

# The SUMMATION

May 2024

The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Cliff Whitehead**



### CHARTING PROGRESS: Achievements, Transition, and Evolution

Thank you to everyone who made it to this year's State of the Bar and Law Day in the past two weeks. For those who did not, or would like the information again, I want to provide a quick recap of the Board of Directors' achievements over the past year:

First, the EBA continued to host great social events aimed at bringing its membership together to talk about . . . nothing in particular ("yada, yada, yada"). The membership responded with overwhelming attendance at events like Pizza @TheBar to Breakfast with the Bench and Bar. Be sure to join us on Wednesday, May 8, 4-6pm for the next Bar @TheBar!

With the encouragement and support of Vanderburgh County Prosecutor **Diana Moers**, the EBA welcomed attorney and legal staff members from the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office. This was a great addition, as the Board has long searched for a way to reach that group of local attorneys. Not only have they joined our bar, but they have been one of the most involved groups in the EBA over the past year. We look forward to working with the Prosecutors' Office on future social and CLE events!

In recent years, the Paralegal Section of the EBA has consistently demonstrated its strength, prompting discussions on expanding its inclusivity to other legal professionals. After thoughtful discussion with the section members, the Board moved to rename the group the Paralegal and Legal Staff Section, extending the invitation to legal assistants and court staff to join the EBA community. This evolution aims to foster a supportive environment for paralegals, court personnel, administrators, and as well as those they serve by offering avenues for continuing legal education, knowledge exchange, networking opportunities, and professional growth. Additionally, the Section is committed to enhancing member retention, recruitment, and engagement. For inquiries about membership, please reach out to **Emily Holder**, incoming chair, at [eholder@zsws.com](mailto:eholder@zsws.com), or **Jordan Terrell**, incoming vice chair, at [jordan.terrell@probonoindiana.org](mailto:jordan.terrell@probonoindiana.org).

The most transformative decision of this Board (IMO) from this past year is related to several of the Sections and Committees. Over the past few years, the Board has spent great effort attempting to revitalize the Sections and Committees, as involvement was rapidly decreasing. In recognizing the will of our membership, the Board made the decision to transition certain Sections and Committees to listservs. Those sections are Business and Commercial, Employment, Family Law, Probate, Elder Law and Guardianship, Real Property, and Solo Small Firm. Committees include Communications, Regional Mock Trial, and Membership. Listserv information will be sent to members of each section or committee in June.

With the decision to transition those Sections and Committees, the CLE Committee will emerge as an even more significant driving force, ensuring the EBA maintains its commitment to delivering high-quality CLEs to its members. With that goal in mind, we're seeking five volunteers to join me on the CLE committee. If you're ready, willing, and able to be a part of the committee, please contact me at [cwhitehead@zsws.com](mailto:cwhitehead@zsws.com).

Thanks to our exceptional Board of Directors. Your dedication and work are the foundation of our success. I appreciate your unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions to the EBA!

*"If I'm not back in five minutes, just wait longer." – Ace Ventura*



EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

# 2024-2025 EBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Annual Meeting of the Evansville Bar Association was held on Thursday, April 25 at the beginning of the Law Day Celebration. Congratulations to the Officers and Board Members that will serve the Evansville Bar Association in the coming year:

**President** – Greg Freyberger, Barber & Bauer  
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**Prior Board Member** – D. Tim Born, Terrell, Born, Sullivan & Fiester  
**Evansville Bar Foundation Appointment** – TBD

## At Large:

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Thank you to the departing Board of Directors Members for their dedicated service:

Mark Abell

Jillian Hanneken

Keith Vonderahe

Cliff Whitehead

## VLP News

By: Senior Judge Sheila Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

May begins with Law Day. The ABA announced the theme this year is “Voices of Democracy.” VLP encourages you to use your voice to share with us why pro bono legal help matters to you and why you do, or do not do, pro bono. We would love for you to share your experiences doing pro bono and if there is anything we can do to make doing pro bono work better. Without your engagement there would be a lot of people in worse situations. How can we help you help others? Please contact [max.happe@probonoindiana.org](mailto:max.happe@probonoindiana.org) to share your voice.

VLP offers malpractice insurance to legal professionals who do pro bono work with us. VLP tries to find good matches between volunteers and those needing help and tries to place cases in which volunteers can make a meaningful contribution to those in need.

If you would like to hear other voices about Law Day you can check some out here: <https://abateacherportal.org/law-day/1968-psa/>

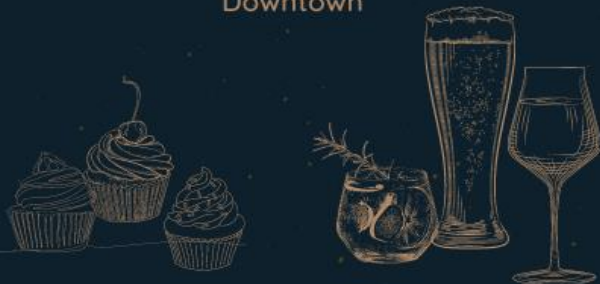
Lastly, the training on working with individuals with Domestic Violence issues for those interested in helping with Protective Order hearings is Thursday, May 16. Please contact [max.happe@probonoindiana.org](mailto:max.happe@probonoindiana.org) if you are interested in attending and helping.

Thank you for volunteering.

