

The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Greg Freyberger**

THE MAKINGS OF A GOOD LAWYER: EMPATHY

Given the current condition of our political landscape, empathy and compassion seem to be bygone qualities. We have polarized ourselves based on our political views, the candidates we support, or the social issues of our time. The recent attempt on former President Donald Trump's life at his campaign event in Pennsylvania is just an example of how we have begun to vilify those who disagree with our viewpoints. Now, more than ever, we are called upon as a profession to use empathy and compassion in our work.



The use of empathy should not be viewed as a weakness. Too often do we hear that our clients want a "bulldog" who will win at all costs. While there's certainly a place for zealous advocacy, and while I would never argue that an attorney should not pursue the best interests of his or her client, I think we underestimate the benefits that common empathy can have for your client.

Empathy is simply having the ability to view an issue from the other party's viewpoint. It's the ability to feel and understand the feelings of another. An attorney who is skilled at empathy is able to identify the major issues effecting the other side. In addressing those issues, you more adeptly advocate the positions of your own client. Too often, parties fail to reach a resolution to their disputes because they are hung up on some personal issue that is relatively irrelevant to the legal dispute. As an example, many personal injury disputes could be avoided if the at-fault party in a car accident just paid the replacement value of the damaged personal property. When this is not done, the party who was not liable ends up feeling victimized because they cannot replace their damaged property. They feel the need to "get even," justified by the unfairness of being involuntarily placed in a lesser position than they were in before the accident.

It has become clear to me in my mediation practice that it is a rare occasion that one party is overtly misrepresenting facts to support their position. Typically, that party is simply viewing an issue through their personal lens, giving them a perspective not shared by their opponent. It is remarkable how two people can see an issue completely differently, though it's understandable given the common bias that people bring to a situation. By trying to understand each party's biases, and how each party may be internalizing a dispute, an attorney can better guide the party to a resolution.

Given the importance of empathy in the mediator's toolbox, it is no surprise that **Ross Rudolph**, **Tim Born**, **Tim Klingler**, and **Ed Johnson** come to mind as our local practitioners from whom we can take lessons. I'm also reminded of EBA members such as **Carrie Roelle** and **Lane Siesky** as attorneys with a strong sense of empathy. Their ability to mentally stand in the shoes of their opponents or their clients allows them to see issues from a different perspective, making them more effective in their ability to persuade.



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: Max Happe

All of us at the Volunteer Lawyer Program would like to thank Garvin Senn for his valuable service of aiding Hoosiers who would not otherwise be able to afford help with their civil legal needs. Enjoy retirement, Garvin.

Many of us may want to retire someday. I am sure one of the biggest reasons we all have not is the concern that we could not help our community by volunteering with VLP. Don't worry, even if you are retired, have an inactive license, or are holding a business counsel license, you can still volunteer to help people in need with their legal issues!

In-state and out-of-state attorneys can get a Pro Bono Publico License under Admission and Discipline Rule 6.2. There is no fee to apply. If you were admitted in Indiana, all you have to do is file with the State Board of Law Examiners an affidavit of intent to be devoted solely to the provision of pro bono legal services. If approved for the license you can provide pro bono legal services through a pro bono program like VLP. VLP can then provide opportunities that fit your goals of helping the community from brief, one-time legal advice all the way to being able to devote your attention to fully care for someone's legal issue.

I am sure this knowledge can make your retirement plans a little less stressful. Thank you for volunteering!

VLP offers support, training, and malpractice insurance for volunteers. Reach out to max.happe@probonoindiana.org if you are interested in

Did you know...

...in-state and out-of-state attorneys can get a Pro Bono Publico License under Admission and Discipline Rule 6.2?

What does that mean, you ask? Read VLP News to find out! Or, contact

max.happe@probonoindiana.org.

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

In the coming year, I will highlight past Evansville Bar Foundation grant recipients.

Youth Resources of Southwestern Indiana, Inc. - more specifically, the Teen Court program - is a longstanding recipient of the Evansville Bar Foundation. Teen Court, which serves as a youth driven alternative to traditional juvenile court, is a program that combines youth development with juvenile justice by involving young people in the community decision-making process for sanctioning their peers who have violated the rule of law. Teen Court offers a safe place to serve and learn as well as opportunities to develop leadership skills. Teen Court is operated in partnership with the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office and the Evansville Police Department.

