first and third Thursday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for scheduled appointments. The *Pro Se* Clinic meets on the second and fourth Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and offers walk-in litigants assistance with questions about their legal needs. In addition, self-represented litigants may stop by the daily in-person help desk from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. weekdays and located in the Old National Events Plaza near the temporary Vanderburgh County Superior Courtrooms.

This partnership between the VLP and the law library helps make it possible for self-represented litigants involved in civil matters to receive guidance on how to successfully navigate the court system, obtain appropriate *pro se* pleadings, access self-help materials, and take advantage of online legal resources. Your generous donations and ongoing commitment to the Law Library Foundation and the law library ensure that the people in this community have access to these legal services and *pro se* clinics. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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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* 2021 Campaign donations received November 1, 2020-March 31, 2021

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.

IS THIS GOING TO HURT? **EMPLOYER'S GUIDE TO COVID-19 VACCINES**

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 EBA OFFICE* OR VIDEO CONFERENCE

JORDAN HECK, KAHN, DEES, DONOVAN & KAHN OLIVIA ROBINSON, KAHN, DEES, DONOVAN & KAHN

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

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Find a full list of upcoming CLE on the website at evvbar.org

SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS, MEDICARE AND MEDICAID **PLANNING**

1 CLE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 NOON EBA OFFICE* OR VIDEO CONFERENCE

ELIZABETH HOMES. HOMES LAW

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FRIDAY. APRIL 30 NOON EBA OFFICE* OR VIDEO CONFERENCE

HON, ROBERT PIGMAN, VANDERBURGH SUPERIOR COURT MAGISTRATE CELIA PAULI, VANDERBURGH CIRCUIT COURT MAGISTRATE RYAN REED. VANDERBURGH CIRCUIT COURT JODI UEBELHACK, VANDERBURGH COUNTY PD'S OFFICE

Member \$30 Non-member \$50

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PROBATE ADMINISTRATION FROM A-Z: UNDERSTANDING THE PROBATE PROCESS FROM OPENING TO DISTRIBUTION

1 GENERAL/1 DISTANCE EDUCATION CLE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 NOON EBA OFFICE* OR VIDEO CONFERENCE

REED SCHMITT, DENTONS BINGHAM GREENEBAUM

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

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Breakfast with the Judge

Hon. Andrea McCord
US Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Indiana
1 CLE

Wednesday, May 26
EBA Office* or Video Conference
Registration and Light Breakfast - 7:30am
CLE Presentation - 8:00am

Commercial Law Section \$30 Member \$35 Non-member \$55

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WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Attorney *Lindsay Charles* graduated December 5, 2020 with honors from Stetson University College of Law with her Masters of Law in Elder Law (LLM). Well done, Lindsay. Congratulations!

Steve Hoar, partner at KDDK, was recently appointed by the Indiana State Bar Association's Board of Governors to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. Congratulations, Steve!





Susan Wilkie has been awarded the Indiana Bar Foundation's 2021 Dennis Woods Award for her dedication to the Mock Trial Competition. Thank you and congratulations!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT ...

March 2021 Res Gestae





Honoring the rich history of **EVANSVILLE'S LEGAL PROFESSION**

In case you missed it, take a moment to read the article written for the March Issue of Res Gestae by Steve Hoar. Then, be sure to visit the EBA website to view the Attorney Oral Histories honoring the rich history of Evansville's legal profession.

Super Lawyers'

CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

...Steve Barber, Todd Barsumian, Charlie Berger, Tim Born, Laurie Bumb, M. Beth Burger, Brian Carroll, Neil Chapman, Randall Craig, Terry Farmer, Max Fiester, Greg Freyberger, Jimmy Gentry, Danny Glass, David Hatfield, Rich Hawley, Edward Johnson, Terry Noffsinger, Andy Ozete, David Robinson, Ross Rudolph, Mark Samila, G. Michael Schopmeyer, Ryan Schulz, Pat Shoulders, Lane Siesky, Steve Thomas, and Brent Weil who have been recognized as 2021 Super Lawyers.

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Ashley Hollen, Matt Malcolm, Olivia Robinson, Lindsay
Schmitt, Steve Theising, Patrick Thomas and Jonathan Young
who have been recognized as 2021 Rising Stars.



