

# The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Andy Ozete**

### Thank You For A Wonderful Year



I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you and, in particular, the Board of Directors of the Evansville Bar Association for all of your help and support this year. I know that in some ways this has been a challenging year, but being able to meet largely in person and return to a live Law Day were great things. I encourage everyone to consider serving on the board at least once. Having the opportunity to work closely with such a talented and engaging team is something to treasure. Evansville is a great place to work. The lawyers in Evansville are dedicated to serving their clients and the profession while maintaining collegiality and civility that is unmatched.

This year we offered 116 hours of CLE, including the end of the year Procrastinator's Delight event and returned to in-person CLE. The Access to Justice Committee hosted trivia night as a virtual event, while still raising over \$5,000 for the Legal Aid Society and The Volunteer Lawyer Program. Sections and committees have also returned to in-person activities including social events by the Solo/Small Firm Section and Young Lawyers Section. The EBA has continued to support its Racial Equality, Equity and Justice Initiatives, and the Unraveling Parity: Solutions for Gender Inequality CLE presented by the Diversity Committee and Women in the Law Section was an unqualified success. We hosted the 2022 Regional Mock Trial Competition and held the first Law Day gathering since 2019. None of this would have been possible without the work of sections, committees, the board of directors, and of course, the dedication of Julie and Ashley on the EBA staff. I cannot thank them enough.

Writing my final *Summation* article has also given me an opportunity to look back at some of the others that I have written. I think my very first article may have been my favorite. There, I talked about what a great place to practice Evansville is and the importance of continuing to involve young people in the profession. In November I had the opportunity to introduce many of you to Ivy Tech's proposed paralegal program for high school students. A link to that article appears here: <https://evvbar.org/UserFiles/file/Summations/summation1121.pdf>. Since the time of that writing, Chief Justice Shepherd has signed on as a sponsor, and I know Judge Shively will be reaching out to many of you for sponsorship. Please consider how you can work with Judge Shively in providing a path for Evansville students to join us as paralegals.

Perhaps the *Summation* article that I received the most comments on was my August message about taking a step back to help avoid burnout. As a profession, we are hardworking and dedicated, but sometimes unable to take a step back away from work in order to recharge and rejuvenate. So as the summer vacation season approaches, I eagerly anticipate the opportunity to step away, and I hope you will as well.

I want to extend a special thank you to Joe Langerak, your incoming president, for all of his help and support this year as well. I know that the board is in great hands. I'm sure Joe would appreciate any suggestions for EBA programming or activities. Feel free to drop him an email at [joe.langerak@skofirm.com](mailto:joe.langerak@skofirm.com). By the time you read this, Joe will be officially president, and I look forward to seeing all of you at lawyers lunch clubs, section meetings, CLEs and social events. I can't wait to see you all.

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*Thank  
You*

## ...TO THE 2021-2022 COMMITTEE AND SECTION CHAIRS

Amanda Hall—Access to Justice Committee  
 Tanisha Carothers—Law Day (2020, 2021 and 2022)  
 Craig Emig—CLE Committee  
 Tanisha Carothers—Solo/Small Firm Section  
 Katie Boren—Women In Law Section  
 Raymond Dudlo—Diversity Committee  
 Jordan Saner—Regional Mock Trial Competition  
 Olivia Robinson—Employment Law Section

Joe Langerak—Editorial Board  
 Kristen Koewler-Campbell—Young Lawyer Section  
 Joshua Orem—Family Law Section  
 Rebecca Rhymer—Membership Committee  
 Connie Wambach—Paralegal Section  
 John Goth—PEG Section  
 Lane Siesky—Bench & Bar Committee

## VLP News

By: Senior Judge Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

The Volunteer Lawyer Program is hiring new staff! For twenty years, VLP has been run by Beverly Corn and (beginning in 2007) Scott Wylie. Scott now serves as our full-time Executive Director with Bev continuing as the Court's Family Court Mediation Program Coordinator. Over the years, they have typically run all of VLP's program themselves with the assistance of an administrative staff person, now Jeana Goebel. Thanks to a new grant from the Indiana Bar Foundation, VLP will be hiring a new Volunteer Attorney Coordinator and a new Legal Navigator. Both will work throughout the southern part of the state in partnership with new staff at the Legal Aid Society of Evansville and Indiana Legal Services to help address our state's eviction crisis. The Volunteer Attorney Coordinator will be an attorney position and the Legal Navigator will be a paraprofessional/social work position. Both will be full time with health care benefits. If you or someone you know might be interested in either position, please contact Scott at [vlpwylie@sigeom.net](mailto:vlpwylie@sigeom.net).