In 2023, over \$22,000.00 was donated to the Foundation by our fellow colleagues and EBA members. Thank you to all who donated. This year, we are committed to raising even more, in order to continue funding grants for worthy programs. Every year the Board must make difficult decisions because we are not able to fund every application.

This year, there is a unique opportunity to raise funds as we celebrate the Foundations 25th Anniversary! Get ready to step into a time machine because we're going to party like it's 1999, and we want you to join the celebration as a key supporter. SPONSORSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE! Contact Julie@evvbar.org for more information.

If you have not donated to the EBF before, or have not this year, please consider doing so now. ***Donating is quick and easy!***

Mail a check to:

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

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).

EVANSVILLE BAR FOUNDATION

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 5, 2024

6:00-10:00pm

Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science



Oh, snap! Get ready to step into a time machine because in 2024, the John L. Sanders Memorial - Evansville Bar Foundation is turning 25! We're gonna party like it's 1999, and you're invited to join the celebration.

Music by DJ Chidi will make you want to get jiggy with it as he blasts all your favorite hits from the 90s. Dig out your most fly 1999 attire or just roll up as you are - it's all about the vibes, baby!

And of course, what's a party without some grub and drinks? We've got you covered on that front too. So mark your calendars and get ready to party like it's Y2K all over again!

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JULIE@EVVBAR.ORG**

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EBA
EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

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

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Wages Earned, Lessons Learned

Effective Procedures for
 Post-Judgment Collections

1 CLE

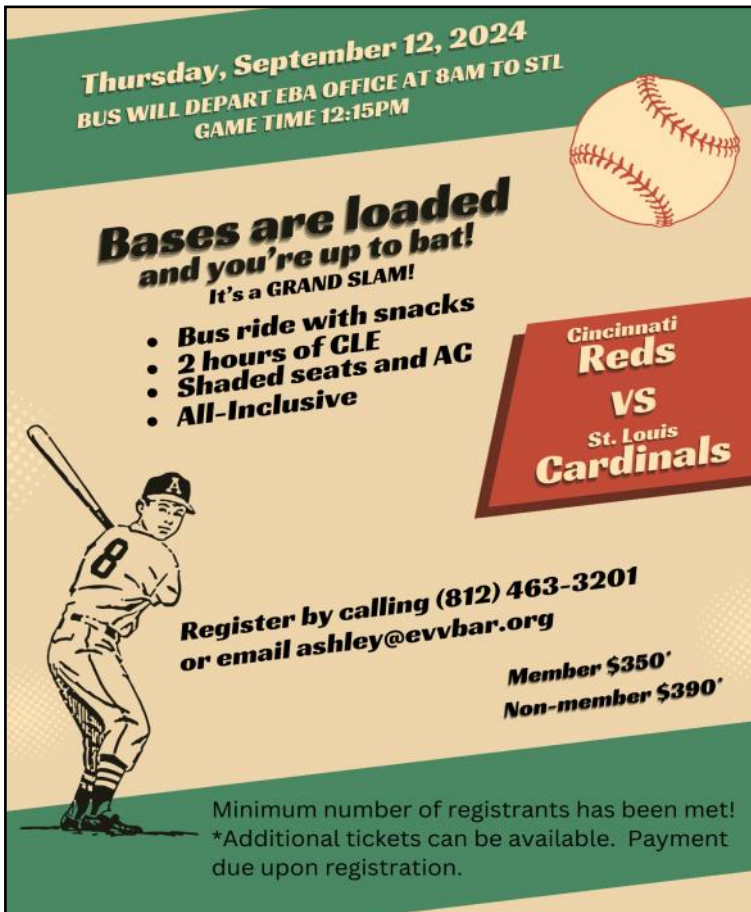
Wednesday, August 28, 2024
 Noon-1PM

Michael DiRienzo, KDDK
 Jackson Treadway, KDDK

EBA Office
 501 Main Street, Suite 101

Member \$30
 Non-member \$50

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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!

