

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: STRESS TOLERANCE



There's a reason we don't see many active 70-year-old litigators. Trial practice has proven time and time again to be a grindstone of a profession. There are few people who are capable of living day-in and day-out in a litigation landscape where a lawyer is constantly fighting with the opposing attorney, the senior partner in the firm, the presiding judge, and often his or her own clients. Then, upon the close of the workday, the lawyer goes home to relax, only to experience the anxiety of a looming deadline, or to be woken up at 2:00 am with a novel thought about a brief that he or she had not yet considered.

That's not to mention the fact that if you have had teenagers, the conflict and confrontations don't end at 5:00 pm. The next set of fights begins as you enter your home. The adorable scamper of two-year-old feet running to greet you has been replaced with adult sized feet, attached to teenage minds that are not short on opinions about how you "just don't get it."

To cope with this anxiety, we have choices. Exercise, travel, or an occasional wine, beer, or bourbon often help to provide the temporary respite we need. Exercise is a good, productive outlet. Seeing **Mark Samila** completing his lunchtime workouts, **Judge Jillian Kratochvil** walking through downtown Evansville, **Jeff Helfrich** taking time to play handball, **Susan Wilkie** practicing yoga, **Ted Barron** run marathons in any State he can fit into his schedule, are only a few examples of our colleagues who receive the stress-relieving benefits of exercise.

You could also ask **Jim Johnson**, **Katherine Rybak**, or **Barbara Williams** about how travel helps ease the lawyer's burden. If only the late John Clouse was around, I'm certain he could explain the benefits of travel, if only you had at least an hour to spend listening.

The point is, as lawyers we have to be aware of the daily stressors that we and our profession place on us. The last thing you want is to fail to see what stress is doing to your body, or continue to rely on substances like bourbon or pizza to help cope. After too long, you could become reliant upon those methods, incurring physical damage to your body as a result. Try exercise. Try travel. Try woodworking...or gardening...or pickleball.

In the event that you've woken up to find yourself too reliant upon food or drink, the professionals at JLAP are available. Therapy is also an option which I would opine is good for everyone...not just those in crisis. Unloading and unpacking your thoughts with a person who is trained often highlights the psychological obstacles you never knew you were subconsciously dealing with.

Regardless of your method, don't forsake your mental health. Our profession can be unforgiving, so it's up to each of us individually to make sure we are dealing with the stress for our long-term health.

Lawyers Assistance Program local volunteers:

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| Teresa McKeethen | tmckeethen@evvlawyer.com | Keith Wallace | keith@keithwallacelaw.com |

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

Trivia Night

Register your team NOW!

<https://forms.gle/mRKHpTFsvTSTDmrr6>

NEW DATE!

Wednesday, October 16

Children's Museum of Evansville

Doors open @ 5:30pm

Trivia @ 6:00pm

VLP News

By: Senior Judge Sheila Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

Happy Labor Day! We often use this monthly letter as a chance to let the Bar know of opportunities for volunteering and what we are up to. In the spirit of Labor Day, we want to use this month's letter to just say thanks.

Thank you to everyone who has taken a case and everyone who has helped at a Talk to a Lawyer. Thank you if you have helped at a clinic or if you have supported us in other ways. Thank you for helping people who would otherwise go unhelped and unheard. Thank you for helping reduce the need in our community and making it an easier and kinder place to live.

We deeply appreciate all the time and effort you've dedicated to volunteering and supporting Volunteer Lawyer Program and Pro Bono Indiana.

Please take time to care for yourself and find joy in the goodness you bring to this world.



MEMBER LUNCH

*Meet the Candidates
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.



Barbara Coyle Williams
President

The Evansville Bar Foundation Financial Grant Policy outlines a specific formula to determine the amount of funds available for distribution each year. This year that amount is \$24,500.00 dollars. Ten worthwhile organizations will receive these funds this fall. Sadly, we received requests of more than \$71,000.00 dollars. Although donations from lawyers are sought and received every year, we do not receive enough to fully fund all requests.

We all need to do better. It has always been easy to donate, but this year we are going to make it **FUN** to donate. The **25th Anniversary Celebration Gala will be October 25, 2024, at the Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science.** We are going to party like its 1999, and you are invited. Music by DJ Chidi will make you want to dance while he blasts all your favorite hits from the 1990s. Dig out your 1990s attire and join the FUN! There will be great food and drinks as well.

BE A SPONSOR. This a FUNDRAISER, after all! Neon Nostalgia – Title Sponsor! The 90’s Icon! Blockbuster Benefactor! Pop Culture Partner! That’s Rad Supporter! The Discman Donor! For more info email julie@evvbar.org.

Why donate to the Evansville Bar Foundation? Because John Sanders would want you to donate. Long ago he knew of the importance of LAWYERS working to make the world a better place. Our statement of purpose is “Promoting justice and improving lives through the law”. Through his widow, he made the initial bequest of \$1,000,000.00. Thank you, John.

So, let’s have some fun and raise some money. Make your reservation. See you at the Museum on October 5th.

RSVP to ashley@evvbar.org

\$125

Deadline September 27



EVANSVILLE BAR FOUNDATION



25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, October 5, 2024

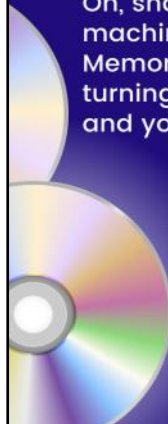
6:00–10:00pm

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!