Bar Updates:

Please welcome new paralegal member **Samantha Myers**. Please make the following changes to your contacts:

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Have you had problems logging into the EBA website?

If so, please let us know!

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For more information and how to apply, go to evvbar.org, click the MEMBERS tab.

Berry Global is seeking to hire two attorneys for the position of Associate General Counsel to support its U.S. business.

The Law Offices of Steven K. Deig, LLC is seeking a trial attorney primarily in the area of domestic relations.

Department of Child Services is seeking a Local Office Attorney (LOA) for Region 16, including Gibson, Vanderburgh, Warrick, Posey, Knox, and Pike counties.

Gibson County Prosecutor's Office has an opening for a full time IVD Deputy Prosecutor.

Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP, a regional, full-service law firm located in Evansville, Indiana with 30 attorneys, seeks to hire a litigation associate attorney with 2 to 5 years of private practice experience in litigation.

Woods and Woods, LLP seeks a Veterans Compensation Benefits Associate Attorney for evaluating Veteran's claims file and other medical and lay evidence, developing and executing a plan.

The Law Office of Jonathan M. Young, P.C. seeks a highly motivated individual who wants to become part of a well-respected law firm in a growing community.

Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders, LLP is seeking a highly-skilled and driven Legal Assistant to become a part of our team.

WE ARE THE EBA



Lindsay Schmitt, Farmer, Scott, Ozete, Robinson & Schmitt, LLP

13 years in practice; primarily in the areas of Estate Planning and Administration, Agriculture, and Elder Law **What is your favorite thing about your career?** I enjoy the ability to constantly learn new things (sometimes crazy things you would never be exposed to otherwise) and also (cliché I know) the ability to help other people. I appreciate being able to meet with people to solve problems, and I especially love when you can visibly see a weight lifted from them. Lawyers have a unique ability to pay blessings forward in that way.

What was the last TV show you binge watched? I recently watched the series Tell Me Your Secrets. It was kind of dark, with lots of twists and turns. I still have so many questions!

What's one thing that can instantly make your day better? The sound of my children laughing. I'm blessed with 4 kids (ages 10,7 and twin 2 year olds). Our house is always lively, but their laughter is the best and can make any day brighter. It sure beats the arguing...which also happens!

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received? I have been the beneficiary of lots of great advice, but I think one that has stuck with me recently is "give more than you take." I think it is important in all areas of life to give, whether it's through your time, talents, or treasure, or just giving grace in a situation. I try to give people the benefit of the doubt. The pandemic has been a difficult season of life for many people.

What is a night at home like for you? When we aren't running our kids to ballgames or practices or catching up with homework, we love to cook, play outside, play games or read.

What is something you have learned from the pandemic? The pandemic has really made me slow down and be more present in the moment. Learning to balance work and homeschooling kids for a time with concern about keeping everyone safe has been challenging, but I do feel like it has helped me focus on what is truly important. I found a writing at the beginning of the pandemic from my great grandmother about being pregnant and giving birth to my grandfather during the Spanish Flu. Sharing the parenting of young kids during a pandemic gave me a new attachment to and understanding of her.



Magistrate Krista Weiberg, Vanderburgh Superior Court

3 yeas as Magistrate; 15 years in practice

Why did you become an attorney? I wanted to be in a position where I could help people. When I was a senior in high school, I was a lawyer in our mock trial. I know it had a big impact on me. I also took a Journalism and the Law course at IU that I enjoyed and shadowed an attorney in Bloomington that loved being an attorney. I realized that attorneys have the ability to make a huge positive impact on other people's lives. I knew it was the right profession for me.

What reason would you give to young lawyers to join the EBA? Evansville has the best Bar in the State. We are respectful and care about each other. It's nice to get to know other lawyers outside of

the courtroom. Being a member of the EBA also allows you to meet other lawyers that don't practice in the same area as you. I have developed lifelong friendships with people who I wouldn't have ever met without the EBA.

