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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

By: Cliff Whitehead

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### SO LONG, FAREWELL

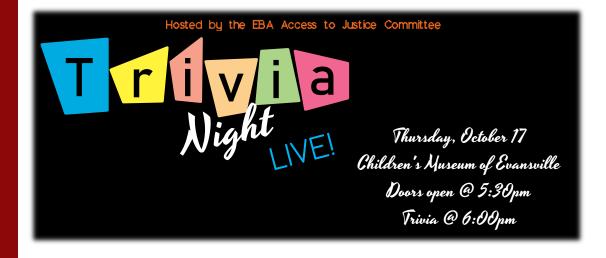
I have thoroughly enjoyed my opportunity to serve as President of the Evansville Bar Association. I also appreciate the hard work of the Board over this past year.

Aside from (heavily) promoting the EBA's social events to bring our membership together more often, my goal this past year was to encourage every member to keep their door open and ladder down for anyone looking for help.

With that in mind, I leave you with the wise words of Leo McGarry:

This guy's walking down a street when he falls in a hole. The walls are so steep, he can't get out. A doctor passes by, and the guy shouts up, "Hey you, can you help me out?" The doctor writes a prescription, throws it down in the hole and moves on. Then a priest comes along, and the guy shouts up "Father, I'm down in this hole, can you help me out?" The priest writes out a prayer, throws it down in the hole and moves on. Then a friend walks by. "Hey Joe, it's me, can you help me out?" And the friend jumps in the hole. Our guy says, "Are you stupid? Now we're both down here." The friend says, "Yeah, but I've been down here before, and I know the way out."

Thank you to Joe, Andy, Erin, Sacha, Yvette, Clay, and others who came before me. Good luck to Greg; can't wait for him to emcee virtual Trivia Night again. (Kidding, Greg. Trivia Night will be live and in person!)





# Meet the Cardidates

for Vanderburgh Circuit Court Judge

September 26, 2024\* Doors open at 11:30am Program and Lunch at Noon



Evansville Country Club 3810 Stringtown Road



Join us for lunch where candidates for Circuit Court Judge have the opportunity to speak to EBA members.

\$25 To RSVP

Call (812) 463-3201, email ashley@evvbar.org, or online at evvbar.org

The Member Lunch will coincide with the EBA Bench & Bar Conference. To attend the lunch only, please indicate when registering.

### **VLP** News

By: Senior Judge Sheila Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

The Volunteer Lawyer Program is a regional office of Pro Bono Indiana – Indiana's pro bono service provider for attorney volunteers to aid indigent and vulnerable individuals. Pro Bono Indiana is headquartered in Evansville and through Evansville has tried to lead efforts to create access to justice for low-income and vulnerable Hoosiers.

VLP served 965 individuals at the Vanderburgh County Help Desk last year and was one of the leading programs in the state for providing civil legal services to qualified self-represented litigants. We appreciate the hard work of all of VLP's partners and staff for helping with this project.

The Help Desk is a brief advice clinic hosted in Vanderburgh County's Law Library from 8am – 9am nearly every day that the Court is open. The help desk was created as part of the COVID-19 housing response to provide guidance to pro se litigants on the law regarding evictions. The help desk has continued as a way to assist pro se litigants with brief services.

We are proud of the work done and of everyone in Southwestern Indiana who has helped expand access to justice for litigants in need. There still continues to be a substantial need for self-represented litigants which is often limited by our capacity to help. Provisionally, there were approximately 2900 eviction filings in Vanderburgh County alone last year. https://

<u>publicaccess.courts.in.gov/ICOR</u> Help Desk is just one of the many clinics that VLP hosts as a way to assist people who are not able to afford a lawyer and people who may not be able to obtain a civil legal aid attorney.

Like many of VLP's clinics, the Help Desk is administered to be compliant with Indiana's Rules of Professional Conduct to limit potential conflicts to allow volunteers to provide brief legal services without creating conflict of interest issues for themselves or their firms. Reach out to max.happe@probonoindiana.org if you are interested in the work VLP does.

Thank you for volunteering.



John L. Sanders Memorial— Evansville Bar Foundation 2024-25 Board of Directors

Barbara Williams, President Bob Carithers, Vice President Carrie Lynn, Treasurer Laura Scott, Secretary

### At-Large

Aaron Allen Angela Freel Nicholas Golding Jillian Hanneken Mike Mitchell Judge Robert Pigman Aaron Tuley

EBA Representative to be determined at June board meeting.