\$125

RSVP ON OR BEFORE
SEPTEMBER 27
TO ASHLEY@EVVBAR.ORG



LIBRARIAN’S CORNER: INDIANALEGALHELP.ORG KIOSKS

The law library kiosk offers full access to the legal information, instructions, and forms available on indianalegalhelp.org. Although it looks like an ATM, the kiosk provides legal help for persons dealing with many civil matters and questions. It has a touch screen where patrons can look up resources available in their area and get legal assistance. As we continue moving further into 2024, more features will become available through the kiosk, such as directly connecting with a legal navigator trained to provide them with guidance. For those attorneys who are asked for legal advice as you move through the court house hallways, please feel free to direct those persons to the Indiana Legal Help Kiosk and the law library (suite 207).

In addition, the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library (EVPL) has received two kiosks that can be found at two of their branches: EVPL-Central and EVPL-Franklin. These two kiosks now provide full access to the legal information, instructions, and forms available on indianalegalhelp.org.

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).

The Evansville Bar Association and Evansville Bar Foundation present the

Shepard Lecture Series



Indiana Supreme Court
Chief Justice Loretta Rush



Tuesday, September 24
Doors open at 5:00pm
Presentation at 5:30pm
Reception to follow




Old Courthouse
Shepard Courtroom

Open to the public!

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.


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'

Two tickets have become available!





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.

Ever Wanted to Question an Appellate Judge?
 Judge Melissa S. May Answers Your Questions!
 1 CLE/1 Ethics

October 8, 2024
 Noon-1:00pm
 EBA Office
 501 Main Street, Suite 101, Evansville

EBA Member \$30
 Non-member \$50

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

**COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS:
 DECIPHERING SURVEYS AND UNDERSTANDING TITLE POLICY ENDORSEMENTS**
 1 CLE

October 23 **EBA Office** **Noon**
 501 Main St. Suite 101 Evansville

Speakers:
Susan Vollmer, Bosse Title Company
Jim Morley, Jr., Morley Corp.

EBA Member \$30 Non-member \$50



Register:
 P: (812) 463-3201
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2024 Hot Topics for In-House Corporate Counsel

6 CLE/1 Ethics/1 CME

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

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

Breakfast and lunch provided by:



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



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

TIME TO GO TO TRIAL

JUDGE MATTHEW P. BROOKMAN

United States District Court,
Southern District of Indiana

MAGISTRATE EMILY KEMPER

Vanderburgh Superior Court

CLIFF WHITEHEAD

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Tuesday, December 17
8:30am - Noon
Venue TBD

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

MEMBER \$115
NON-MEMBER \$175



NEED SOME HELP?

Have you had problems logging into the EBA website?

If so, please let us know!

Contact Ashley at the office at

(812)463-3201 or

ashley@evvbar.org.



Do you have an idea for a CLE course? Is there a topic you would like to learn more about and/or speak about?

If so, contact

Julie Moore Holtz at the EBA office at
(812) 463-3201 or Julie@evvbar.org.

WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Joseph Harrison III has joined the Evansville office of Dentons as Managing Associate in the Litigation and Dispute Resolution practice. Joe is a native of Evansville, a lifelong Hoosier and third-generation attorney.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...



...**Magistrate Molly Briles** who was named to the 2024 20 Under 40 by the Rotary Club of Evansville.

...**Roberta Dunlap** who has retired after practicing 37 years in Indiana, Kentucky, and Bankruptcy Court.



...**Carla Hayden** who retired as the Vanderburgh County Clerk on August 29, 2024.

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Bar Updates:

Please welcome members **Joseph Harrison III** and **Ndeto Mwose**. Please make these additions and updates to your contacts:

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Timothy Klingler
Chandler Lacy
Ryan Parker
Monte Porter
Amy Rees, Paralegal
Chad Sullivan
Cassee Vivian

In case you missed it

Judge Matthew P. Brookman is featured in the August/September 2024 issue of *Evansville Business*.

Read the article here

<https://www.evansvilleliving.com/court-in-session/>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
 Go to evvbar.org, click the **MEMBERS** tab.

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

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 09/02 **EBA Office Closed—Have a fun and safe Labor Day!**
- 09/05 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 09/10 **EBA Paralegal and Legal Staff Section Meeting**—Noon, LAW LIBRARY (Room 207 of the Civic Center Courts Building)
Legacy Lawyer Social—4:00-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 09/12 **CLE—Reds @ Cardinals (2 CLE)**—**TWO TICKETS AVAILABLE! - CALL (812) 463-3201 to snag one of these tickets!**
EBA Board of Directors Meeting—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 09/17 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
EBA Women In Law: Off the Clock—4:00-6:00pm, Smitty's at 2901 W Franklin Street
- 09/24 **Shepard Lecture Series with Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush**—**SEATING IS LIMITED, First come, first served!**
 Doors open at 5:00pm, Presentation and discussion at 5:30pm
 Old Courthouse in the Randall T. Shepard Courtroom, 2nd Floor
- 09/26 **CLE—Bench & Bar Conference** (6 CLE/1 Ethics/1 CME) - Light breakfast at 8:00am, CLE 8:30am-4:00pm, Evansville Country Club—REGISTER
EBA Member Lunch: Meet the Candidates for Circuit Court Judge—Doors open at 11:30am, Lunch at Noon, Evansville Country Club—REGISTER

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**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

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

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We're in This Together


*Friends in the legal community: you are the helpers,
but please remember to ask for help for yourself.*

JLAP is here for you. Call today to talk with one of our staff
or schedule an appointment.

JLAP Services are Free & Confidential

The following peer support groups will be provided via Zoom

- Connection:** every Wednesday at 12pm EST
- Addiction Issues:** 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 6pm EST
- Caregiver Support:** 2nd Thursday at 12pm EST
- Grief & Loss:** 4th Thursday at 12pm EST



For more information call
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