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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Sacha Armstrong**

NAVIGATING THE NEW NORMAL



Here we are in the second month of navigating the new "normal" of closed offices, cancelled or suspended court proceedings and working from home. Gathering together for a members' lunch and section meetings seems like the distant past. Eventually, the current State of Emergency and Stay at Home Orders will be lifted and we will all be able to return to more standard routines. Although there is every indication that a return to life as we knew it before this pandemic may be years away, the EBA remains committed to its mission and supporting our members through valuable programming, opportunities for connection and camaraderie, and service to the community-at-large.

Even though our offices have been closed, the EBA has continued to provide CLE and programming via web-based platforms. On March 31, the Indiana Supreme Court waived limitations on distance education through December 31, 2020 and changed its requirements through December 2022. [<https://evvbar.org/UserFiles/files/CLE%20Distance%20Education%20Amended%20through%202022%20-%20order-other-2020-20S-ms-239.pdf>] Hopefully, we will be able to return to live, in-person events soon. In the meantime, the EBA will continue to provide new web-based content, as well as video replays. CLE is a significant revenue stream for the EBA in order to continue to provide benefits to our members, so please consider us first as you meet your continuing education requirements.

At some point, we will be able to return to Member events. Unfortunately, Law Day was cancelled. However, we will have the Annual meeting to vote in new officers and Board members at noon on May 15. If we are able to gather, members are invited to meet in person at the EBA office. If not, we will be providing information on how to participate via Zoom. The proposed slate for new officers can be found on page 2 of this month's edition. You are all invited to attend the Annual meeting.

The Members Lunch with awards for Outstanding Paralegal and legal assistant will be rescheduled in the coming months. There are also plans in the works for honoring the recipients of the James Bethel Gresham and Doran E. Perdue awards with a celebration, as well as new opportunities for our EBA community to gather together when we are once again able to do so.

Until then, we all have to carry on in the new Normal. Many of the sections are still having monthly meetings via video conference. Please consider reaching out to people that you haven't talked to in a while. Scott Wylie continues to provide opportunities for all of us to help members of our community with pro bono service.

Keep sending in photos of what you are doing while social distancing – work, exercising, new or old hobby, home schooling, mediating kids, etc. (I know that I am personally heavy on the latter.) Remember that we are all in this together!



EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

The Annual Meeting of the Evansville Bar Association will be held on Friday, May 15 at Noon at the EBA Office or by video conference. All members are invited to attend.

The meeting of the Nominating Committee was held on Thursday, March 5 by teleconference and reports the 2020-2021 slate as follows:

President – Erin Bauer, Barber & Bauer
President-Elect – Andy Ozete, FSORS
Vice President – Joe Langerak, SKO
Secretary/Treasurer – Cliff Whitehead, ZSWS
Out-of-County – Trent Van Haaften, Van Haaften & Farrar
Young Lawyer Representative – Christine Pham, SKO
Judicial Representative – Hon. Les Shively, Vanderburgh Superior Court
Prior Board Member – Charles Berger, Berger & Berger
Evansville Bar Foundation Appointment – to be appointed by the EBF

At Large:

Hon. Travis Clowers, Posey County Superior Court
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 Craig Emig, Jones Wallace
 Greg Freyberger, Wooden McLaughlin
 Zach LaGrange, Old National Bank
 Laura Nowinski, Law Offices of Steven K Deig
 Jonathan Parkhurst, Vanderburgh Co. PD Agency
 John Thomason, SKO
 Mag. Krista Weiberg, Vanderburgh Superior Court

VLP News

By: Judge Smith and Senior Judge Corcoran

Like all of us, our staff and volunteers at VLP are working to plan for what is likely to come after “this.” We have continued essential services, along with our colleagues from Indiana Legal Services and the Legal Aid Society of Evansville, but we all know a wave is coming. Until that time, however, we continue to answer calls through our Talk to a Lawyer hotline. In May, we will continue to do so each Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and then again during our regular Talk to a Lawyer times of May 7th (4:30-6:00 p.m.) and May 19th (11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.). Our in-person legal clinics in May will remain cancelled.