What is your favorite thing about your career? It's never boring! I LOVE my job. I get to work with so many wonderful judges, magistrates, court staff, lawyers, and the public. I love being in court. Also, I have been very fortunate to work with our Treatment Court over the past 9 years. I am very passionate about seeing low level drug or alcohol offenders get the help they need in order to become successful members of our community.

What are some things that always make you laugh? Watching my daughters dance in the living room. They are so carefree and are usually being goofy and giggling, which always makes me laugh. Also, my husband has a very dry since of humor. I hate to admit it, but he usually makes me laugh.

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received? My dad would always tell me, "Honesty is the best policy." Also, if I was ever upset about something he would say, "This too shall pass." My mom would tell me to "choose my battles" and to "treat others how I would want to be treated." These apply to both my professional life and personal life!

What is something about you that most people don't know? When I was 16 years old I was ranked the #1 snow skier in the State.



Crystal Wildeman, Partner, Dinsmore & Shohl

15 years in practice; employment and labor law litigation

Why did you become an attorney? I'm tall. It seemed like a good idea. Actually, I had the benefit of living with brilliant college roommates, who were all off after graduation to do amazing things. They encouraged me.

What reason would you give to young lawyers to join the EBA? To seek friendships even beyond those with your co-workers. Those early relationships ensure your professional success and personal fulfillment.

What is your favorite thing about your career? Lawyering continues to challenge me every day, which is what I always wanted – a career that never gets boring. Even though the hours are long and the work difficult at times, the flexibility and independence we have as lawyers are benefits many other careers do not enjoy. I am also honored to problem solve with and advocate for smart and interesting people. Seeing their success inspires me.

Do you have any pet peeves? Yes, a few. Complaining. Being late. Laziness. Throwing shade on the Oxford comma. (Obviously, I'm a lot of fun to be around.)

What's one thing that can instantly make your day better? My dog, Henry.

Favorite quote? Currently: "I am here live. I am not a cat." Longtime favorite: "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't – you're right."

What are some things that always make you laugh? My kids' jokes and stories.

What was your first job? At 14, I was a dishwasher at St. Philips Inn. I was paid primarily in pizza. Dairy Queen hired me at 15 and paid the big bucks of real minimum wage. There, I honed perfect cone-dipping and cone-curling skills. Plus, I still know secret recipes for the best off-the-menu blizzard combinations.

What is the best piece of advice you have ever received? Three, all from my wise grandfather: (1) When it gets too hard to stand, kneel. (2) A few minutes of gratitude cures a lot. (3) Don't make all your plans for tomorrow; it isn't promised.

APRIL 2021 CALENDAR

- 04/01 **Talk To A Lawyer**—4:30–6:00pm, EBA Office
- 04/02 EBA Office Closed
- 04/06 EBA Family Law Section Meeting Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
- 04/07 CLE—Is This Going To Hurt?: Employers Guide To COVID-19 Vaccines (1 DE CLE) Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference—REGISTER
- 04/08 EBA Board of Directors Meeting—Lunch served at 11:45am, meeting at Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 04/15 EBF Board of Directors Meeting—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 04/20 Talk To A Lawyer—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 04/21 CLE—Special Needs Trusts, Medicare and Medicaid Planning—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference— **REGISTER**
 - EBA D&I Subcommittee—Local Government and Strategic Alliances—4pm, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 04/22 EBA Women In Law Section Meeting—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
- 04/28 **EBA CLE Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
- 04/30 CLE—State of the Judiciary 2021—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference—REGISTER
- * Log in information is sent in the calendar invite for each meeting. If you would like to participate, contact Julie Moore Holtz at julie@evvbar.org.

SAVE-THE-DATE

National High School Mock Trial Championship hosted from Evansville—May 14-15—REGISTER TO BE A JUDGE

Evansville Bar Association Annual Meeting—Tuesday, May 18, NOON; Location—TBD

Applied Professionalism Course for New Attorneys—Thursday, September 23, 8:30am-4:30pm; Location TBD

Ethics Potpourri—Thursday, September 23, 8:30am-12:00pm; Location TBD

32nd Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute—November 5, 8:30am; The DoubleTree in Downtown Evansville EBA Law Day Celebration—Celebrating 110 Years In Style

Friday, September 17, 5:30pm; DoubleTree Ballroom in Downtown Evansville



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