

# The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Cliff Whitehead**

### STOP RIGHT NOW! OPEN YOUR CALENDAR.



As summer comes to a close and my kids get ready to return to school, I find myself reminiscing about my summer breaks growing up that, now 20 years later, I realize I took for granted. Those built-in breaks provided my body, and more importantly my mind, a natural reset and reenergized me for the year ahead, even getting me excited to get back into the classroom, although I would never have admitted it at the time. While annual 2-3 month breaks may not be a reasonable expectation as an attorney, true breaks must become a more important focus for each of us.

Putting it simply, taking a true break is hard for attorneys. Whether you are a first-year associate or well-established partner, somebody always wants something from you and your life is often scheduled months, if not years in advance. We are often so set in our ways that we do not realize that to the outside world, it is not normal to know where we will be in May 2024 (trial with Judge Brookman). Our calendars are often filled to the brim with work obligations that the thought of scheduling a week-long vacation becomes daunting. Then, as it approaches, the burden of preparing for the vacation takes on a new life, often involving calls with opposing counsel, asking coworkers for help with coverage, and motions to continue or for extensions of time. Then, once on vacation, we are still inundated with calls, texts, or emails, to which our out-of-office message only offers a measly defense.

In a profession that is sometimes known for its high levels of substance abuse, suicide, and an overall lack of mental wellness, long periods of time without true breaks take a toll that is not only borne by each of us, individually, but also by our friends and families. This never-ending inability to take a true break has become normalized and is not sustainable. We, as attorneys, need to be better about taking breaks, *true* breaks. Breaks that involve turning off email notifications on your phone, telling your office you are completely unavailable, and either telling clients that we will respond when we get back to the office or, god forbid, not responding until you return (because we all know their response will be "real quick, while I have you" followed by a bar exam-like fact pattern).

Thankfully, our Bar gets it, and I have never had an attorney or judge give me a hard time about rescheduling something due to a vacation. Given that, this is your personal reminder to schedule a *true* break. So, stop right now, open your calendar and block off some time; whether it's before the end of summer, this winter, next summer, or a random time during the year, schedule a break. You've earned it. In the words of Peter Gibbons, "I did absolutely nothing, and it was everything I thought it could be."

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# LAWYERS LUNCH CLUB

## **SIGN UP NOW!**

### *WHAT IS THE LAWYERS LUNCH CLUB?*

The Lawyers Lunch Club is an opportunity to meet members of the bar in other practice areas and firms. Lawyers who sign up for the lunch club are placed in a diverse group of 6-8 lawyers, who meet once a month for lunch, for three months. The groups are autonomous—they pick their own meeting time, day, and location based on their schedules. These lunches are a great way to forge relationships with other lawyers in a small group setting.

This session of Lawyers Lunch Club will run September through November.\*

**To join the fun, email [ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org) or call (812)463-3201 by August 25, 2023.**

If you are interested in being a Group Captain, let us know when you sign up!

*\*Even if you have participated in the past, please re-sign up so we only include those who still want to participate.*

## VLP News

By: Senior Judge Sheila Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

As we have reported before, VLP has received substantial support from the Indiana Bar Foundation and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority to increase services for families facing housing instability. These funds, part of a multi-year statewide grant of over thirteen million dollars to the civil legal aid system, have supported VLP's daily help desk in the Law Library along with bi-weekly clinics to help address the underlying legal challenges that lead to housing instability and homelessness. If your office is presented with a client facing housing challenges or an eviction, you can send them to VLP's help desk from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on weekdays for guidance. As with all of VLP's local clinics, it is located in the Law Library, Room 207 of the Courthouse. Additional information on available help can be found at the state's legal self-help website, [www.indianalegalhelp.org](http://www.indianalegalhelp.org), or at a legal services kiosk in the Law Library or EVPL locations downtown and on Franklin Street. If you or a member of your firm would be interested in volunteering for the help desk or other services, contact Scott Wylie at [scott.wylie@probonoindiana.org](mailto:scott.wylie@probonoindiana.org).

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**END OF SUMMER PARTY**



**Aug 23, 23** ● **4PM-6PM**

501 Main Street, Suite 101  
Downtown Evansville

Hosted by the EBA Access to Justice Committee

**Trivia**  
*Night*

*Thursday, October 19*

*Children's Museum of Evansville*

*Doors open @ 5:30pm*

*Trivia @ 6:00pm*



**Carrie Roelle**  
President

Over \$22,000 – that is the amount of money your fellow colleagues and EBA members donated to the Evansville Bar Foundation last year!