## BAR @THEBAR

Cocktails & Cupcakes

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



## Appeals on Wheels

COURT OF APPEALS OF INDIANA

James D. Frye v. State of Indiana

PANEL OF JUDGES

*Hon. Melissa S. May*

*Hon. Elaine B. Brown*

*Hon. Randall T. Shepard*

May 17, 2024 | 10:30-11:30am  
 The Old Courthouse, 201 NW 4th St., 2nd Floor

Hosted by the Indiana State Bar Association



The Evansville Bar Foundation's Statement of Purpose is "Promoting justice and improving lives through the law." The primary way in which the EBF fulfills this purpose is through the grants it awards each year to qualified local community organizations. This year, the EBF has \$24,500 available to award to organizations with programming that that meets the foundation's purpose by promoting:



**Carrie Roelle**  
President

- ◆ community education or awareness of the law;
- ◆ student education or awareness of the law;
- ◆ consumer education of the law;
- ◆ improving delivery of legal services to the community; or
- ◆ other law-related programs, such as programs designed to teach youth how to work within the law and reduce violent behavior.

The EBF is so proud and thankful for the active members of the EBA who have donated this year and in years past to make these grants possible!

If you have not donated this grant cycle, please consider doing so. No amount is too small, and donating is quick and easy. Just click on this link <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx> or the Donate button below.

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Presented by the EBA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

# NAVIGATING THE MAZE

(4 CLE/4 Ethics)

**Friday, May 3, 2024**  
**11:15am-4:30pm**  
 Doors Open at 11:00am; Lunch at 11:15am  
 The Welborn Community Room  
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EBA Member \$145  
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CLE Pending 

# CASE LAW UPDATE: FAMILY LAW


2 CLE


**07 MAY**  
**11AM - 1PM**  
 Lunch to be provided

Speakers:  
 Alyssa Ricker, SKO  
 Kelly Lonnerberg, SKO

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

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## Legal Ethics in Real Estate Transactions

1 CLE/1 Ethics


Seth Zirkle, Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn

Thursday, May 23 at 12:00PM

EBA Office\*  
 501 Main Street, Suite 101, Evansville

EBA Member \$30 | Non-member \$50

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## Employment Accommodation and the Undue Hardship Defense: How to Know When You Should or Should Not Change Your Workplace

1 CLE



Speaker: Bill Hussmann, Kightlinger & Gray

**Thursday, May 30, 2024**  
 Noon

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 501 Main Street, Suite 101  
 Evansville



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 Non-member \$50

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Minimum Number of Registrants: There is a minimum number of registrants necessary to proceed with the event. If this minimum is not reached, refunds will be issued.



**MEDIATION**  
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3 CLE/3 CME


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

Speakers:  
Tim Born, TBSF, Michele Bryant, SKO  
Max Fiester, TBSF and  
Greg Freyberger, Barber & Bauer

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EBA Member \$115  
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6 CLE/1 Ethics/up to 1 CME

Light breakfast at 8:00am  
CLE 8:30am-4:30pm

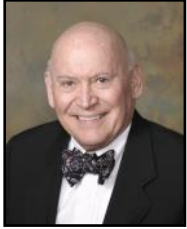
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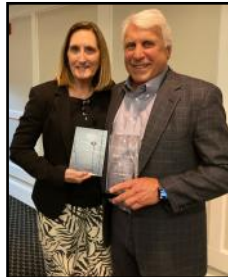
## WHO'S DOING WHAT?

### Congratulations to...



...**Mike Mitchell** who was recently inducted into the Indiana Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame. Mike has been active in the Club since 1971 when he joined the Board of Directors. Mike has since volunteered countless hours of legal aid, advocated for the expansion of service to girls in 1991, and continues to advocated for higher education among youth. Well deserved, Colonel Mitchell!

...**Marco DeLucio**, this year's James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award recipient and **Debbie Stevens**, recipient of The Florence Britzius Award. Marco and Debbie have worked together at Ziemer Stayman Weitzel & Shoulders for decades. Debbie will retire in September after 38 years at ZSWS. Congratulations to you both!



...**Cindy Effinger**, KDDK, this year's recipient of the Outstanding Paralegal Award. Cindy is a dedicated member of the EBA Paralegal and Legal Staff Section, is a committed volunteer for her church, and several

non-profit organizations. Congratulations, Cindy! Cindy is pictured above with **Scott Wylie**, **Brian Williams**, and **Patrick Thomas**.

### In case you missed it:

**Susan Wilkie** was featured in April 2024 issue of Evansville Living. In case you missed it...

**READ NOW**

<https://tinyurl.com/uvfta64r>

**Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard** and Indiana University Law Professor Lahny Silva were featured on Two Main Street with David James. In case you missed it...

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## update

### Bar Updates:

Please welcome attorney members **Alyssa Dahl** and **Casey Parker**. Please make these additions and updates to your contacts:

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## MAY 2024

- 05/02 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 05/03 **CLE—Navigating the Maze (4 CLE/4 Ethics)** - Doors open at 11:00am; Lunch at 11:15am with CLE at 11:40am—  
[REGISTER](#)
- 05/07 **CLE—Case Law Update: Family Law (2 CLE)** - 11:00am-1:00pm; Lunch will be provided, EBA Office or Zoom\*—  
[REGISTER](#)
- 05/08 **Bar @TheBar: Cocktails and Cupcakes**—4:00-6:00PM, EBA Office
- 05/09 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Noon, 2nd Language
- 05/14 **EBA Paralegal and Legal Staff Section Happy Hour Open House**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office—[RSVP](#)
- 05/16 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA/EBF Office
- 05/21 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 05/22 **EBA Bench & Bar Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 05/23 **CLE—Legal Ethics in Real Estate Transactions (1 CLE/1 Ethics)** - Noon, EBA Office or Zoom\* - [REGISTER](#)
- 05/27 **EBA Office CLOSED**—Have a safe and fun Memorial Day!
- 05/30 **CLE—Employment Accommodation and the Undue Hardship Defense: How to Know When You Should or Should Not Change Your Workplace (1 CLE)** - Noon, EBA Office or Zoom\* - [REGISTER](#)

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