If you come across a low income person with a legal question, give them the number: (812)618-4845. And please plan on taking a pro bono case once the Courts have fully reopened. You will be needed.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Thanks to all of the EBA attorneys who have taken cases during the COVID-19 justice system closures. Presently, all VLP cases received through April 25th have been placed with volunteer attorneys. Intakes at the Legal Aid Society and Indiana Legal Services continue but are down dramatically because of their building closures and lack of access to court-based clinics. PLEASE plan on trying to take a case once the Courts fully re-open. All of our civil legal aid partners anticipate a large wave of cases from low income and recently unemployed Hoosiers following the resumption of more normal court operations – especially housing and landlord/tenant matters and family law cases. The EBA and VLP are widely regarded as the most effective supporters of the civil legal aid system in the state so we hope to be prepared to continue to earn that well-deserved reputation.



Right now, YOU can be of great service to the people of Indiana.

Vulnerable members of our community are now with even fewer resources to turn to for help. Indiana Free Legal Answers is a secure website where low-income Hoosiers can ask for help with a civil legal issue. If you are able to answer online civil legal questions from people in need during this time, please join Indiana Free Legal Answers by registering at indiana.freelegalanswers.org.

Your participation in Indiana Free Legal Answers:

- is a short-term commitment -- answer as many questions as you want, the attorney-client relationship ends after your advice is given.
- fits within your schedule -- the website is accessible 24/7.
- is covered by malpractice insurance for advice provided on the website.
- is a source of pro bono hours, which are reportable on your annual Indiana Supreme Court attorney registration.

Indiana Certified Trust and Estate Specialty

In 2007, the Indiana State Bar Association established a certification process for attorneys in Trust and Estate Law whereby a practicing attorney may be certified as a Trust and Estate Specialist by the Indiana Trust and Estate Specialty Board. This specialization program is designed to recognize attorneys who have achieved a level of experience and expertise in the field and demonstrate extraordinary knowledge and skill in trust and estate law. Another component of the specialty area is to advance professionalism and civility in the area of trust and estate law in Indiana.

I have been a Board Certified Indiana Trust and Estate Specialist since 2007, and currently enjoy serving as Chair of the Indiana Trust and Estate Specialty Board. I would like my fellow EBA members who are trust and estate practitioners to know that we are planning another round of certifications this November—our first since 2016. In order to sit for the certification exam, **you need to request an application by May 15** by going to the Indiana Trust and Estate Specialty Board's website at www.indianatrustestatelawyers.org. You will see the "Click Here to Apply" option on the main page, and you will then receive your application form. Then, your application is due to be filed by June 30th.

The Board will also be conducting a two-day seminar featuring many of Indiana's experts in trust and estate law, to help applicants prepare for the examination in November. More information on the seminar will be made available to applicants.

If you would be interested in becoming a certified Indiana Trust & Estate Specialist, please reach out to me if you have any questions. You may also locate the other local Certified Specialists on our website, and I am sure any of them would also be happy to discuss the process with you.

Todd Glass
Fine & Hatfield



Bar Updates:

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

Nathan Bishop

Curt Hamilton Injury Law
110 North Main Street
Henderson, Kentucky 42420
(270) 844-8205
nathan@curthamiltonlaw.com



We're All in This Together

Friends in the legal community: you are the helpers, but don't forget it is ok to ask for help for yourself in these trying times.

JLAP is open for business remotely, so you can still call 317-833-0370 during business hours and talk to one of our staff. If you prefer, we can schedule an appointment via video chat.

As always, our services are free and confidential.

We are also providing the following peer support groups via Zoom:

NEW Weekly Connection group – Wednesdays at noon

NEW Weekly Law Student group – Mondays at noon

Addiction Issues – 1st Wednesday of each month at 6PM

NEW 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6PM

Caregiver Support – 2nd Thursday of each month at noon

Mental Health/Wellness – 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6PM

For More Information Call

317-833-0370

See more resources on our website
courts.in.gov/ijlap



cheers to 40+ years



Indiana Legal Services
invites you to
Save-the-Date for a retirement
Open House for
Katherine Rybak
Friday, July 31, 2020
4-6pm
EBA Office

NEW DATE!

The local Lawyers Assistance Committee works with JLAP and other volunteers to provide **confidential** assistance to members of the legal community in need. If you or someone you know is struggling with an impairment issue, please contact JLAP or a member of the local Committee.