Carrie Roelle President

A Ithough my time at the helm of the Foundation has come to an end, I am certain the Foundation will continue to thrive and progress in the coming year. On June 1,

2024, Barbara Williams will take over as President, with Bob Carithers (incoming Vice President), Carrie Lynn (incoming Treasurer), and Laura Scott (incoming Secretary) rounding out the Foundation's executive committee. The experience, intelligence, and advocacy of these four, as well as that of the current board members at large – Aaron Allen, Magistrate Molly Briles, Beau Dial, Angela Freel, Mike Mitchell, Judge Robert Pigman, and Aaron Tuley – have made the last year productive and enjoyable. Thank you all for your time and dedication to the Foundation. A special thank you to Beau Dial the representative from the EBA and Magistrate Briles as she "rolls off" the Board after serving four years. Her thoughtfulness and insight have been invaluable.

Not only am I thankful and proud of the Foundation Board, but also the EBA members whose continued donations are the key to helping fund community organizations that cultivate programs, services, and activities that promote public education or awareness of the law, improve the delivery of legal services to the community as a whole and specifically to indigent and vulnerable citizens, enhance the performance of practicing attorneys, and advance the administration of justice.

If you have already donated this grant cycle, thank you! If you have not, please consider doing so. No amount is too small. Your contribution will ensure the Evansville Bar Foundation will continue to have a meaningful impact on our community.

Donating is easy!

Mail a check to:
501 Main Street, Suite 101, Evansville, IN 47708 or
go to <a href="https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx">https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx</a> by clicking the
DONATE button.

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

The annual meeting of the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation will take place **Wednesday**, **June 12**, **2024** 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 Vanderburgh Law Library 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 12. 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 at

kweston@vanderburghgov.org.



# Annual Campaign Donors\*

### <u>Legacy of Leadership</u>

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\* 2024 Campaign donations received November 1-May 31, 2024

Registration and pre-payment required for all EBA CLE. A virtual option for most EBA CLE is available upon request.

Call (812) 463-3201, email <a href="mailto:Ashley@evvbar.org">Ashley@evvbar.org</a> or go online at <a href="mailto:evvbar.org">evvbar.org</a>.



MEMBER: \$30/CLE HOUR; NON-MEMBER: \$50/CLE HOUR

MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO START OF SESSION!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO

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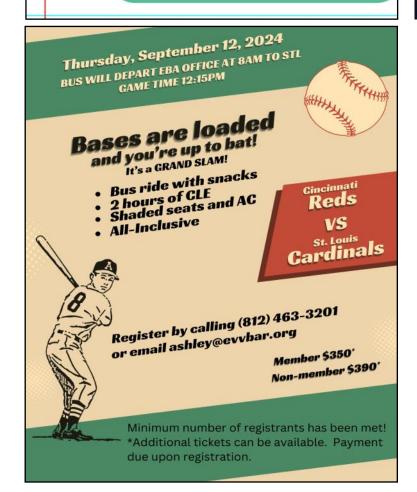
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH A LITTLE

FIRENDLY COMPETITION! WIN PRIZES!

JULY 29

3 CLE







### WHO'S DOING WHAT?



The Honorable Richard L. Young was applauded by the University of Evansville with an Honorary Degree—Doctor of Humane Letters during its 166th Commencement Ceremony. From his active roles in organizations like the Evansville Bar Association to his dedication to mental health advocacy, his impact is felt across diverse causes. The dedication of the UE Mental Health and Wellness Clinic and Emily M. Young Assessment Center in November 2023 stands as a lasting tribute to his commitment to mental health awareness and support. Congratulations, Judge Young.

Pictured above: Bob Jones, Judge Richard Young, and UofE President Christopher Pietruszkiewicz.



Vanderburgh Superior
Court Judge Wayne
Trockman received the
James F. Stanton Award at
the annual volunteer retreat
for the Indiana Judges and
Lawyers Assistance Program
on April 20, 2024. This
award is given for
exceptional service to JLAP
and the judges, law

students, and lawyers in Indiana who need help with issues or impairments impacting their ability to practice law, such as addiction, mental health, aging, and situational stressors. Congratulations, Judge Trockman.

Pictured above: Judge Trockman and JLAP Executive Director Terry Harrell.