**The Volunteer Lawyer  
Program is hiring new  
staff!**

*If you or someone you  
know might be interested  
in either position, contact  
Scott Wylie at  
[vlpwylie@sigeom.net](mailto:vlpwylie@sigeom.net)*

## Spotlight on Equity and Access

*Are you killing time waiting for the  
next Wordle? Are you willing to  
help the underserved?*

Answer a legal question at  
[Indiana.freelegalanswers.org](https://indiana.freelegalanswers.org)

The time spent answering legal questions  
counts towards your pro bono hours!

## *In Memory Of...*

Members 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...

*Steve Haas*

*John Hegeman*

*Retired Magistrate Ralph E. Moore*



**Heath Tuley**  
President

It is June, and this is the last Summation article I will write as the Evansville Bar Foundation President. Without doubt, there is some small measure of relief in that; after all, there's only so many ways one can ask for donations to the EBF. On the other hand, however, it is a somber moment for me as well since June marks the end of my time on the EBF, which has spanned the last six years. To put that in perspective, I have been on the EBF for half the time I have been a practicing attorney to date. One thing I have witnessed firsthand and have been consistently impressed by is the amount of selfless giving I have seen from the board of directors and from our executive director. During my tenure as President, we have amended our by-laws, formalized the EBF's involvement with the Shepard Lecture Series, and, among other things, have had ongoing discussions on how the EBF can do more and give more in an effort to fulfill as much as possible the promise that was inherent in the gift that created the EBF over two decades ago. I cannot be more thankful—or more proud—of the work our board of directors has accomplished in a single year, and am excited to see what the EBF will accomplish in the years to come.

To donate to the Foundation, mail a check to 915 Main Street, Suite 108, Evansville, 47708 or go to <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx> by clicking the DONATE button below.

**Donate**



## 2021-2022 FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

President – **Jimmy Gentry**

Vice President – **Carrie Roelle**

Treasurer – **Barbara Williams**

Secretary – **Bob Carithers**

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

At-Large Members

**Magistrate Molly Briles**

**Carrie Lynn**

**Mike Mitchell**

**Hon. Robert Pigman**

**Laura Scott**

**Aaron Tuley**

**Brent Weil**

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

**Tanisha Carothers**

**David Harris**

**Heath Tuley**

## LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: VANDERBURGH LAW LIBRARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation will take place **Wednesday, June 8, 2022** at 12:00 noon in the law library conference room. 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 8. If you or your firm did not receive your member meeting notice in the mail, please let me know. Thanks so much!

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](mailto:kweston@vanderburghgov.org)).

## The John L Sanders Memorial EVANSVILLE BAR FOUNDATION

will accept grant applications

**July 1-31, 2022**

Please forward the information to organizations that align with the Grant Policy of the EBF.

More information can be found on the EBA website **[FOUNDATION tab](#)**.

You can find an up-to-date listing of CLE on the EBA website at [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org)

Registration and pre-payment are required by phone at (812) 463-3201, email at [Ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:Ashley@evvbar.org) or online at [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org).

Registrations received less than 24 hours prior to the start of the course cannot be guaranteed. Registrations received two hours prior to start of course will be charged an additional \$5.

Credit will not be reported to the Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE Commission) until payment for the course has been received in full.



## Breakfast with the Judge

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

Wednesday, June 15

EBA Office

Registration and Light Breakfast - 8:00am

CLE Presentation - 8:30am

Commercial Law Section \$30

Member \$35

Non-member \$55

To register call (812) 463-3201, email  
[ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org) or go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org).

