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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Andy Ozete**

LET'S GET TOGETHER - Law Day, Lawyer's Lunch Club and More!



Friends, it's been far too long since we've come together as a Bar for camaraderie and to celebrate the legal community. I am very excited for our upcoming Law Day event on April 22nd at 5:15 p.m. at the Double Tree. This year's event will be particularly meaningful for me since it is likely to be the only in-person gathering of our Bar Association during my presidency. I hope to see all of you there to laugh, catch up, and generally enjoy each other's company.

Beyond that, this year's Law Day will be special in other ways as well. We are honoring 50 year practitioners Justice Randall Shepard, Stan Levco, Charlie Spaetti, Charlie Berger and Bob Becker. We will be announcing the recipients of the James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award and the Doran E. Perdue Service Award. We are also conducting our Bar Association's annual meeting. We will be considering our slate of new board members and officers for next year, so I look forward to your participation. Finally, the Bar Bar is returning this year. You should have already received your invitation in the mail! If you have not already registered for Law Day, please do so by April 12 with the response card in the invitation, by calling (812) 463-3201, or email at eba@evvbar.org.

Speaking of signing up, on page 2 you will see an opportunity to sign up for Lawyers' Lunch Club. I think the opportunity to get together informally as colleagues has been missed by many, including me. Many of our board members share this feeling, and we will try to have many board members involved in lunch clubs as well. If you have any questions about what's going on at the Bar Association, sign up and you can ask the board member in your group. I've always enjoyed getting to know people better and hearing stories told by young and "more seasoned" lawyers alike at these lunches. I think you will as well.

Finally, I hope to see everyone at the upcoming Unraveling Parity: Solutions for Gender Inequality CLE event on May 6 at City View. Justice Steven David of the Indiana Supreme Court will be the keynote speaker at this event. And, you won't want to miss the many members of our Bar that are involved in the program. I also know there's been a lot of work behind the scenes getting this seminar ready, and I think it will be of value to us all. To register, go online to evvbar.org, call (812) 463-3201, or email at eba@evvbar.org. The event will be from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and include 3 hours of CLE as well as lunch. I know there are still sponsorship opportunities available for both this seminar and Law Day, so please let us know if you are interested in sponsoring either of these events. I can't wait to get together with all of you.

LAWYERS LUNCH CLUB

IT'S BACK...and you should be part of it!

WHAT IS THE LAWYERS LUNCH CLUB?

The Lawyers Lunch Club is an opportunity to meet members of the bar in other practice areas and firms. Lawyers who sign up for the lunch club are placed in a diverse group of 6-8 lawyers, who meet once a month for lunch, for three months. The groups are autonomous—they pick their own meeting time, day, and location based on their schedules. These lunches are a great way to forge relationships with other lawyers in a small group setting.

This session of Lawyers Lunch Club will run April through June.*

To join the fun, let us know at eba@evvbar.org or (812)463-3201 by April 8.

**Even if you have participated in the past, please re-sign up so we only include those who still want to participate.*

VLP News

By: Senior Judge Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

In addition to placing cases with attorneys, VLP operates a variety of other programs that help maximize attorney volunteerism to benefit low income litigants and the Court. On March 31st, VLP and Indiana Legal Services served dozens of area residents with legal issues at **Connect Southwest Indiana** (formerly Homeless Connect). This annual event provides hundreds of homeless and precariously housed residents with a chance to deal with their problems in one place. Acting like a live version of our Talk to a Lawyer program, the Connect helps aim people toward legal solutions and additional help. VLP's clinical programs, like Connect Southwest Indiana, always need volunteers. If you would be interested in helping to staff our **Family Law Clinics** in Daviess, Pike, Spencer, or Vanderburgh Counties, a **Wills Clinic** for Habitat for Humanity, or programs like Connect Southwestern Indiana, contact VLP's Managing Attorney Scott Wylie at vlpwylie@sigeconet.net. Just an hour of your time can help ensure a self-represented litigant is able to successfully complete their matter.

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Contact Scott Wylie at
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Spotlight on Equity and Access

Many low-income homeowners have suffered losses and faced foreclosure in the past two years. A new program is available that may help! On March 15, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) said applications were now open for a new mortgage assistance program aimed at helping Indiana homeowners impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://tinyurl.com/a2jApril22>



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14 APRIL 2022 | 4:30PM

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Heath Tuley
President

Spring is the season of new life. The mascots of springtime are all born in this season; newly-hatched baby birds will soon begin to sing their theme songs of spring, and before we know it, baby rabbits (did you know they are called kittens?) will be hopping through our yards. With the increasing temperatures of the season will come the rebirth of our favorite outdoor activities, and maybe even the development of our interest in new ones – I myself am hoping to get better at golf.

