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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HERE'S TO LAW DAY

It's that time of year again . . . Law Day! As much as we want to think it's a day dedicated to celebrating lawyers (because who doesn't love lawyers), Law Day was established as a day of national dedication to the principles of our government reminding us that, as Americans, we live, every day of our lives, under a rule of law.



By: Cliff Whitehead

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In proclaiming the first Law Day, President Eisenhower stated:

Freedom under law is like the air we breathe. People take it for granted and are unaware of it--until they are deprived of it. ... It ensures justice between man and man however humble the one and however powerful the other. A man with five dollars in the bank can call to account the corporation with five billion dollars in assets--and the two will be heard as equals before the law.

While the EBA's Law Day may not be a solemn event dedicated to reminding what us why we sent King George packing, it is a chance to give ourselves a pat on the back for our part in protecting the rule of law and ensuring each person has the opportunity to be heard and treated as an equal, including whether it's fighting for justice in a courtroom, protecting a client's interests by drafting a bulletproof contract, or ensuring a person's wishes are upheld after he or she passes away.

For the EBA, Law Day also serves as our annual meeting, at which we elect our Board of Directors and recognize the passing of the baton from one Bar President to another; go get 'em, Greg!

20 24 The Board of Directors of the Evansville Bar Association and the Evansville Bar Foundation cordially invite you to

Law Day and the Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 2024 Evansville Country Club

5:30pm Reception *Hors d'oeuvres, passed beer and wine, cash bar* 6:15pm Dinner and Program

\$65 per person

Register by April 16 by calling (812) 463-3201 or at ashley@evvbar.org Lastly, lofty aspirations aside, our Law Day allows us to come together to build camaraderie among our members, not simply as lawyers but as friends, because I don't care what everyone says, I think lawyers are fun! So, come join us on April 25 at 5:30 p.m. at the Evansville Country Club.

In the words of Stuart Smalley: "I'm good enough, I'm smart enough, and doggone it, people like me."

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VLP News By: Senior Judge Sheila Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

Judicare Opportunities - volunteering with reduced rate compensation.

VLP works to help those who cannot afford legal help and the most vulnerable get meaningful access to needed legal services. As such, VLP will be working with the Vanderburgh Superior Court to help find volunteer attorneys to provide reduced fee services for petitioners of protective orders that allege domestic violence and sexual assault at their final protective order hearings. If you, or attorneys you know, would be open to helping in a few of these matters, please contact Max Happe at <u>max.happe@probonoindiana.org</u>.

VLP also still has reduced fee volunteer opportunities to assist in eviction cases. If you are interested in helping at possession or rent and damages hearings you can also contact Max. Training and resources for these programs can be provided as needed.

Pro bono assistance is very important for helping many who are most in need. Judicare is another great opportunity to help make a little money while doing valuable volunteer work, practicing law, and impacting lives.

Thank you for considering volunteering and everything you do to help our community.



BAR @THEBAR Cocktails & Cupcakes

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:00-6:00PM 501 Main Street, Suite 101 Downtown



In April, the Evansville Bar Foundation will determine the total amount of grants it will have available to award in 2024. In 2023, the Foundation awarded over \$22,000 in total to the following organizations:



Carrie Roelle President

- Boys & Girls Club of Evansville;
- EBA Access to Justice Committee:
- VOICES, Inc.;
- Volunteer Lawyer Program; YMCA of Southwestern Indi-
- Holly's House;
- ana; and
- Vanderburgh County CASA;
- Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation;
- Youth Resources.

Unfortunately, as is similar to past years, the 2023 grant committee had to make tough decisions since the EBF was only able to fund about half of the grant requests it received.

Although 15% of EBA members have donated to the Foundation in the past year – look to the right for those who have donated this grant cycle – there are over 400 of our EBA colleagues who have not. Imagine what a difference just \$50 per person could make in the Foundation's ability to fully fund the grant requests it receives. A large portion of your donation goes directly to supporting organizations which aim to use the law to better the lives of people in our community.

If you have not donated to the EBF before, or have not yet donated this year, please consider doing so today. Donating is quick and easy.

To donate: Mail a check to 501 Main Street, Suite 101, Evansville, IN 47708 or go to https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx by clicking the DONATE button.

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LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: WELCOME OUR LAW LIBRARY ASSISTANTI

Please welcome our law library assistant, Eva Sanford! Eva comes from a social work background where she was an assessor for Deaconess Cross Pointe. Before that, she worked at Willard Library as the manager of adult services, which included event planning, ghost tours, and bibliographic instruction at Ivy Tech Evansville, University of Evansville, and University of Southern Indiana.