## TOP TEN TAKEAWAYS ABOUT INDIANA'S NEW HEALTH CARE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

1 CLE

FRIDAY, JULY 22

NOON

EBA OFFICE

JEFFREY S. DIBLE, FROST BROWN TODD, LLC

Jeffrey Dible will present information on the new Health Care Advance Directives which took effect on July 1, 2021. Mr. Dible will also field and answer questions during the presentation to assist fellow practitioners in understanding the new statute.

PEG Section Member \$25

Member \$30

Non-member \$50

To register call (812) 463-3201, email  
[ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org) or go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org).

# SAVE-THE-DATE

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00-11:00am—CLE

Followed by lunch and live racing!

**More details to come!**

**Ellis Park**  
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

## WHO'S DOING WHAT?

### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT... LAW DAY CELEBRATION

Congratulations to...

**Susan Wilkie**, recipient of the Doran E. Perdue Service Award. Thank you for your hard work in growing the mock trial event!

**Steve Barber**, recipient of the James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award. Thank you for your service to the EBA and entire legal community.

Honored for 50 years of practicing law were **Chief Justice Randall Shepard, Bob Becker, Charlie Berger, Stan Levco, and Charlie Spaetti**.



#### Bar Updates:

Please make the following additions and updates to your contacts:

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## RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



John C. Cox has retired from the practice of law after fifty-five years of practice.

Cards or notes may be sent to him at:  
108 NW Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd  
Evansville, IN 47708

Senior Judge Sheila M. Corcoran is assisting in closing the office and the transfer of open cases. If you have any questions, you may contact her at 812-424-3881.

## DECKARD LAW MEDIATION

Let your clients feel heard  
while getting to yes

After almost 10 years of practicing law, Mallory Deckard is now a registered domestic relations mediator. She offers mediation for divorce, custody, parenting time, child support, and guardianship (adult and minor) cases.



Tel: (812) 266-0276  
[mediate@deckardlawllc.com](mailto:mediate@deckardlawllc.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org),  
click the MEMBERS tab.

**Department of Child Services (DCS)** is seeking attorneys for our multi-attorney Knox County Office; apply and see how DCS is growing and changing!

The Evansville, Indiana office of **Jackson Kelly PLLC** has an opening in each of our real estate and corporate transactional practice for an attorney looking for the opportunity to work with great clients on challenging matters.

**Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP**, seeks to hire an experienced associate attorney to its litigation practice group.

**Pro Bono Indiana** is hiring a Legal Navigator and a Volunteer Attorney Coordinator for the southwest region.

**The Law Offices of Steven K. Deig, LLC** is seeking a trial attorney primarily in the area of domestic relations.

**Terrell, Born, Sullivan & Fiester** is looking to add one or more attorneys to its team!

**Woods & Woods, LLC** is seeking an attorney for a position which offers no court calendar, work from home capabilities, a casual work environment, and a flexible schedule.

**Ziemer Stayman Weitzel Shoulders, LLP** is seeking a highly-skilled and driven Legal Assistant to become a part of our team.

# WE ARE THE EBA



## **Magistrate Judge Matthew Brookman, United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana**

My wife and I moved to Evansville in 2001 when I became one of two Assistant United States Attorneys for the Southern District of Indiana to open a new Branch Office in Evansville. I served as a federal prosecutor with the Department of Justice for 15 years in Indiana, before being appointed by the District Court to be a Magistrate Judge in 2016.

**What always makes you laugh?** Various scenes from "Animal House," "Caddyshack" and "The Hangover"  
**What song would you sing at Karaoke night?** "Act Naturally," by Buck Owens.

**What was your first job?** General Merchandise Clerk, Schnucks Supermarket, St. Louis, Missouri

**Tell me a bit about your immediate family.** My wife and I met in college at DePauw University. We have three kids; a daughter who is a high school science teacher and Tennis Coach in Bloomington, Indiana, son who is a Junior at Wabash College, and a son who is an 8<sup>th</sup> Grader at Castle North Middle School.

**What is your favorite movie?** "The Godfather" (Part I or II)

**If you could live anywhere, where would that be?** Our family took a Summer vacation to Lake Tahoe, California, last year, and the scenery and weather were spectacular. However, I will always prefer to live in the Midwest.

**What's your favorite item in your office and why?** A photograph of my daughter and I at the beach when she was 2 years old. Her smile in the photo captures a state of pure happiness.

