

The SUMMATION

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June 2020

The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Sacha Armstrong**

WE CAN DO HARD THINGS



The importance of our outstanding EBA community has been a recurring topic for this column. It is a sentiment that is often repeated. Our community connections have never been put to the test as they have in the last few months. We have shown that this community is strong, we can do hard things, stay together and continue to grow and evolve.

Over the last year, we've completed the strategic planning process; implemented an online, on demand CLE platform with over 150 views in six months; offered over 157 hours of in-person CLE including the new Procrastinators' Delight event; hosted the second Evansville Regional Mock Trial Competition in February 2020. Even during a global pandemic, we have found ways to maintain relationships and stay connected to our EBA community by offering new options for live, distance education events using Zoom meetings and webinars. Much of our community is beginning to reopen. Soon we will be transitioning back into more traditional court appearances and gatherings. Your EBA leadership lead by Erin Bauer has been hard at work and is ready for the challenge and new opportunities that the next year will bring.

I've thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Board President over the last year. A special Thank You to all of the outgoing chairs. Our committees and sections are the heart of our organization. Thanks to their dedication and commitment, meetings and CLEs have continued to thrive this year even with social distancing challenges.

Finally, I cannot say enough about the group of people that I have had the pleasure of serving with on the EBA Board and our EBA staff. Julie Moore Holtz, Ashley Martin, Erin Bauer, Andy Ozete, Joe Langerak and all the members of the Board came together this year like no other. We met each challenge as a team.

We've shown that we can do hard things and meet new challenges. I look forward to seeing the events and opportunities that this leadership team will offer our community in the coming year!



EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

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

Sacha Armstrong
Will Cartwright

Hannah Dill
Carrie Roelle

Lori Underwood

Congratulations to the Officers and Board Members that will serve the Evansville Bar Association in the coming year:

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 – Carrie Roelle

At Large:

Hon. Travis Clowers, Posey County Superior Court
Beau Dial, Fine & Hatfield

Trisha Dudlo, Dentons Bingham Greenebaum

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

EBA Attorneys and Paralegals Donated 2,704 Hours of Service Valued at \$540,800 in 2019!

Each year in May, VLP is required to report the volunteer hours submitted by our attorneys and paralegals for the previous year to the Coalition for Court Access, the Courts, and the Indiana Bar Foundation. These numbers help determine funding that supports our local program. In 2019, EBA members provided 2,704 hours of service valued at \$540,800 – the second highest number in the state. As part of that work, VLP also had the largest number of attorneys in the state providing 50-plus hours of service. Those attorneys are: **Timothy Born, Beverly Corn, Randall Craig, Garland Cravens, Steve Culley, Michael DiRienzo, Mark Foster, Kevin Gibson, Amanda Hall, Tim Hambidge, David Hatfield, Brian Johnson, Yvette Kirchoff, Jeffrey Kolb, Adam Maday, Joshua Mastison, David Roellgen, Garvin Senn, Katherine Rybak, Tracy Thread, Charles Traylor, Keith Wallace, Susan Wilkie, and Scott Wylie.** As a thank you, each will receive a 20% discount on most EBA and ICLEF CLE events in 2020. Also of note in 2019, attorney **Ole Olson** passed the 275 hour mark volunteering for our Talk to a Lawyer program over the past 15 years. Thanks to him. Finally, as many of you know VLP is now part of the statewide Pro Bono Indiana made up of ten of the state's formerly independent pro bono agencies. In 2019, that system provided 14,057 of service valued at \$2,811,400. Important work during these challenging times. Thanks to all of you who volunteer.



...TO THE 2019-2020 COMMITTEE AND SECTION CHAIRS...

Erin Bauer—Editorial Board

Jean Blanton—Communications Committee

Meagan Brien—Probate, Elder Law and Guardianship Section
and Membership Committee

Magistrate Molly Briles—Access to Justice Committee

Beverly Corn—Access to Justice Committee

Michael DiRienzo—Continuing Legal Education Committee

Hannah Dill—Young Lawyer Section

Raymond Dudlo—Real Property Section and Diversity Committee

Trisha Dudlo—Family Law Section

Steve Hoar—Bench and Bar Committee

Jennifer Helfert—Paralegal Section

Kelly Lonnberg—Women In Law Section

Christine Pham—Regional Mock Trial

Olivia Robinson—Law Day

Carrie Roelle—Employment Law Section

Kyle Rudolph—In-House Corporate Counsel Section

Alex Scates—Solo/Small Firm Section

Lori Sherman—Diversity Committee

Crystal Wildeman—Commercial Law Section

WHO'S DOING WHAT?