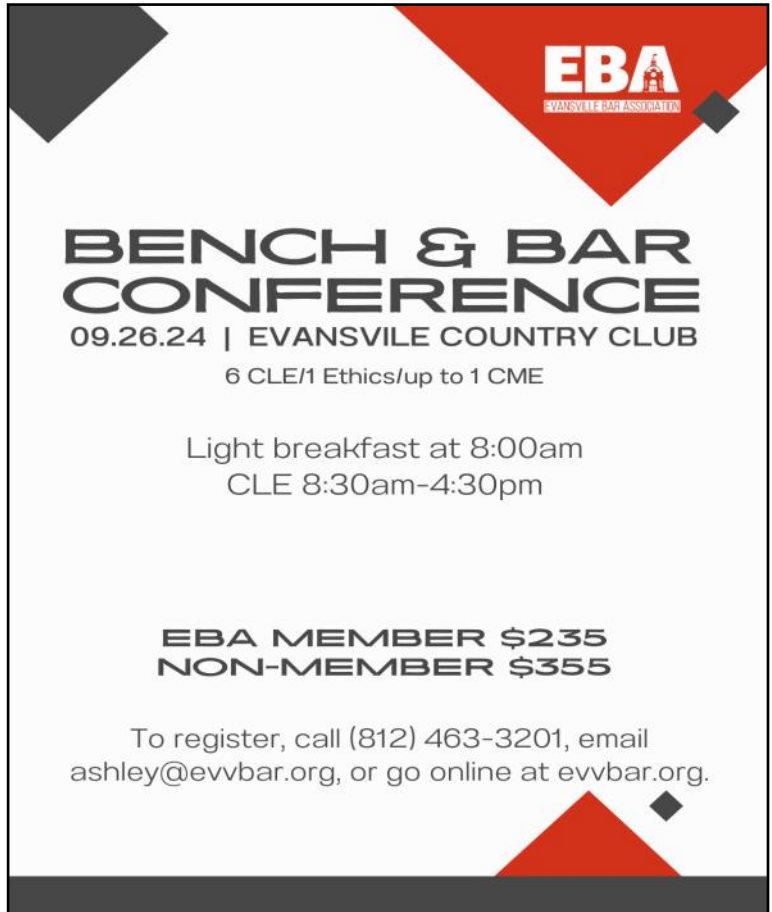
- Bus ride with snacks
- 2 hours of CLE
- Shaded seats and AC
- All-Inclusive

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.



EBA
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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

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**2024
Hot Topics
for In-House
Corporate Counsel**
CLE Pending

10/25/2024 | Welborn Community Room
8:30am-3:30pm | Fifth Third Tower - 15th Floor

Section Member	\$165
Member	\$195
Non-member	\$325

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go online at evvbar.org.




35TH ANNUAL
EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION
**Estate & Business
Planning Institute**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024
DoubleTree - Downtown Evansville
Check in and light breakfast at 8:00am
Sessions begin at 8:30am; Adjourn at 4:00pm

EBA Member	\$295
Non-member	\$345

IN and KY Attorneys: 6 CLE/1 Ethics
Insurance Professionals: 6 CE
Indiana CPAs: 7.2 CE
CFP: 4 CE (Pending) 2 Ethics (Approved)



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UPCOMING CLE

- 08/23 **CLE—Mediation: Be Prepared! (3 CLE/3 CME)** - Light Breakfast at 8:00am, CLE at 8:30am, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 08/28 **CLE—Wages Earned and Lessons Learned: Effective Procedures for Post-Judgment Collections (1 CLE)** - Noon-1:00pm,
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
- 09/26 **CLE—Bench & Bar Conference (6 CLE/1 Ethics/1 CME)** - Light Breakfast at 8:00am, CLE at 8:30am, ECC—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/23 **CLE—Commercial Real Estate Transactions: Deciphering Surveys and Understanding Title Policy Endorsements**
(1 CLE) - Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/25 **CLE—Hot Topics for In-House Counsel (CLE PENDING)** - Light breakfast at 8:00am, CLE at 8:30am, EBA Office
- 11/08 **CLE—35th Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute** (IN and KY attorneys: 6 CLE/1 Ethics; CFP PENDING: 4
CE/2 Ethics; CAP 7.2; IN Insurance: 6 CE) - Light Breakfast at 8:00am, CLE at 8:30am; To register, call
(812) 463-3201 or email Ashley@evvbar.org
- 12/06 **CLE—Hot Topics: Always Fast, Always Fun!** (CLE PENDING) - Light breakfast at 8:00am, CLE at 8:30am, EBA Office
- 12/17 **CLE—Trial Procedure**—MORE DETAILS TO COME!
- 12/26 **CLE—Procrastinators' Delight: The Final Countdown!** (Up to 6 CLE)—Attend one hour or all six! (TITLES TO COME!)
- 12/27 **CLE—Procrastinators' Delight: All Ethics, All Day!** (Up to 6 CLE/6 Ethics)—Attend one hour or all six! (TITLES TO COME!)

