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The SUMMATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Greg Freyberger**

THE MAKINGS OF A GOOD LAWYER: COMMUNICATION



Over the next twelve months, I am honored to serve as President of the Evansville Bar Association. As a result, it is now my duty to draft twelve articles for the Summation. Given the finite amount of wit that I possess, I thought I'd write on the personal qualities and characteristics that I believe make a good lawyer. This subject matter should give me enough fodder with which to fill a year's worth of rambling, and hopefully will not come off as a lecture from the pulpit of my limited experience.

The first quality of a good lawyer is the ability to communicate effectively. Sounds simple enough, but when you think of the diverse audiences to whom we speak or write, it can be a daunting task to make your communication entertaining, credible, and educational... especially if the legal concepts you are talking about are complex. A jury of six in Southern Indiana may consist of a farmer, a nurse, a stay at home mom or dad, a college professor, a twenty-year-old social media influencer, and an over the road trucker. These six may not communicate in the same way, and may not use the same grammar or vernacular. They may come from opposite sides of the political spectrum, and they certainly will have differing day-to-day concerns in life. However, your role as a lawyer is to keep their attention on the subject matter and to persuade them to see your client's side of the story.

Even if you are not a trial lawyer, your clients may be just as varied. As their lawyer, you have to communicate in the client's language to give them the best understanding of what legal options they may have in a given transaction or legal scenario. And it is your job to alter your communication in the way they understand the best. Either way, whether it is in court, or on the phone, or by written word, or across the table, a critical skill for today's lawyer is his or her ability to communicate.

It's much the same as an IT professional trying to manage the expectations of a mid-size law firm. One lawyer is proficient in Office programs, while others struggle to be able to turn their computer on in the morning. As the IT professional, you are charged with picking firm-wide computer programs that each is able to use. In the same way, lawyers have to be able to communicate in a way that his or her audience can understand, regardless of their varying competency.

One has to use the ability to effectively communicate to entertain like **Scott Wylie**, educate like **Marco DeLucio**, and persuade like **Dennis Brinkmeyer**. Obviously, this list of skilled communicators is not exhaustive...we are proud as a bar association to have many good communicators among our ranks. But you get the point. Good lawyers have the ability to effectively communicate to both advocate for his or her client, or to effectively provide the legal options for the client to be best informed in making their legal decisions.

SIGN UP NOW FOR THE LAWYERS LUNCH CLUB!

WHAT IS THE LAWYERS LUNCH CLUB?

The Lawyers Lunch Club allows you to meet lawyers from different practice areas and firms. Participants are placed in diverse groups of 6-8, meeting once a month for lunch over three months. Each group decides their meeting time, day, and location. These lunches provide an excellent opportunity to build relationships with fellow lawyers in a small group setting.

THIS SESSION OF THE LAWYERS LUNCH CLUB RUNS FROM SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER.*

To join, email ashley@evvbar.org or call (812)463-3201.

**Even if you participated before, please sign up again to confirm your continued interest.*



MEMBER LUNCH

Meet the Candidates for Vanderburgh Circuit Court Judge

September 26, 2024*Doors open at 11:30am
Program and Lunch at NoonEvansville 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 was recently awarded a Community Good Grant by the Vanderburgh Community Foundation to support VLP's Second Chance and Debt Legal Service Clinic. This will help VLP to continue to provide this service to indigent individuals seeking to overcome barriers to employment and stable living situations.

The Second Chance and Debt Clinic is held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 11am to 1pm Central Time in the Vanderburgh County Law Library. The clinic offers legal assistance to individuals who cannot afford a lawyer with driver's license issues, expungement, general debt issues, eviction issues such as eviction sealing, and other similar civil legal matters. The clinic takes walk-ins and is a good place to navigate our community members who may need help with these issues.

Like many of VLP's clinics, the Second Chance and Debt Clinic 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. Legal volunteers are always welcome and encouraged to assist at VLP's clinics. VLP offers support, training, and malpractice insurance for volunteers. Reach out to max.happe@probonoindiana.org if you are interested in the work VLP does.

Thank you for volunteering.

Hosted by the EBA Access to Justice Committee to benefit Legal Aid Society of Evansville, Indiana Legal Services, and Pro Bono Indiana

Trivia Night

Thursday, October 17
Children's Museum of Evansville
Doors open @ 5:30pm
Trivia @ 6:00pm

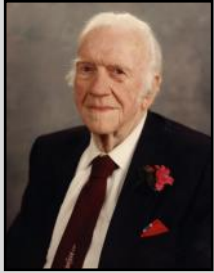
Register your team NOW!

<https://forms.gle/mRKHpTFsvTSTDmrr6>



Barbara Coyle Williams
President

I knew John Sanders. We both had offices in the Court Building when I moved to Evansville. We had many opportunities to talk about "the Law". He was a brilliant lawyer, charming, and yes, a bit eccentric. He usually had a flower in the lapel of his suit and then there was that old yellow Mercedes! Little did I know that a few years later, he would make such a substantial and generous gift to the EBA.



