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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Greg Freyberger**

THE MAKINGS OF A GOOD LAWYER: ENGAGEMENT



As lawyers, we often focus intently on the letter of the law—honing our arguments, staying current on statutes, and delivering results for our clients. But law is not practiced in a vacuum. It is a profession rooted in human relationships, trust, and visibility within the community. That's why networking and civic engagement aren't just beneficial—they are essential to a thriving and sustainable legal practice.

Legal networking is often associated with client development, and indeed, relationships with other attorneys, business leaders, and professionals can lead to referrals and collaborative opportunities. But the true value of networking runs much deeper than growing our books of clients.

In a complex and evolving legal landscape, professional networks offer critical resources—opportunities to exchange ideas, gain perspective on emerging trends, and consult trusted colleagues on difficult matters. Whether through bar associations, practice-specific groups, or informal lunch meetings with mentors, cultivating these connections builds both competence and confidence.

Networking and engagement also strengthen the profession itself. When lawyers talk—across firms, practice areas, and generations—we build understanding and collegiality that supports the rule of law. This collegiality is something our EBA is known for across the State. For younger attorneys, these relationships can offer mentorship and guidance. For experienced practitioners, they are a way to help shape the future of the profession.

Beyond the legal profession itself, our engagement in civic organizations such as school boards, nonprofit boards, service clubs, and local government, enhances our visibility and influence in the community. But more importantly, it reinforces the public's trust in the legal profession as a whole.

Lawyers are uniquely positioned to bring clarity, fairness, and analytical thinking to civic life. By contributing our skills to public causes, we fulfill our ethical duty to promote justice and serve the common good. Whether it's volunteering for a legal aid clinic or advising a local nonprofit, these efforts demonstrate that we are not just practitioners of the law - we are stewards of it.

Civic engagement can also expand a lawyer's perspective. Exposure to the real-world concerns of citizens, educators, business owners, and public servants makes us better advocates. It fosters empathy, creativity, and practical problem-solving—qualities that improve both client service and courtroom performance.

In the current age of digital convenience and remote work, the temptation to remain isolated is strong. But our profession cannot thrive behind closed doors. Bar associations, legal conferences, civic boards, and community events remain vital arenas for building trust, developing leadership, and reinforcing our collective identity as lawyers. Take cues from our 50 year members **Steve Bohleber, Jeff Bosse, Dennis Brinkmeyer, Randall Craig, Will Deems, Mark Neff, and Steve Weitzel** who have all been engaged and active in both the Bar and the greater community. Or take a page from **Scott Wylie**, recipient of this year's James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award for his outstanding service to the local, state, and national legal communities. These members' full practices are, no doubt, at least partially due to the efforts they've put forth to stay engaged.

So, I encourage you to attend those meetings...reach out to that colleague...and join that committee. Mentor a young attorney. Serve a local civic board. These acts of engagement may seem small, but together they strengthen our practices, our profession, and our communities. We as a profession should be known not only for our knowledge of the law, but for our visible commitment to the people and places we serve.



EMPOWER YOUR LEGAL TEAM:

3 KEY REASONS

Why Your Paraprofessionals Should Join the EBA

A strong legal team thrives on knowledge, collaboration, and growth—including the dedicated professionals who support attorneys daily. The EBA's Paralegal and Legal Staff Section empowers your firm's paraprofessionals with continuing education, networking, and development opportunities that enhance your practice.

1.

Expanded Knowledge Base

Members gain insights into evolving legal trends, procedural changes, and best practices.

2.

Increased Engagement and Retention

Investing in professional development fosters loyalty, motivation, and job satisfaction.

3.

Greater Networking and Resources

Access to a community of legal professionals for knowledge exchange and mentorship.

Encouraging your team to join isn't just an investment in their careers—it's an investment in the overall success of your practice.

For more details on membership, reach out to Jordan Terrell, chair, at jordan.terrell@probonoindiana.org, or Savannah Stauth, vice chair, at ssauth@zsws.com.

VLP News

By: Max Happe (max.happe@probonoindiana.org)

- * Last month we shared info about *Homeless Connect*. We are happy to update that despite some blustery weather the event was still well attended and we were able to get help to many people. VLP, with the help of our civil legal aid partners and a few wonderful volunteers that spanned all roles of our legal profession, **119 people received legal help and services in just five hours!** Most of the people served would otherwise have been unable to get help. This is a fantastic demonstration of the impact that just a little volunteerism can have.
- * As the *Real ID* requirements go into effect on May 7th we focused on some identification issues that can cause hurdles to all aspects of life including access to necessary housing and benefits. This link: <https://www.in.gov/bmv/licenses-permits-ids/real-id-overview/> has info for Real ID requirements which may be helpful to some you serve. Letting people know about this early gives them time to get documents in order or to determine if a court order may be necessary to create consistent documents so that a new ID can be acquired. We also assisted in areas of family law, debt issues, general housing, and much more. Thanks to everyone's help and I hope if you were not able to attend that you can find time to help at a future event.
- * *Interested in finding opportunities to help? Want to learn more about what we do? Or interested in updates that may impact people in need, like the Real ID requirements?* Go to our website at vlpswin.org or email me directly at max.happe@probonoindiana.org. You can click on the "Take a Case" image on our website at <https://www.vlpswin.org/volunteer-opportunities> to see a copy of a case list.