Caroline Brinster with Dentons Bingham Greenebaum (Jasper) has been named to the Indiana Lawyer's Leadership in Law UP & COMINNG Lawyers. Congratulations, Caroline. Caroline will join the EBA Board of Directors as the Young Lawyer Representative





### **Bar Updates:**

Please welcome attorney member *Julia Langerak*. Please make these additions and updates to your contacts:

### Julia Langerak Berry Global

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luliaLangerak@berryglobal.com

### Eline van den Bossche Shoe Carnival

7500 East Columbia Street Evansville, Indiana 47715 (812) 867-4814

evandenbossche@scvl.com

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

For more information, go to <u>evvbar.org</u>, click the MEMBERS tab.

# WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Congratulations to **Terry White** who has been selected by the Indiana State Bar Association to serve as a District Representative for the 2024-2026 GP, Solo & Small Firm Section Council for District 8.



On May 2, 2024 Jeremy Kemper was formally sworn in as an Assistant U.S. Attorney by U.S. District Court Judge Matthew P. Brookman. Also in attendance at the ceremony were U.S. District Court Senior Judge Richard L. Young, U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Crystal S. Wildeman, U. S. Attorney Zachary A. Myers, United State's Attorney's Office Criminal Division Chief Nick Linder, Vanderburgh County Superior Court Judge Wayne Trockman, Jeremy's wife, Emily Kemper, a Vanderburgh County Superior Court Magistrate Judge, and many friends and family from various law enforcement agencies and court agencies. Jeremy previously served as a Vanderburgh County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

### **JUNE 2024**

- 06/06 Talk to a Lawyer—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 06/13 EBA Board of Directors Meeting—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 06/18 Talk to a Lawyer—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 06/20 EBF Board of Directors Meeting—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA/EBF Office

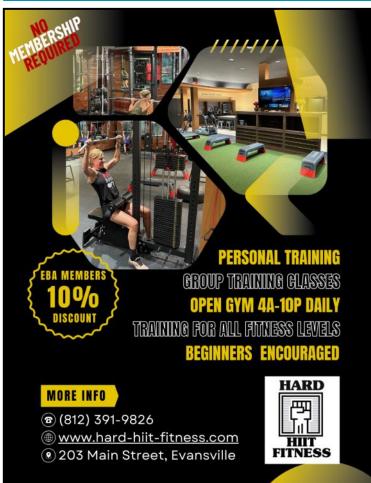
### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 07/18 BBQ @TheBar—Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 08/23 CLE—Mediation: Be Prepared! (3 CLE/3 CME) Light Breakfast at 8:00am, CLE at 8:30am, EBA Office—REGISTER
- 09/12 CLE—Bases Are Loaded! (2 CLE) Reds v. STL in STL—REGISTER, call (812) 463-3201 or email Ashley@evvbar.org
- 09/24 Shepard Lecture Series with Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush—Old Courthouse, 5:30pm
- 09/26 CLE—Bench & Bar Conference (6 CLE/1 Ethics/1 CME) Light Breakfast at 8:00am, CLE at 8:30am, ECC—REGISTER



09/26 **EBA Member Lunch: Meet the Candidates**—Noon, ECC—REGISTER

- 10/05 **25th Anniversary of the Evansville Bar Foundation**—6:00pm, Evansville Museum
- 10/17 **Trivia Night benefiting LAS, ILS and VLP**—Doors open at 5:30pm, Trivia at 6:00, CMoE
- 10/24 New Attorney Welcome Ceremony—5:15pm, Old Courthouse, Shepard Courtroom
- 11/08 CLE—35th Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute (CLE Pending) Light Breakfast at 8:00am, CLE at 8:30am; REGISTER, call (812) 463-3201 or email Ashley@evvbar.org



# let's get all fired up IT'S BBQ @THEBAR TIME! July 18 | 12-1 pm Evansville Bar Association 501 Main Street, Suite 101

Enjoy pulled pork and chicken with all the sides!

When it's gone, it's gone!

**DID YOU KNOW...**the EBA can refer potential clients to you through the Lawyer Referral Service (LRS)?

Bankruptcy
Disability Family Law

Criminal Small Claims

Contact <u>Ashley@evvbar.org</u> or (812) 463-3201 to become a member of the LRS.

\*Attorneys for all case types are welcome.