CONGRATULATIONS TO...



Hon. Elaine Brown has been named a [2020 Indiana Lawyer Leadership in Law Distinguished Barrister](#). Congratulations, Your Honor!

Steve Hoar has been named a [2020 Indiana Lawyer Leadership In Law Distinguished Barrister](#). Congratulations, Steve!

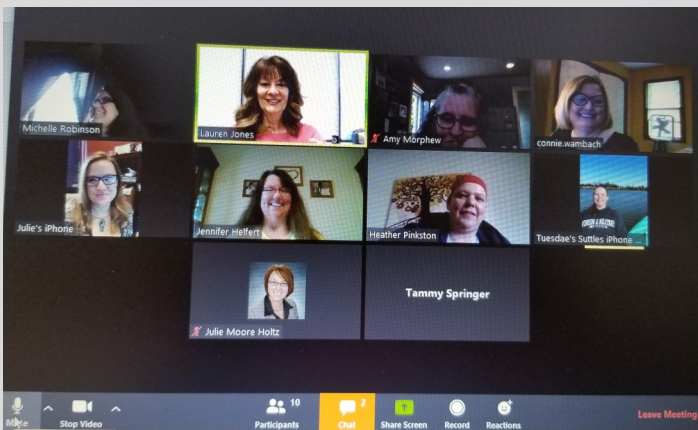


IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...



The Editorial Board of the Evansville Bar Association has written this article on the history of the right to vote in honor of Law Day, the theme of which is "Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy. In case you missed it [READ MORE...](#)

A SIGN OF THE TIMES...



As a sign of the times, members of the EBA Paralegal Section held the final meeting of the year via Zoom on May 12. Thank you for all you do!



Bar Updates:

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

Matt Koressel

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Jay Zierner

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Judge Les Shively and Staff have moved to Room #225-A
Phone numbers remain the same; Fax (812) 435-8644

Judge Jeff Tornatta's Staff has moved to Room #218
Phone numbers remain the same; Fax (812) 435-0012

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Fritch Law Office is looking for an Associate Attorney who wants to focus on family law and litigation or criminal law in Jasper, IN. Experience preferred. Email resume to Fritch Law Office at mail@fritchlaw.com.

cheers to 40+ years



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



Ryan Parker,
President

As my last message as sitting President of the Bar Foundation, I am encouraging all members of the Evansville Bar to be courageous during this period of increased uncertainties. I have a vivid memory of a statistics professor who warned against a common ailment she witnessed in many students – “paralysis by analysis”. When being overwhelmed by large quantities of information a common observed reaction was for a student to cease progression towards a solution and for the student to become paralyzed by fear of choosing an incorrect path. I’m drawn to our present-day situation and the practical application of my professor’s observation. At some point, we must all make decisions based upon the evidence at hand and move forward, committed to action.

In times of uncertainty, decision-making and committing to progress under those decisions is, indeed, a courageous act. To be blunt, most people are scared of being wrong. They are fearful of being criticized for making unpopular decisions or potentially choosing a course not resulting in the best outcome. Be courageous. Don’t let natural fears prevent your progress. Leaders analyze the data at hand, make the best decision possible and act to implement. The decision may be right, or it may be wrong, but the only true waste is to be paralyzed with fear and indecision.

As I hand over the Presidency of the Bar Foundation to Mr. Daniel Robinson and his very capable Board, I feel privileged to have been able to serve the Board and the Bar through the Foundation. I feel confident that Mr. Robinson and the Board are committed to serving the Board’s vision and with your help, will continue to move forward even under the current difficulties. Please consider helping your Foundation by making a contribution. The grants and support provided by our Foundation will be needed more than ever as we all courageously move forward.

To donate to the Foundation, go to <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx> or click the DONATE button below. All donations are tax deductible and reportable under Revised Rule 6.7(a)(3) of Professional Conduct!

Donate

2020-21 EBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – **Dan Robinson**

Vice President – **Heath Tuley**

Treasurer – **Jimmy Gentry**

Secretary – **Carrie Roelle**

EBA Representative—**TBD at June EBA Meeting**

At-Large Members

Magistrate Molly Briles, Tanisha Carothers, Thomas Clowers, David Harris, Carrie Lynn, Brent Weil and Barbara Williams

In Memory Of... John Hegeman

Thank you those who have made a contribution to the John L. Sanders Memorial—Evansville Bar Foundation in memory of long-time EBA member John Hegeman.