**If you could share a meal with four individuals, living or dead, who would they be?** My grandfather (deceased), my Dad (deceased) and my two older brothers (both living).



## **Julie Moore Holtz, Executive Director, EBA and EBF**

Four years with the Evansville Bar Association and Evansville Bar Foundation

**What are your hobbies?** Baking, embroidery and spending time with family and friends.

**What always makes you laugh?** Dad jokes.

**What was your first job?** Working at BalloonLand behind Eastland Mall in 1991. Before that, I would babysit every time I had the chance.

**Tell us about your immediate family.** I have been married to Brian for five years. Together, we have three children: Ella who is in her last year at University of Cincinnati; Maggie who will graduate from Roger Academy of Hair Design in July; Nicholas who is now a senior at Mater Dei.

**What's your favorite family tradition?** While decorating the Christmas tree each year since 1982, my dad has played *The Oak Ridge Boys Christmas* album. When my kids were born, I began to play the album when we would decorate our tree. You know it's Christmas when the song *Jesus Is Born Today* comes on and we all belt it out at the top of our lungs.

**What is your favorite movie?** GOONIES!

**What song would you sing at Karaoke?** *Don't Stop Believin'* by Journey

**If you could share a meal with four individuals, living or dead, who would they be?** My husband, my Grandma T., Maya Angelou and Pope Francis. I believe the conversation would be amazing!

**Who inspires you?** My kids. Each one of them is independent and full of determination.

**If you could not work for one year, what would you do?** Take my family on a tour of the world.



## **Kathleen Weston, Law Librarian and Pro Se Coordinator**

4.5 years at the William H. Miller Law Library

**Why did you decide the Law Librarian position was for you?** The position of the law librarian and pro se coordinator seemed like a great opportunity for me to work once again with lawyers and library patrons in areas where I am passionate: access to justice, books, and research.

**What are your hobbies?** Reading, riding my bicycle, and walking.

**What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?** Virginia Woolf wrote, "A self that goes on changing is a self that goes on living."

**What always makes you laugh?** My little black kitten when she found an open paper bag!

**What is your favorite movie?** *It Happened One Night*

**If you could live anywhere, where would it be?** If money is no object, I would live in London, England.

**What's your favorite item in your office and why?** The coffee mug holding my pens; it reminds me of my second hometown.

**What is one thing you will never do again?** Read *Ulysses* by James Joyce!

**If you could brush up on a skill or work on a new one, what would it be?** Playing the piano.

**If you were to describe yourself by a music genre, what would it be?** Classical—it's the only music I really know and it's been a part of my life for as long as I can remember.

**What is something on your bucket list you've completed? What do you still want to do?** I spend seven days exploring the city of Rome, Italy in November 2021. I hope to travel to Florence, Italy someday and do the same.

**Who Inspires you?** Jane Austen's novels continue to inspire me. They have taught me about friendship, love, and what really matters.

# JUNE 2022 CALENDAR

- 06/02 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 06/07 **Shepard Lecture Series Committee Meeting**—4:00pm, EBA Office
- 06/08 **EBA New Board Member Orientation**—11:00am, EBA Office
- EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 06/15 **CLE—Breakfast with the Judge: Hon. Andrea K. McCord, US Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Indiana**  
(1 CLE)—Light breakfast at 8:00am, CLE presentation at 8:30am—[REGISTER](#)
- EBA Diversity Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 06/16 **EBF New Board Member Orientation**—11:30am, EBA Office
- EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch and meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 06/21 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 06/23 **Women In The Law Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office; Lunch will be provided—[RSVP](#)

## SAVE-THE-DATE

- CLE - Top Ten Takeaways About Indiana's New Health Care Advance Directive** (1 CLE)—Friday, July 22, Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- Trivia Night**—Thursday, October 13, Doors open at 5:30pm with trivia at 6:00pm
- 33rd Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute**—Friday, November 4, 8:30am-4:00pm at DoubleTree

*Remember when...*



**AT THE MOCK TRIAL** from the 1965 Harrison High School yearbook.

**Judge Tim Burks confers with Attorney Charles Burger as Susan Rosencranz protests.**

**Thank you to Chief Justice Randall Shepard for sharing the photo.**