Look at the column on the right à

Those are your colleagues who have donated to the EBF's current campaign. I am amazed and thankful for the generosity of our Bar and proud of the grant money we have awarded throughout the history of the Foundation.

However, each year the grant committee must make tough decisions because we are only able to fund a portion of the grant requests we receive. Based on the grant applications from July, this year will be no different.

Although 13.5% of EBA members have donated to the Foundation in the past year, there are 450 of our EBA colleagues who have not. Imagine what a difference just \$25 to \$50 per person could make in the Foundation's ability to fully fund the grant requests it receives.

If you have not donated to the EBF before, or have not yet donated this year, please consider doing so today. Donating is quick and easy:

Mail a check to 501 Main Street, Suite 101, Evansville, 47708 or go to <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx>.

**Donate**

## LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: FAMILY LAW AND PRO SE CLINICS

As you know, the law library hosts legal clinics operated by the Volunteer Lawyer Program/Pro Bono Indiana (VLP/PBI). The Family Law Clinic meets on the first and third Thursday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for scheduled appointments. The Pro Se Clinic meets on the second and fourth Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and offers walk-in litigants assistance with questions about their legal needs. In addition, self-represented litigants may stop by the daily in-person help desk from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in the William H. Miller Law Library.

This partnership between VLP/PBI and the law library helps make it possible for self-represented litigants involved in civil matters to receive guidance on how to successfully navigate the court system, obtain appropriate pro se pleadings, access self-help materials, and take advantage of online legal resources. Your generous donations and ongoing commitment to the Law Library Foundation and the law library ensure that the people in this community have access to these legal services and pro se clinics. Thanks for your ongoing support!

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)).



## Annual Campaign Donors\*

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### Friends of the Foundation

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\* 2023 Campaign donations received November 1, 2022-July 31, 2023

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).

# BARRISTERS & Bets



Henderson County Bar Association



Friday, August 18, 2023



Ellis Park, Henderson

8:15am Doors Open - Sky Lounge

8:45am Just Across the River: Local Practice Tips  
Marcy Groves, Groves Law  
Ashley Hampton, Hampton Law

9:45am Hearsay Exceptions and Tips from 50  
Years of Practice  
Stan Levco

11:00am Bet the Horses - Stan Levco

11:30am Lunch

11:45pm Post Time

**\$100**

Includes two (2) CLE approved in Indiana  
and Kentucky, reserved seating, lunch,  
and racing form.

*Seating is  
limited!*



Register at (812) 463-3201 or [ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org).

## ETHICS POTPOURRI

3 CLE/3 ETHICS

SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 AM-NOON

CHECK-IN AND LIGHT BREAKFAST AT 8:00 AM  
EBA OFFICE—501 MAIN STREET, SUITE 101

\$100 FOR EBA MEMBER  
\$160 FOR NON-MEMBER

TO REGISTER,  
CALL (812) 463-3201, OR  
EMAIL [ASHLEY@EVVBAR.ORG](mailto:ASHLEY@EVVBAR.ORG).

## APPLIED PROFESSIONALISM

FOR THE NEW ATTORNEY

6 CLE/6 Applied Professionalism/ 6 Ethics

Friday, September 22

8:30am-4:00pm

Check-in and light breakfast at 8:00am  
Evansville Bar Association  
501 Main Street, Suite 101

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

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FREE for EBA Member  
0-3 Years in Practice

\$100 for Non-member  
0-3 Years Practice

\$190 for EBA Member  
4+ Years in Practice

WHO'S DOING WHAT?



The Investiture of the **Honorable Matthew P. Brookman** was held in Courtroom 301 of the Federal Building in Evansville on Friday, July 21, 2023.



Congratulations to **Trisha Dudlo** and **G. Michael Schopmeyer** on being named to the IJB Media Indiana 250 Most Influential Business Leaders in Indiana in the Law category.

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**Bar Updates:**

Welcome new attorney member **Karey Cain** and law student **Grant Barnett**. Please make the following additions and updates to your contacts:

**Grant Barnett**  
Law Student  
[genlgrant@gmail.com](mailto:genlgrant@gmail.com)

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org), click the **MEMBERS** tab. Job postings can be found under **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!**

PLEASE JOIN THE  
POSEY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
AS WE HONOR OUR MEMBERS WHO HAVE  
BEEN IN THE LAW FOR 50 YEARS OR MORE.