Wow! A million dollars! This endowment is for the purpose of "Promoting justice and improving lives through the law." This gift puts the EBA in a unique position. Very few bar associations in this country have anything like this. The John L. Sanders Memorial - Evansville Bar Foundation was

created to carry out the wishes of John Sanders in 1999. It does not seem possible, but the 25th Anniversary is here, and we are going to celebrate. Plans are underway, so mark your calendars for October 5, 2024. Much more information to come.

It is my privilege and honor to serve as the President of the Evansville Bar Foundation during this anniversary year. Many thanks to Carrie Roelle for her service as President this past year and for her nearly 10 years' service on both the EBA and EBF Boards. She has been a great leader and mentor to me.

During this anniversary year, I will look at all the Foundation has done in the past 25 years. I will tell you about some of the grant recipients and what they gave accomplished. I would like to provide a look back and look forward snapshot of people, programs, and points of interest.

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

If you have not donated in this grant cycle, please consider doing so. No amount is too small, and donating is quick and easy.

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.

Donating is easy!

Mail a check to:

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

Donate

The John L Sanders Memorial
**EVANSVILLE BAR
FOUNDATION**
is now
accepting grant
applications

JULY 1-JULY 31

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

More information can be found on the EBA website at evvbar.org under the **FOUNDATION** tab.

Questions?

Contact Julie Moore Holtz at julie@evvbar.org or (812) 463-3201.

**25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
JOHN L. SANDERS MEMORIAL
EVANSVILLE BAR FOUNDATION**

**PARTY
LIKE IT'S
1999!**

10/05/24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!

**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!
CONTACT JULIE AT (812) 463-3201 OR
JULIE@EVVBAR.ORG**

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 Ashley@evvbar.org or go online at evvbar.org.

SUMMER SCHOOL JULY 2024

JULY 1
3 CLE

PICTURE DAY!
ATTEND AND PAY FOR ALL THREE CLE TO GET A NEW HEADSHOT - AT NO CHARGE!

JULY 8
3 CLE

RECESS
TAKE A FEW MINUTES FOR FUN BETWEEN EACH CLE!

JULY 22
3 CLE/3 ETHICS

MOVIE DAY
THE GODFATHER, TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD AND THE JUSTICE LEAGUE

JULY 29
3 CLE

FIELD DAY
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH A LITTLE FRIENDLY COMPETITION! WIN PRIZES!

MEMBER: \$30/CLE HOUR; NON-MEMBER: \$50/CLE HOUR
MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO START OF SESSION!

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, CALL (812) 463-3201 OR EMAIL ASHLEY@EVVBAR.ORG



MEDIATION

BE PREPARED

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


EBA Office
501 Main Street, Suite 101

EBA Member \$115
Non-member \$175

To register, call (812) 463-3201, email ashley@evvbar.org, or go online at evvbar.org

Thursday, September 12, 2024

BUS WILL DEPART EBA OFFICE AT 8AM TO STL
GAME TIME 12:15PM



Bases are loaded and you're up to bat!


It's a GRAND SLAM!

- Bus ride with snacks
- 2 hours of CLE
- Shaded seats and AC
- All-Inclusive


**Cincinnati
Reds**
VS
St. Louis
Cardinals

Register by calling (812) 463-3201
or email ashley@evvbar.org

Member \$350*
Non-member \$390*



Minimum number of registrants has been met!
*Additional tickets can be available. Payment due upon registration.



BENCH & BAR CONFERENCE

09.26.24 | EVANSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

6 CLE/1 Ethics/up to 1 CME

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

EBA MEMBER \$235
NON-MEMBER \$355

To register, call (812) 463-3201, email ashley@evvbar.org, or go online at evvbar.org.

WHO'S DOING WHAT?



On May 14, 2024, the Southern District of Indiana held an award ceremony to honor the commitment and professionalism of a prosecution team and law enforcement in recent cases.

Congratulations to **Tuesdae Suttles** (front row far rt) and the team for receiving the Outstanding Collaborative Criminal Investigation award for their work on *U.S. v. Edwin Agbi*.

**Bar Updates:**

Please welcome new attorney member **Ron Walker** and non-attorney member **Kierra Allen**. Please make these additions and updates to your contacts:

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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!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, go to evvbar.org, click the MEMBERS tab.

