

# The SUMMATION

September 2020

The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Erin Bauer

### IN TIMES OF CHANGE WE ADAPT

**F**orget the murder hornets. How about those unsolicited Chinese seeds? And did you know we have a national coin shortage? After speaking to my law partner, Steve Barber, I'm fairly certain most of the coins are in a bucket in his basement. Next time you see Steve, be sure and thank him for the shortage.



Although 2020 continues to hurl new, life-threatening challenges our way each month, the EBA adapts. The equipment that I mentioned in the last Summation that would allow us to be more effective virtually has arrived. We're up and running and working out the kinks. Please continue to support the EBA by attending CLE either in-person or virtually. The success of the EBA depends upon income from CLE. Also, the end of the year will be here before you know it so don't wait to cram 20 hours into December. I'm talking to you, Clay Havill.

Also, please mark your calendars for November 6 for this year's Estate and Business Planning Institute. The event will be offered virtually, and we are thrilled to have amazing speakers, including Dr. Roberta Flowers and Christopher Hoyt. Dr. Flowers is a professor at Stetson University, College of Law, and is known nationally for her expertise in elder law. Mr. Hoyt hails from the University of Missouri (Kansas City) School of Law and travels nationally to speak on federal taxation, business organizations, and retirement planning, among other topics.

Finally, plan to participate in the Annual Trivia Night to benefit VLP and LAS on October 15, 2020. This year's Trivia Night will also be held virtually. I have been told that we will have the capability to confer with our individual teams in private virtual rooms and then re-enter the big virtual group after each round to see how many answers my team got wrong. I'm very excited that this year my team will be losing from the convenience of our own homes in our pajamas. The cost is \$25 per person or \$200 per team of 8. If you pay in cash, please don't expect change....unless you want to retrieve it from Steve Barber's basement bucket.

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As you may know, the Evansville Bar Association on July 13, 2020 announced several initiatives to increase awareness and education on racial equality, equity and justice. A copy of those initiatives is available here [<https://bit.ly/31GItvj>]. Since that time, the EBA has begun tracking progress on each of these initiatives. Subcommittees have formed around several of the initiatives, and most are moving forward even now. If you would like to join one of these subcommittees, please contact Magistrate Molly Briles at [mbriles@vanderburghgov.org](mailto:mbriles@vanderburghgov.org) and Raymond Dudlo at [Raymond.Dudlo@skofirm.com](mailto:Raymond.Dudlo@skofirm.com).

One of the things we have committed to as an association is to have each of our sections and committees conduct an internal review to determine how the section or committee can better increase awareness and offer education on relevant issues relating to racial equality, equity and justice. Obviously, this is no simple task. It will take deliberate reflection by each section and committee to see how it can help this cause. We have asked the chairs of each committee to start this process, and hope you will help.

## VLP News

By: Judge Smith and Senior Judge Corcoran

And so the tsunami begins. As with all economic downturns, demand for civil legal aid services increases when the economy gets tough. This downturn will be different, however. All of our local civil legal aid partners, VLP, Indiana Legal Services, and the Legal Aid Society of Evansville, will now face a double-whammy of need. COVID-related economic distress, resulting in evictions, foreclosures, family law modification needs, and collection matters, will combine with a court-closure related backlog of cases to challenge all of our systems.

Please consider volunteering when you can to help the courts and justice system deal with this crisis. Keep an eye in your e-mail for information on volunteering at our Court Help Desk, at one of our regular Clinics, at a Talk to a Lawyer Session, or by taking a case. If we all do a little extra now it will mean the world to those impacted by the pandemic. Thank you in advance.

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# TRIVIA NIGHT

**\$500 CASH  
PRIZE FOR 1ST  
PLACE TEAM**

**OCT 15**

**TEAMS OF 8**

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

\$25 PER PERSON

**REGISTER HERE**

**WE'RE GOING  
VIRTUAL!**

**Came Portal  
opens @ 5:15pm  
Trivia @ 5:45pm**







**N**ow that the 2020 grant requests have been compiled, I can confirm that the total amount of requests have again far exceeded the amount of available funds. In fact, we received over \$70,000 in grant requests this year! Unfortunately, we can only fund a fraction of that amount. But, I am excited at what we can fund. In the coming months I will be highlighting each of the 2020 grant recipients, but rest assured, these are exciting projects. Each of our recipients are doing fantastic work in our community.



**Daniel Robinson, Jr.,**  
President

I also want to take a moment and thank you. Despite all of the challenges 2020 has thrown at us, believe it or not we are running ahead of last year at this point in the amount of donations we have received. Let's keep up the ball rolling and finish strong! Your donations are making a difference in the lives of so many and I am proud to be affiliated with such fantastic Bar. I know we talk about it, but we are truly fortunate. As evidence of that, I want to tell you one story of generosity. As many of you know, we have sadly lost several EBA members this year. What you might not know, however, is that in memory of every lawyer we lose, the Foundation receives a donation from one of our members! While we certainly face challenges, there is hope for a better tomorrow.