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Ryan Parker,
President

Optimism is defined by Oxford as "hopefulness and confidence about the future or the successful outcome of something." It is quite easy, when inundated by the 24-hour news cycle, to lose one's self within the constant cacophony of negativity. We see it in news feeds, over-aggressive headline writers, and clips for grabbing our attention. I feel safe in saying most of us understand good news doesn't sell newspapers (yes, I'm dating myself), but during the current state of affairs, I believe it important to remain optimistic and confident about what is to come. We will find a way to control or contain the spread of this virus. We will find a way to support our friends, families and businesses through the economic turmoil the virus has caused. The community, state and world will return to a state of normality once again. I hope most people are resisting the urge to dwell insistently on the negative at the expense of a rational optimism for the future.

While going through our daily efforts at finding paths through the current morass, don't forget to sprinkle in a healthy dose of optimism! Spring is in full swing. Summer is on the way. Optimism is a primary component in the motivation needed to tackle these current difficulties. By staying optimistic and undertaking well-reasoned decisions and actions, we will soon wake up and realize this challenge is behind us. I'm looking forward to seeing what new perspectives and opportunities emerge from this very unfortunate circumstance.

Please consider supporting your Foundation by making a donation today <https://www.evbar.org/foundation.aspx>.

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LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: ONLINE LEGAL RESEARCH

As you may remember, the law library offers Westlaw + Practical Law as its online legal resource. Practical Law provides legal know-how written by experienced practitioners to give library patrons a better starting point, including practice notes, plain-language discussions of the law as it stands today, and checklists. I will be happy to assist you with your legal research as we continue to navigate how we work during the time of COVID-19. You can reach me by phone or email with requests for materials or a username and password for offsite access to Westlaw. The following services remain available to patrons:

- * Copies of cases and other materials in the Law Library collection
- * Online access to Westlaw Patron Access

Requests for materials may be placed by e-mail or phone/voicemail. Hard copy requests will be filled on the days I am at the law library. All requests for materials will be filled electronically.

I welcome your questions, comments and suggestions. Please feel free to call me, Kathleen Weston, at (812) 435-5175 or send me an email at 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

LAW CHANGES OF 2019 AND 2020: THE SECURE ACT AND CARES ACT 1 GENERAL CLE (DISTANCE EDUCATION CREDIT)

TOM WYATT, LIFETIME FINANCIAL GROWTH

FRIDAY, MAY 1
NOON
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Member \$30
Non-member \$50

To register email Ashley at eba@evvbar.org.
Once registered, log in information and materials will be emailed to you.

SAVE-THE-DATE

**31st Annual EBA
Estate & Business Planning Institute**

Friday, November 6, 2020

DoubleTree
Downtown Evansville

BUSINESS SUCCESSION: CLOSELY HELD BUSINESS TRANSFER AND EXIT STRATEGIES 1 GENERAL CLE (DISTANCE EDUCATION CREDIT)

TOM WYATT, LIFETIME FINANCIAL GROWTH

FRIDAY, MAY 8
NOON
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Member \$30
Non-member \$50

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EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

**EBA web-based,
on demand CLE
is available 24/7!**

The Evansville Bar Association now offers web based, on demand CLE programming to fulfill your CLE requirements! You can now view a distance education course from anywhere for ONLY \$55 per credit hour for members! (\$75 per credit hour for non-members.)

- Watch from anywhere—the office, home or on-the-go!
- Easy registration
- Topics for many practice areas with local speakers
- 20 courses available
- EBA office will report your CLE credit

Go to the EBA website at evvbar.org and click the **CLE** button!

Breakfast with the Judge

Hon. Andrea K. McCord
US Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Indiana

CLE

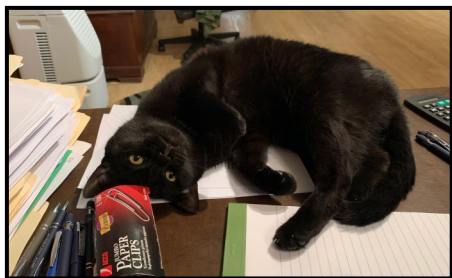
Wednesday, May 20



POSTPONED

AROUND THE BAR: *HOW ARE YOU SPENDING YOUR STAY-AT-HOME TIME?*

Thanks to everyone who has sent in a photo!