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Barbara Coyle Williams
President

The Bar Foundation elected officers and new Board Members at the Annual Meeting of the Evansville Bar Association on April 24th. The officers will be Bob Carithers, President; Carrie Lynn, Vice President; Laura Scott, Treasurer; and Aaron Allen, Secretary. The new At-Large members will be Bill Hussmann and Jeremy Kemper. The incoming officers all have significant experience on the Board, and the incoming Board members have expressed an interest in the objectives of the EBF and a willingness to be active members. This is an outstanding group, and I know that they serve the interests of the EBF well.

This year the Foundation will be able to award almost \$31,000.00 in grants to some of the most important not for profit groups in our community. The EBF is proud and thankful for the active members of the EBA who have donated this year and in years past to make these grants possible. Some EBA members regularly contribute in memory of an EBA, who has passed away. This is special way to honor those we have lost.

If you have not donated to the 2025 annual campaign, 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.

Your donation is tax deductible and reportable under the Rules of Professional Conduct. Furthermore, if you or your loved one wish to consider incorporating the EBF into an estate plan to help fund the EBF for years to come, please contact me or any of our EBF Board members. Thank you again for your continued support.

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Members and friends of the Evansville Bar Association who have passed away are remembered by friends and colleagues with contributions to the John L. Sanders Memorial—Evansville Bar Foundation.

Thank you for your contributions in memory of...

Burley Scales

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IMMIGRATION LAW: What Every Attorney Should Know in 2025

2 CLE

Sheriff Noah Robinson, Vanderburgh County

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LUNCH with

JUDGE ROBERT PIGMAN
Vanderburgh Superior Court

Wednesday, May 7

Lunch at 11:30am

CLE Noon-1:00pm

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501 Main Street, Suite 101 - Downtown Evansville

Member \$45 Non-member \$65

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Breakfast with the Judge

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

Wednesday, May 14
Check-in and Light Breakfast - 8:00am
CLE Presentation - 8:15am

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The Many Faces of Law:

WHAT NON-ATTORNEYS
WANT YOU TO KNOW

2 CLE

Friday, May 16

11am-1pm

Lunch Provided


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LUNCH

with the Judges


VANDERBURGH CIRCUIT COURT EDITION
Magistrate Celia Pauli and Magistrate Ryan Reed

Wednesday, June 25
Lunch at 11:30am
CLE Noon-1:00pm

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JUNE **TIME**

ALL-INCLUSIVE • MEMBER \$350* • 2 CLE/1 ETHICS

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Depart EBA Office at 8:30am

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




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APPLIED PROFESSIONALISM

for the New Attorney

6 CLE/6 Applied Professionalism/6 Ethics

Friday, September 26, 2025
8:30am-4:00pm
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Downtown Evansville

EBA Member 0-3 Years in Practice - FREE
Non-member 0-3 Years in Practice - \$100
EBA Member - \$190

To register, call (812) 463-3201 or email
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WHO'S DOING WHAT?



On April 11, Vanderburgh Circuit Court **Judge Ryan D. Hatfield** received the Emerging Voice Award from Purdue University's College of Liberal Arts. Congratulations, Your Honor!

In April, **Judge Krista Hamby Weiberg** launched a "Little Free Courthouse Library" in Warrick County to help make visits to the courthouse a little less intimidating for families. "I know that coming to the courthouse can be a very scary place for some children and adults. I am hoping that this Little Free Courthouse Library can help ease some of that anxiety and fear," said Judge Weiberg. Well done, **Judge Weiberg!**



Bar Updates: Please take a moment to update your contacts!

Join us in welcoming our newest members!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

MAY 2025

- 05/01 **Deadline to Register for BASES ARE LOADED**—Cubs at Cardinals, June 26—to register, call (812) 463-3201
Talk to a Lawyer—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 05/06 **CLE—Immigration Law: What Every Attorney Should Know in 2025** (2 CLE) - 11:00am-1:00pm, Lunch provided, EBA Office or Zoom—Register at (812) 463-3201 or ashley@evvbar.org.
- 05/07 **CLE—Lunch with the Judge: Hon. Robert Pigman** (1 CLE) - Lunch at 11:30am, CLE Noon-1:00pm, Lunch provided, EBA Office—Register at (812) 463-3201 or ashley@evvbar.org.
- 05/08 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 05/09 **EBA Paralegal and Legal Staff Section Meeting**—5:00-7:00pm, EBA Office—RSVP at julie@evvbar.org
- 05/14 **CLE—Breakfast with the Judge: Hon. Andrea K. McCord** (1 CLE) - Breakfast at 8:00am, CLE 8:15-9:15am, EBA Office—Register at (812) 463-3201 or ashley@evvbar.org.
- 05/15 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon, EBA/EBF Office
- 05/16 **CLE—The Many Faces of Law: What Non-Attorneys Want You To Know** (2 CLE) - 11:00am-1:00pm, Lunch provided, EBA Office or Zoom—Register at (812) 463-3201 or ashley@evvbar.org.
- 05/20 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 05/26 **EBA OFFICE CLOSED**—Memorial Day

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FOUNDATION**

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