To donate to the Foundation, go to <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx> or click DONATE below.

**Donate**

## LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: LAW LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

At Judge Kiely's request, the law library has been renovated for use as a jury room for circuit court trials, providing the appropriate physical distancing for jurors. Approximately 2,250 books from the back section of the library have been moved into storage along with the book cases holding them. A temporary wall will be constructed during the first week of September to separate these sections of the law library. You will find a public access computer and a Foundation computer in the entryway to be accessed as needed. That means Westlaw, Odyssey, and the forms on the Coalition for Court Access website remain available during the regular hours of operations.

Patrons will have access to the books and computers in the back section of the library when no jury is in session. I have moved several series of materials to the middle section of the law library to ensure access at all times. Please feel free to contact me in advance if you have specific books in which you'd like to conduct research. I will be happy to pull them from the library and have them available for you. In the future, I also hope to have access to the legal materials moved to storage.

Once everything has been completed, I hope you will find that most of the changes are modest. I'm just glad we're able to assist in a small way with these jury trials during this challenging time.

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)).



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### New Attorney (0-3 Years)

Nicholas Gartner

### Paralegal

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### Law Student

Nicholas Loehr

You can find an up-to-date listing of CLE on the EBA website at [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org)  
 Registrations received two hours or less prior to start of course will be charged an additional \$5;  
 Printed materials provided by request for \$5/credit hour up to \$25.

**NO CLE WILL BE OFFERED AT THE EBA OFFICE December 19-28, 2020**

## DWI FOR DUMMIES

1 GENERAL CLE

Have you ever received a call from a client, friend or family member and they have been arrested for DWI? Learn what you can do to help them without committing malpractice. This will be a basic guide for representing individuals charged with DWI.

MARK FOSTER, FOSTER O'DANIEL HAMBIDGE & LYNCH

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 01—NOON  
 EBA OFFICE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE\*

Member \$30; Non-member \$50

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

\* Please indicate at time of registration.

## SAY GOODBYE TO ADMINISTRATIVE RULE 9 AND...HELLO TO ACR! THE NEW INDIANA RULES ON ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS

1 GENERAL CLE

HON. MARY MARGARET LLOYD  
 RAYMOND DUDLO, STOLL KEENON OGDEN

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## WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE: HOT TOPICS FOR THE FIRM AND IN-HOUSE LAWYER, ALIKE

6.5 General/1 Ethics—Indiana and Kentucky

Thursday, October 22

Registration 8:00am

8:25am-4:00pm

EBA Office or Video Conference\*

Commercial Section Member \$165

In-House Section Member \$165

Member \$195

Non-member \$325

To register call (812)463-3201, email Ashley at  
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## FAMILY LAW 2020:

# A Contested Divorce A to Z

6 CLE/1 Ethics/1 CME

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

REGISTRATION 8:00AM

8:25 AM - 3:30 PM

EBA OFFICE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE\*

Family Law Section Member \$150

EBA Member \$180

Non-member \$300

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**Pricing Information**

EBA Member \$200  
 Non-member \$300

**Materials**

Flashdrive \$10  
 Book \$25  
 Electronic No Charge

## 31st Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute

**Friday, November 6, 2020**

*This event will be held virtually!*

8:00am—Webcast opens to attendees

8:25am—Welcome and Introductions

With guest speaker

Dr. Roberta Flowers, Stetson University College of Law

and keynote speaker

Christopher R. Hoyt, University of Missouri (Kansas City) School of Law

**Continuing Education Credit:**

IN and KY Attorneys: 6 CLE/1 Ethics

Indiana CPAs: 7.20 (50 minute credit hours)

Indiana Insurance Professionals: 6 CLE (including 1 Ethics)

Accepted by the CFP Board for 6 hours CE credit

**PROCRASTINATORS'  
 DELIGHT**

**EBA office**

**LIMITED  
 SEATING**

**December 29**

**ALL Ethics, ALL Day!**

**6 GENERAL / 6 ETHICS**

**December 30**

**The last Stand!**

**6 GENERAL**

**Sign up for 1, 2 or all 12!**

**PREPAYMENT  
 REQUIRED**





# WHO'S DOING WHAT



Things may have looked a bit different this year but that didn't stop the celebration! The KDDK Ladies wished a Happy Birthday to Phil Siegel who celebrated his 86th birthday on August 21.

## Best Lawyers®

Were you recognized this year?  
Please let us know at [julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org)

## We want to know WHO'S DOING WHAT!

Email us news, updates and photos of personal or professional achievements about you, your firm or other EBA Members to [julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month to be included in the next Summation.

NOTE: Due to space constraints not all submissions will be included.