E.A. Poe is cute, but generally not focused on the task at hand. He has been particularly adept however, at batting pens, paper clips and the like across the room when he takes a break from walking on keyboard. ~ Steve Bohleber



I am very busy with my mediating practice. I recently mediated a dispute over possession of a pink automobile. Not likely to settle. I have lots of work but fee is difficult to collect. Hang in everyone! ~ Bill Hussmann



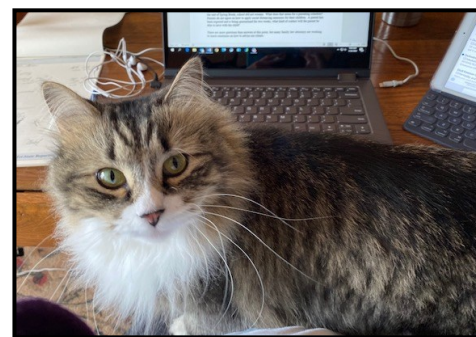
My most recent creation! The dress pattern is very simple with the fabric as the focus. The title of the fabric is "Dream Journey" and I felt that it needed to be made now. Someone is trying to convince me to set up a studio and do custom work. ~ Beverly Corn



My quarantine hobby has been making green things grow. These folks are keeping me company in the "home office." They don't say much, but they're great listeners and they certainly brighten the place up. ~ Katie Boren



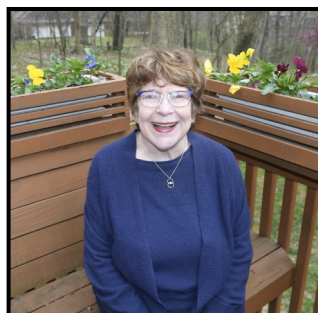
Katherine Rybak and Conor O'Daniel play a friendly game of Words with Friends. Katherine said she will play all challengers!



Ruthie is not super helpful. And no, she is not allowed on this! ~ Kelly Lonnberg



Tricia Tominack and her son Shane have enjoyed many afternoon rides!



Enjoying a beautiful Spring day! ~ Barbara and Brian Williams

MAY 2020 CALENDAR

05/01	CLE—Law Changes of 2019 and 2020: The Secure Act and CARES Act (1 CLE/DE) - Noon, video conference— REGISTER
05/05	EBA Family Law Section Meeting —Noon, video conference*
05/07	Talk to a Lawyer —4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
05/08	CLE—Business Success(ion): Closely Held Business Transfer and Exit Strategies (1 CLE/DE) - Noon, video conference— REGISTER
05/12	EBA Paralegal Section Meeting —Noon, video conference*
05/14	CANCELLED: EBA Morning Mixer
05/15	EBA Annual Meeting —Everyone is invited to attend! Noon, video conference— REGISTER POSTPONED: Retirement Party for Katherine Rybak (see below)
05/18	POSTPONED: Off the Record with the Bench & Bar
05/19	Talk To A Lawyer —11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
05/20	POSTPONED: Breakfast with the Judge: Judge Andrea K. McCord EBA Bench & Bar Committee Meeting —Noon, video conference*
05/21	Evansville Bar Foundation Board of Directors Meeting —Noon, EBA Office or video conference
05/25	EBA Office Closed —Memorial Day
05/27	EBA CLE Committee Meeting —Noon, video conference*
05/28	Evansville Bar Association Board of Directors Meeting —Noon, EBA Office or video conference

* 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

Retirement Party for Katherine Rybak	Friday, July 31—4-6pm, EBA Office organized by Indiana Legal Services
Trivia Night 2020	Thursday, October 15—Doors open at 6:00pm, Trivia at 6:30pm; Sauced Ballroom
31st Annual Estate & Business Planning Institute	Friday, November 6—8:30am, DoubleTree Downtown Evansville
Bench & Bar Conference	December 10—8:30am, DoubleTree Downtown Evansville
National Mock Trial Championship	May 13-15, 2021

ICLEF VIDEO REPLAYS @ EBA

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ICLEF replays at the EBA office have been cancelled.

2020 ANNUAL MEETING

NOON

FRIDAY, MAY 15

VIDEO CONFERENCE



To register, please email
Ashley at ashley@evvbar.org

Please join us for the
Annual Meeting as we celebrate the prior
year and elect new officers and
directors to the
Evansville Bar Association
Board of Directors