Diane Bender
Hon. W. Timothy Crowley and Sandra Crowley
Larry Downs and Suzanne Crouch

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: VANDERBURGH LAW LIBRARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation will take place **Wednesday, June 17, 2020** at 12:00 noon via Zoom video conference. *Please note that this meeting will take place one week later than originally scheduled.* At the annual meeting, we will be electing officers and making plans for the upcoming year. All members of the Foundation are welcome to attend and participate as we support the Law Library in meeting the legal information needs of the courts, the bar, and the community at large. We look forward to seeing you on June 17.

If you or your firm do not receive your member meeting notice in the mail during the first week of June, please let me know. And if you plan to attend the meeting, please contact me with your email address so that I can send you a link to the Zoom meeting. Thanks so much!

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.

**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**

A TIME OF CHANGE: COVID AND YOUR CLIENTS' MENTAL HEALTH

1 GENERAL CLE (DISTANCE EDUCATION CREDIT)

SARAH SWARTZ, LCSW

THURSDAY, JUNE 4
NOON
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Member \$30
Non-member \$50

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



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!

- 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!

CLE FAQ

Indiana CLE Requirements

What are Indiana's Continuing Legal Education (CLE) requirements?

Attorneys and judges are required to complete no less than six (6) hours of approved CLE each year and at least thirty-six (36) hours of approved CLE per three-year educational period. Also, attorneys and judges are required to take at least three (3) hours of ethics credit anytime within the three-year educational period.

Can non-legal subject matter (NLS) courses receive credit?

Yes. NLS courses are courses that are not substantively legal, but enhance your competence in your individual practice. An attorney may report a maximum of twelve (12) hours of NLS credit per three-year cycle. An attorney may report any or all of the twelve (12) allowable NLS hours in a single course or a given year.

Can distance education courses receive credit?

Yes. Distance education courses are CLE courses that do not require a student to be in the same location as the instructor and do not require an attendant to be at the learning site to monitor your attendance. As a reminder, With the Supreme Court Order issued on March 31, 2020, distance education limitations have been relaxed due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. There is no limitation on distance education for attorneys and judges with three-year cycles ending in 2020; the limit has been increased to 24 hours for attorneys with three-year cycles ending in 2021/2022.

For a complete list of CLE or to use the web-based platform go to evvbar.org.

SAVE-THE-DATE

31st Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute

Friday, November 6, 2020

DoubleTree
Downtown Evansville



Do you have an idea for a CLE course? Is there a topic you would like to learn about and/or speak about?

If so, contact
Julie Moore Holtz at the
EBA Office at
(812) 463-3201 or
Julie@evvbar.org.

JUNE 2020 CALENDAR

06/01	Access to Justice Committee Meeting —Noon, video conference*
06/02	EBA Family Law Section Meeting —Noon, video conference*
06/04	CLE—A Time of Change: COVID and Your Clients' Mental Health (1 CLE/DE) - Noon, video conference— REGISTER
	Talk to a Lawyer —4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
06/05	Women In Law Section: Book Club Night - 5:00pm, video conference— REGISTER
06/11	CANCELED: EBA Morning Mixer
	Evansville Bar Association New Member Orientation —11:00am, EBA Office or video conference
	Evansville Bar Association Board of Directors Meeting —Noon, EBA Office or video conference
06/16	Talk To A Lawyer —11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
	Evansville Bar Association Section and Committee Chair Orientation —Noon, EBA Office or video conference
06/18	Evansville Bar Foundation Board of Directors Meeting —Noon, EBA Office or video conference
06/24	EBA CLE Committee Meeting —Noon, video conference*
06/25	EBA Women In Law Section 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.



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



Local committee members:

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Toby Shaw	tobyshaw43@gmail.com
Judge Wayne Trockman	wtrockman@vanderburghgov.org
Keith Wallace	keith@keithwallacelaw.com

SAVE-THE-DATE

Evansville Bar Foundation Grant Applications Open

Wednesday, July 1 to Friday, July 31

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

Thursday, December 10—8:30am, DoubleTree
Downtown Evansville

Procrastinators' Delight: All Ethics, All Day (6 Ethics CLE)

Tuesday, December 29 beginning at 8:30am

Procrastinators' Delight: The Last Stand (6 General CLE)

Wednesday, December 30 beginning at 8:30am

National High School Mock Trial Championship

May 13-15, 2021—Downtown Evansville

ICLEF VIDEO REPLAYS @ EBA

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