## FRANKLIN STREET OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT/SHARE

Office space for solo, with small firm in newly refurbished West Side premises. Copier, scanner, fax, internet; clerical assistance; cleaning service.  
Contact Roberta Dunlap [rdunlap@dunlapnewsmith.com](mailto:rdunlap@dunlapnewsmith.com)  
or William Nesmith [wnesmith@dunlapnesmith.com](mailto:wnesmith@dunlapnesmith.com).  
Or, call (812) 402-9970



### Bar Updates:

Please welcome attorney members **Melissa Alexander** and **Andrew Moskowitz**. And, law student members **Veronica Inkenbrandt** and **Heather Migdon**. Please make the following additions and changes to your contacts:

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

**Jackson Kelly PLLC** is seeking a full time Paralegal to join the Corporate and Trusts & Estates Practice Group. Job responsibilities include a blend of legal support and paralegal duties to support a busy corporate, tax, and transactional practice, including complex commercial transactions, mergers and acquisitions, entity formations, corporate maintenance, probate and trust administrations and estate planning.

**The Law Offices of Steven K. Deig, LLC** is seeking a trial attorney primarily in the area of domestic relations. The position has a very reasonable hourly work requirement. The firm offers a pleasant work environment where collaboration among the attorneys is welcomed.

**Woods and Woods, LLP** is seeking a Veterans Compensation Benefits Associate Attorney. Salaried with bonus potential; Salary/bonus depends on experience; full time. Evaluating Veteran's claims file and other medical and lay evidence, developing and executing a plan. Legal and medical research. Brief writing. Co-managing case managers that assist with evidence gathering, client contact, and brief writing.

The **Vanderburgh County Public Defender Agency** in Evansville, Indiana has an immediate opening for a full-time attorney to handle felony cases. Applicants must be licensed to practice law in Indiana. Prior legal experience is preferred but not required.

# WE ARE THE EBA



## **Meagan Brien, Dentons Bingham Greenebaum, LLP**

10 years in practice; civil and fiduciary litigation, estate planning and administration

**Why did you become an attorney?** I don't have an idealistic story of how I became a lawyer; there are no lawyers in my family and I had no early fascination with the law. I didn't have a clue what I wanted to be in undergrad so I took the LSAT because I thought a JD would be a versatile degree that would let me do a few things I like - analyze, problem solve, and write. 15 years later, here I am, practicing in a pretty traditional way!

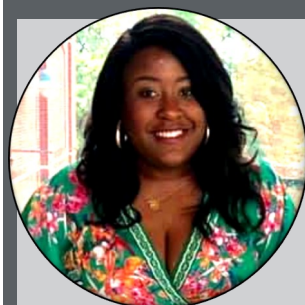
**Why is it important to you to be a member of the EBA?** The law is a collegial profession and the EBA fosters that collegiality in a special way. On a daily basis you encounter so many issues, problems, or

impasses that knowing someone from the EBA to call for assistance or as opposing counsel to amicably reach a goal for your clients is what makes the practice of law different from any other profession. As far as I know, we are the only profession that has the Bar or its equivalent - a place to make connections and friends out of opponents. Through the EBA I am acquainted with the most and least experienced of our practice and allowed to count so many varied, smart, and bold people as my friends and colleagues. Being a member of the EBA levels the playing field in so many ways. And it's nice to grab a drink with someone who understands this wonderfully wild profession we got ourselves into.

**What's your favorite family tradition?** Presents on Christmas Eve! My parents, brother, aunt and uncle have always celebrated family gifts on the 24th so Santa gets all day on the 25th and it was always about play and food and family. The two days have always been so special.

**How many pairs for shoes do you own?** 100? 125? 2 closets full. I receive a pair of shoes for every gift-giving holiday.

**What is your favorite movie?** Pride & Prejudice (Masterpiece Theater or 2005). I've seen the 2005 one at least 60 times - it's background noise for me when I work, clean, try to fall asleep, etc. I can't give the BBC one the time it deserves to watch it that many times, but I saw it at a time that started my love for all things Jane Austen, rom-com, and British.



## **Tanisha Carothers, T. Carothers Law Office**

3 years in practice; criminal defense, family law and business startup

**Why did you become an attorney?** Growing up in the inner-city as a black girl, I did not meet an attorney until I was in law school. Every interaction with the police in my neighborhood was a negative experience - I vowed to be the change. I wanted to prove to my community that with confidence, education and the right resources that "this" could become a reality.

**Why is it important to be a member of the EBA?** I believe that we are at our best when we are in community and there is a unique value from fellowship with fellow attorneys. It provides an opportunity to learn, access to resources, insight on best practices, and develop professional relationships.

**What is the most valuable asset the EBA has to offer? Why?** This is a hard one for me to answer! If I had to say the most valuable asset the EBA offers is its opportunity for growth via CLEs - live and virtual.