WHO'S DOING WHAT?

CONGRATULATIONS TO...



...**Trisha Dudlo-McCracken** who has been named as one of the IBJ Media 2024 Indiana 250 Most Influential Business Leaders in Indiana. Trisha is the managing partner at Dentons Bingham Greenebaum—Evansville.

...**Max Happe** who has been named to the 2024 20 Under 40 by the Rotary Club of Evansville. Max is the managing attorney at Volunteer Lawyer Program.



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Bar Updates:

Please welcome law student member **DaTonya Shumaker**. Please make these additions and updates to your contacts:

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

- Department of Child Services**—Attorneys
- The Law Offices of Steven K. Deig**—Attorneys
- Stoll Keenon Ogden**—Mid-Level Associate
- Vanderburgh Co. Prosecutor's Office**—Deputy Prosecutor
- Vanderburgh Co. PD Agency**—Full-time Attorney

In case you missed it

In an interview for the Indiana Lawyer podcast, EBA **President Greg Freyberger** chats about his role as president and the challenges the association faces.

Listen here at the 12:00 mark:

<https://www.podbean.com/ep/pb-vd9hk-1678bae>

WE INVITE YOUR FIRM TO HOST A TALK TO A LAWYER EVENT

NO EXPERTISE IN CIVIL LAW?

NO PROBLEM



You will have this support during your event:

- Civil Law Reference Book
- VLP Staff Available to Help
- Legal Navigation Resources
- Lunch or Dinner Upon Request



RESERVE A
DATE
 TODAY

1st Thursday 4:30PM-6PM
 3rd Tuesday 11:30AM-1PM

max.happe@probonoindiana.org
 812-402-6303

Shepard
 Lecture Series

The Evansville Bar Association and Evansville Bar Foundation present

Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush

Tuesday, September 24
 5:30pm

Old Courthouse
 Shepard Courtroom

Open to the public!

Doors open at 5:00pm; Reception to follow

CONNECT, COLLABORATE, AND CELEBRATE!



You are invited to

Meet us at Mo's

AUGUST, 1, 2024 | 4:00-6:00PM

**MO'S HOUSE
1114 PARRETT STREET**

Join Michele Bryant and Alyssa Ricker, Co-Chairs of the EBA Women in Law Section, for the exciting kick-off of the upcoming year! Bring your ideas for events, experiences, and meetings as we plan for 2024-2025. Enjoy refreshments and beverages while connecting with colleagues and friends.

The EBA Young Lawyer Section is excited to invite all young lawyers, legal interns, associates, and clerks to the

End of
SUMMER
Party

08-01-24 5-7PM

Mo's House 1114 Parrett Street

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with colleagues, share experiences, and unwind after a busy summer.

Don't miss out on this chance to relax and celebrate your hard work!

No RSVP required!



We look forward to seeing you there.

JOIN THE

LAWYERS
Lunch Club

The Lawyers Lunch Club connects lawyers from various practice areas and firms. Groups of 6-8 meet monthly for lunch over three months, choosing their meeting times and locations. These lunches offer a great chance to build relationships in a small group setting.

**Join now for Sept-Oct-Nov
by email at ashley@evvbar.org
or call (812) 463-3201**

Deadline to join this session is August 3.



LUNCH

SAVE-THE-DATE

**CAROLING AT THE
COURTHOUSE:
THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

MORE DETAILS TO COME!




WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

AUGUST 2024

- 08/01 **Meet Us at Mo's hosted by the EBA Women in Law Section**—4:00-6:00pm (Stop by when you can and leave when you want!), Mo's House at 1114 Parrett Street, 47713
Talk to a Lawyer—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
EBA Young Lawyer Section End of Summer Open House! - 5:00-7:00pm, Mo's House at 1114 Parrett Street, 47713
- 08/08 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 08/15 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 08/19 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 08/22 **EBA Bench and Bar Committee Meeting**—Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 08/23 **CLE—MEDIATION: Be Prepared** (3 CLE/3 CME) —8:30am-Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 08/27 **EBA CLE Committee Meeting**—Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 08/28 **CLE—Wages Earned and Lessons Learned: Effective Procedures for Post-Judgment Collections** (1 CLE) - Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office or Zoom* (by request) - [REGISTER](#)

* Must indicate at time of registration.

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- 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)