During this season, the EBF too will experience a new life of sorts; many board members' terms expire at the end of May, which is also the deadline to appoint their replacements. If you have ever considered serving on the board or have any questions about serving, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or to Julie—even if you are not able to serve in this next term. If you are unable to serve on the board, please consider donating to the EBF—especially if you have not donated to the EBF before or have not yet made your donation this year. Your contributions will make a marked difference toward both ensuring that the endowment continues into the future and funding grant requests. What's more, donations to the EBF are both tax deductible and reportable under Rule 6.7(a)(3) of the Rules of Professional Conduct!

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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 October, pro bono (free) attorneys have continued to staff a daily in-person help desk in the law library from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. each week day, helping self-represented litigants facing evictions, collection matters, support modifications, or other pandemic-related 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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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.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 12

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Member \$30

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TUESDAY, APRIL 19

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This CLE will focus on helping your clients apply for fee waivers in state and federal court as well as obtaining legal fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

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Solutions for Gender Inequality

Keynote Speaker:

The Honorable Justice Steven David

Friday, May 6, 2022
City View at Sterling Square
12:00-4:30pm

Doors open at 11:30am—Lunch served at Noon

3 CLE/3 Ethics
Member \$110
Non-member \$170

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



WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Dentons partner **Trisha Dudlo** has been named managing partner of the firm's Evansville office. Trisha has also been named a member of the 2022 class of Leadership Council on Legal Diversity (LCLD) Fellows. Congratulations, Trisha.

Best Lawyers

Congratulations to those who have been recognized in the 2022 Edition of *The Best Lawyers Midwest*:

Jeff Ahlers, Steve Barber, Charlie Berger, KAB Brasseale, Dennis Brinkmeyer, John Broadhead, Michele Bryant, Maria Bulkley, Beth Berger, Bill Bussing, Brian Carroll, Jim Casey, Nick Cirignano, Charles Compton, Allison Comstock, Randall K. Craig, Jamie Dameron, Marco DeLucio, Monica Edwards, Terry Farmer, Tony Fehrenbacher, Marc Fine, Mark Foster, Shannon Frank, Jake Fulcher, Jon Goldman, Clay Havill, Jeff Helfrich, John Henderson, Jeff Henning, Edward Johnson, Jim Johnson, Timothy Klingler, Joe Langerak, Kelly Lonnberg, Nathan Maudlin, Andy Nestricks, Andy Ozele, Monty Porter, Olivia Robinson, Ross Rudolph, Mark Samila, Lindsay Schmitt, Mike Schopmeyer, Laura Scott, Pat Shoulders, Dirck Stahl, Scott Stone, Steve Theising, John Thomason, Chris Wischer, Brian Williams and Ted Ziemer IV.

AND, the Ones to Watch...

Meagan Brien, Will Cartwright, and Elizabeth Hennessy-Spencer.



Bar Updates:

Welcome attorney members **Chris Bjerke, Nick Dossett,** and **Aaron Tuley**. Please make the following additions and updates to your contacts:

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Jackson Kelly PLLC, Evansville, Indiana has openings in each of our litigation, real estate and corporate transactional practices for attorneys looking for the opportunity to work with great clients on challenging matters.

Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP, a regional, full-service law firm located in Evansville, Indiana with 30 attorneys, seeks to hire an associate attorney in litigation.

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

LET'S
celebrate

LAW DAY AND THE ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

5:15PM—BEER, WINE AND CASH BAR RECEPTION

6:00PM—PROGRAM

DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

JOIN US FOR FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AS WE GATHER FOR THE FIRST BAR-WIDE EVENT SINCE JANUARY 2020!
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- 04/01 **EBA Employment Law Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office; Lunch will be provided! - RSVP at eba@evvbar.org
- 04/04 **EBF Finance Committee meeting** - Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
EBA Access to Justice Committee Meeting—4:00pm, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 04/05 **EBA Family Law Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 04/06 **EBA Solo Small Firm Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 04/07 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 04/12 **CLE—Meaningful Language Access and Effective Communication for Court Users** (1 CLE) - Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference—[REGISTER](#)
- 04/14 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
Diversity Social HAPPY HOUR! - 4:30pm, Mo's House—RSVP at eba@evvbar.org
- 04/15 **EBA Office Closed**
- 04/19 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
CLE—Saving Your Clients Money While Still Earning Your Fee! - Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference—[REGISTER](#)
- 04/21 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 04/22 **Law Day and EBA Annual Meeting**—5:15pm Beer, wine and cash bar; 6:00pm Program; Dinner and Entertainment to follow; DoubleTree Downtown Evansville—RSVP at eba@evvbar.org
- 04/27 **EBA CLE Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office

SAVE-THE-DATE

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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