Department of Child Services—Attorneys
 Henderson, KY—**Dorsey, Gray, Normnet, & Hunter**—
 Legal Assistant

The Law Offices of Steven K. Deig—Attorneys
Legal Aid Society of Evansville—Full-time Staff Attorney

Stoll Keenon Ogden—Mid-Level Associate
U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana,
Evansville Division—Judicial Law Clerk to District Judge
 Matthew P. Brookman

Vanderburgh Co. Prosecutor's Office—Deputy
 Prosecutor

Vanderburgh Co. PD Agency—Full-time Attorney

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: LAW LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Thank you for your support of the William H. Miller Law Library and the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation. At the annual meeting of the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation, the following board members and officers were elected:

Officers

President, Circuit Court Rep. Hon. Carl Heldt, Vanderburgh Circuit Court
 Vice-President Kevin Gibson, Legal Aid Society of Evansville
 Secretary Kathryn Kornblum, Vanstone & Kornblum
 Treasurer Craig Emig, Jones•Wallace, LLC

Board Membership for the 2024-2025 Term:

Charles Berger, Berger & Berger, LLP
 Magistrate Molly Briles, Vanderburgh Superior Court
 Hon. Sheila Corcoran, Vanderburgh Superior Court; VLP Board Member Rep.
 Mallory Deckard, Deckard Law, LLC
 Steven Hoar, Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn
 Yvette LaPlante, Gonterman & Meyer
 Hon. Thomas Massey, Vanderburgh Superior Court; Superior Court Rep.
 Scott Stratman, Stone & Stratman, LLP
 Magistrate Celia Pauli, Vanderburgh Circuit Court; EBA Rep.

Congratulations to the board members and officers that will serve the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation in the coming year. 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).

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

JULY 2024

- 07/01 **CLE—Summer School: Picture Day! Attend one, two or all three replays!** EBA Office or Zoom*
 9:00am - **What Not to Do, Not to Say, and Not to Wear in Court** (1 CLE)– Judge Melissa S. May—[REGISTER](#)
 10:00am - **Your Law Practice and Social Media** (1 CLE) – Lane Siesky—[REGISTER](#)
 11:00am - **DWI for Dummies** (1 CLE) – Mark Foster—[REGISTER](#)
- 07/04-07/07 **EBA Office CLOSED** for Independence Day! Happy 4th of July!
- 07/08 **CLE—Summer School: Recess! Attend one, two or all three replays!** EBA Office or Zoom*
 9:00am - **Working with Non-English-Speaking Clients and Court Interpreters** (1 CLE) – Laura Tomes—[REGISTER](#)
 10:00am - **Bankruptcy and Divorce: What Every Family Law Practitioner Needs to Know** (1 CLE) – Kevin Kinkade—[REGISTER](#)
 11:00am - **Indiana's New Child Support Guidelines 2023** (1 CLE)– Judge Shively and Judge Kratochvil—[REGISTER](#)
- 07/09 **EBA Paralegal and Legal Staff Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office (Zoom by request—email julie@evvbar.org)
- 07/11 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 07/16 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 07/18 **BBQ @TheBar**—Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office; Enjoy BBQ with all the sides! *Come early because when it's gone, it's gone!*
- 07/22 **CLE—Summer School: Movie Day! Attend one, two or all three replays!** EBA Office or Zoom*
 9:00am - **Atticus Finch and the Rules of Professional Conduct** (1 CLE/1 Ethics) – Raymond Dudlo—[REGISTER](#)
 10:00am - **Ethical Lessons from The Godfather** (1 CLE/1 Ethics) – Judge Margaret Robb—[REGISTER](#)
 11:00am - **Be an Access to Justice Hero: Tips and Strategies for Successful Pro Bono Representation** (1 CLE/1 Ethics) – Scott Wylie—[REGISTER](#)
- 07/29 **CLE—Summer School: Field Day! Attend one, two or all three replays!** EBA Office or Zoom*
 9:00am - **Life Cycle of an LLC** (1 CLE) – Will Cartwright—[REGISTER](#)
 10:00am - **Show Me the Money: Documenting the Seller Financing Transaction** (1 CLE) – Laura Scott—[REGISTER](#)
 11:00am - **The Corporate Transparency Act** (1 CLE) – Heather Lobermann—[REGISTER](#)

* Must indicate at time of registration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 08/23 **CLE—Mediation: Be Prepared! (3 CLE/3 CME)** - Light Breakfast 8:00am, CLE 8:30am, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 09/10 **Legacy Lawyer Social**—4:00-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 09/12 **CLE—Bases Are Loaded! (2 CLE)** - Reds v. STL in STL— to 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 8:00am, CLE 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**—Doors open 5:30pm, Trivia 6:00, CMoE
- 10/23 **CLE—Commercial Real Estate Transactions: Deciphering Surveys and Understanding Title Policy Endorsements** (1 CLE) - Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/24 **New Attorney Welcome** —Ceremony 5:30pm, Old Courthouse, Shepard Courtroom; Reception to follow.
- 10/25 **CLE—Hot Topics for In-House Counsel** (CLE PENDING) - Light breakfast 8:00am, CLE 8:30am, Welborn Community Room (15th Floor of 5/3 Tower)

Legal Aid Society of Evansville
invites you to a

Retirement Reception

for

Garvin Genn

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024
2:00PM
3rd Floor break room in the
Civic Center Admin Building



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