**What are your hobbies?** I mentor young people, volunteer reviving the Evansville Black Chamber of Commerce, I travel and something I have learned to value as an attorney - SLEEP!

**What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?** Know your worth, charge what your worth and those who value you won't question it!

**How would your friends describe you?** I am very genuine, thoughtful, loyal, ambitious, and believe in having a good time!



## **Trisha Dudlo, Dentons Bingham Greenebaum, LLP**

9 years in practice; litigation attorney with a focus on family law

**Why did you become an attorney/paralegal?** As most people say, I became an attorney to help people. In the very idealistic way that only a 20 year old could see the world, I wanted to use my degree to fight for equality and justice. Although my ideas of equality, equity, and justice have shifted, I am grateful to be part of a profession that gives us an opportunity to promote change in our communities.

**Why is it important to be a member of the EBA?** It is an integral part of our practices to get to know one another. The EBA offers us the opportunity to connect with each other and in doing so, provides us with a better understanding of each other and ultimately, the people we represent.

**What is the most valuable asset the EBA has to offer? Why?** The EBA offers us the opportunity to gather and educate ourselves. As a group, we can promote and demand change. Historically,

we are the leaders of change and the EBA will help us do just that in these important times.

**What is one thing you will never do again?** Take another bar exam.

**Who inspires you?** My husband, Raymond. He is kind and generous and unrelenting in his support.

**When you're not working, what are you most likely to be doing?** Cleaning and parenting

**If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?** PIZZA

# SEPTEMBER 2020 CALENDAR

09/01	<b>CLE—DWI for Dummies (1 General CLE)</b> - Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference**— <a href="#">REGISTER</a>
09/02	<b>EBA Family Law Section Meeting</b> —Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
09/03	<b>CLE—Say Goodbye to Administrative Rule 9 and...Hello to ACR! The New Indiana Rules on Access to Court Records</b> —Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference**— <a href="#">REGISTER</a>
	<b>Talk to a Lawyer</b> —4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
09/07	<b>EBA OFFICE CLOSED</b> —Labor Day
09/08	<b>EBA Paralegal Section Meeting</b> —Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
09/10	<b>Evansville Bar Association Board of Directors Meeting</b> —Lunch @ 11:45am, meeting @ Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
09/15	<b>Talk To A Lawyer</b> —11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
09/21	<b>EBA Access to Justice Full Committee Meeting</b> —Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
09/22	<b>EBA Joint Taskforce Meeting</b> —Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
09/23	<b>CLE Committee Meeting</b> —Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
09/24	<b>EBA Women In Law Section Meeting</b> —Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*

\* Log in information is sent in the calendar invite for each meeting. If you would like to participate, contact Julie Moore Holtz at [julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org).

\*\* Seating is limited at the EBA office; To join the course via video conference, please specify at the time of registration; Log in information and course materials will be emailed to you.

## SAVE-THE-DATE

### POSTPONED TO SPRING 2020—Shepard Lecture Series

**Trivia Night**—Thursday, October 15—6pm, VIRTUAL EVENT! - [REGISTER NOW!](#) LIMITED TO 11 TEAMS!

**Expungement CLE** (3 CLE Pending) —Wednesday, October 21—1pm, EBA Office or Video Conference—More info to come!

**When Worlds Collide: Hot Topics for the Firm and In-House Lawyer, Alike** (6.5 CLE/1 Ethics Pending—IN and KY) -

Thursday, October 22—8:00am, VIRTUAL EVENT! - [REGISTER](#)

**Family Law 2020: A Contested Divorce A to Z** (6 CLE/1 Ethics Pending) - Friday, October 30—8:00am, EBA Office or Video Conference—[REGISTER](#)

**31st Annual Estate & Business Planning Institute**—Friday, November 6—8:30am, LIVE Webcast—[REGISTER](#)

**Bench & Bar Conference**—Thursday, December 10—8:30am, TBD

**Anatomy of a Jury Trial** (7 General CLE)—Thursday, December 17—8:30am, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)

**Procrastinators' Delight: All Ethics, All Day!** (6 Ethics CLE) - Tuesday, December 29 beginning at 8:30am—[REGISTER](#) for one or for all SIX ethics hours!

**Procrastinators' Delight: The Last Stand** (6 General CLE) - Wednesday, December 30 beginning at 8:30am—[REGISTER](#) for one or for all SIX hours!

**Regional Mock Trial Competition—Evansville**—Saturday, February 13, 2021

2020

## Bench & Bar

conference

Friday, December 10

DoubleTree—Downtown Evansville\*

*Featuring local judiciary and  
An Appeals on Wheels: Traveling  
Oral Argument*

\* Location and/or delivery method subject to change

### *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...

*Jeff Dodson*  
*Jonathan Parkhurst*  
*Jim Son*