Eva holds a Masters of Library Science from Indiana University in Bloomington, a Masters of Social Work from the University of Southern Indiana, and a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from Sarah Lawrence College in New York. In addition, Eva has provided free reading materials to the community corrections facility in Vanderburgh County for the past eight years.

Next time you're in the Courthouse, stop by the law library and introduce yourself. Eva would enjoy meeting you and learning about the work you do each day.

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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WHO'S DOING WHAT?

The Investiture Ceremony of **The Honorable Crystal S. Wildeman** as Magistrate Judge U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana was held Friday, February 23, 2024 at the Winfield K. Denton Federal Building and U. S. Courthouse.

Speakers included **Greg Freyberger** as Master of Ceremonies, The Honorable Kellie M. Barr, **Jim Johnson**, **Chris Lee** and **Michele Bryant**, and **Judge Matthew Brookman**. **Judge Richard Young** administered the Oath of Office.





Bar Updates:

Please welcome attorney member *Lisa Davidson* and nonattorney members *Sarah Koon* and *Savannah Stauth*. Please make these additions and updates to your contacts:

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For more information, go to <u>evvbar.org</u>, click the MEMBERS tab.

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Deadline for nominations is April 5, 2024.

ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

- Outstanding Paralegal Award
- * Florence Britzius Award
- * James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award
- * Doran E. Perdue Service Award

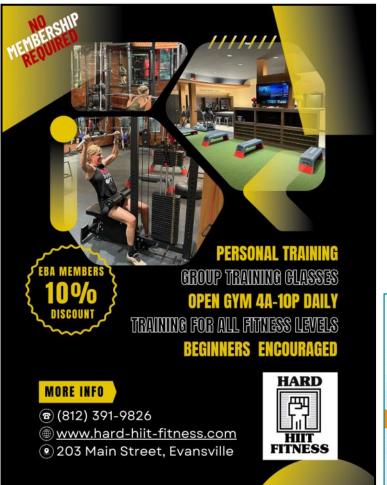
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

APRIL 2024

- 04/02 EBA Family Law Section Meeting—Noon, EBA Office
- 04/04 Talk to a Lawyer—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 04/08 **EBA OFFICE CLOSED**—Enjoy the Eclipse!
- 04/09 CLE—The Corporate Transparency Act (1 CLE)—Noon, EBA Office—<u>REGISTER</u>
- 04/11 EBA Board of Directors Meeting—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 04/16 Talk to a Lawyer—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 04/17 EBA Member Lunch: The State of the Bar—Doors open at 11:30am, Lunch at Noon—<u>REGISTER</u>
- 04/18 EBF Board of Directors Meeting—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA/EBF Office
- 04/19 EBA DEI Committee Meeting—Final planning for Navigating the Maze—Noon, EBA Office
- 04/25 Law Day and The Annual Meeting—5:30pm, Evansville Country Club—<u>REGISTER</u>

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 05/03 CLE—Navigating the Maze (4 CLE/4 Ethics) Doors open at 11:00am; Lunch at 11:30am with CLE at 11:50am— REGISTER
- 05/07 CLE—Case Law Update: Family Law (2 CLE) 11:00am-1:00pm; Lunch will be provided, EBA Office—<u>REGISTER</u>
- 05/08 Bar @TheBar—4:00-6:00PM, EBA Office
- 07/17 BBQ @TheBar-Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 08/23 CLE—Mediation: Be Prepared! (3 CLE/3 CME) Light Breakfast at 8:00am, CLE at 8:30am, EBA Office—REGISTER
- 09/12 CLE—Bases Are Loaded and You're Up to Bat! (2 CLE) Reds v. Cardinals in STL—REGISTRATION and PAYMENT due May 1—TO REGISTER, call (812) 463-3201 or email <u>Ashley@evvbar.org</u>



- 09/26 CLE—Bench & Bar Conference (6 CLE/1 Ethics/up to 1 CME) - Light Breakfast at 8:00am, CLE at 8:30am, Evansville Country Club—<u>REGISTER</u>
- 09/26 **EBA Member Lunch: Circuit Court Judge Candidate** Forum—Noon, Evansville Country Club—<u>REGISTER</u>
- 10/05 25th Anniversary of the Evansville Bar Foundation— 6:00pm, Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science
- 10/17 **Trivia Night benefiting LAS, ILS and VLP**—Doors open at 5:30pm, Trivia at 6:00, Children's Museum of Evansville
- 10/24 New Attorney Welcome Ceremony—5:15pm, Old Courthouse, Shepard Courtroom
- 11/08 CLE—35th Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute (6 CLE/1 Ethics PENDING)
- 11/13 Bar @TheBar—4:00-6:00pm, EBA Office