50 YEARS

BILL GOODEN  
HANK HUDSON  
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AUGUST

09

4:30 PM

POSEY COUNTY CIRCUIT COURTROOM  
300 MAIN STREET  
MT. VERNON, INDIANA

You Are Invited To A  
**RETIREMENT**  
*Open House*  
For

Hon. Brett Niemeier

Friday, August 11, 2023  
11:00am to 1:00pm  
Vanderburgh County Courts Building  
Juvenile Courtroom

Food and drinks will be provided.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

## AUGUST 2023 CALENDAR

- 08/01 **EBA Family Law Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 08/03 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 08/09 **EBA Young Lawyer Section: Brown Bag Lunch and Learn**—Noon, EBA Office
- 08/10 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am with meeting at noon, EBA Office
- 08/14 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 08/16 **Why Retirees Fail**—4:30-6:00pm, hosted at the EBA Office with presentation at 5:00pm with Lifetime Financial Growth; Food and beverages will be served—[RSVP](#)
- 08/17 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am with meeting at noon, EBA/EBF Office
- 08/18 **Barristers & Bets** (2 CLE IN and KY)—CLE begins at 8:45am, Ellis Park Sky Lounge—CLE, reserved seating, lunch, racing form and tips included!—[REGISTER](#)
- 08/22 **EBA Diversity Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 08/23 **Bar @TheBar: End of Summer Party**—4:00-6:00pm, EBA Office

## SAVE-THE-DATE

- 09/13 **EBA Member Lunch**—Doors open at 11:30am, Lunch and program at Noon, Location TBD
- 09/19 **Legacy Lawyer Social**—4:00-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 09/22 **CLE—Applied Professionalism for the New Attorney** (6 CLE/6 AP/6 Ethics) - 8:30am-4:00pm, EBA Office, light breakfast at 8:00am—[REGISTER](#)
- 09/22 **CLE—Ethics Potpourri** (3 CLE/3 Ethics) - 8:30am-Noon, EBA Office, light breakfast at 8:00am—[REGISTER](#)

## SAVE-THE-DATE CONT.

- 09/26 **Shepard Lecture Series with guest Lahny R. Silva, Professor of Law and Dean's fellow, IU McKinney School of Law**—Doors open at 5:00pm, presentation at 5:30pm, Old Courthouse
- 09/27 **Pizza @TheBar**—Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 10/19 **Trivia Night to benefit LAS and VLP**—Doors open at 5:30pm, Trivia begins at 6:00pm, cMoe
- 10/20 **CLE—Hot Topics for In-House Corporate Counsel** (6 CLE/1 Ethics Pending)—8:30am-4:00pm, EBA Office
- 10/27 **CLE—Family Law Update** (6 CLE/1 Ethics Pending)—8:30am-4:00pm, EBA Office
- 11/09 **New Lawyer Welcome Celebration**—5:00-7:00pm, Program at 5:15pm, Old Courthouse
- 11/10 **CLE—34th Annual Estate & Business Planning Institute** (6 CLE/up to 1 Ethics Pending)—8:30am-4:00pm, DoubleTree
- 11/15 **Bar @TheBar**—4:00-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 12/27 **CLE—Procrastinators' Delight: The Final Countdown** (up to 6 CLE Pending)
- 12/28 **CLE—Procrastinators' Delight: All Ethics, All Day** (up to 6 CLE/6 Ethics Pending)



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**Hosted by:**  
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**Presented by:**  
Ryan Brace and Julie Weyer  
Lifetime Financial Growth

**August 16, 2023**  
**4:30 PM CST**

501 Main Street  
Suite 101  
Evansville, IN 47708

**RSVP:**  
[julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org)



*Register here*

**Why Retirees Fail...**

Did you know that many people who achieve success in their careers often fail in retirement? That is, they find themselves with increasing financial stress and hardship at a time when they are supposed to be enjoying themselves.

Why? Because traditional financial planning does not account for the 5 Critical Risks that cause retirements to fail.

Join us for an informative session and dinner as we discuss these risks and more importantly, show you the solutions for reducing or eliminating all of them.



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