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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Erin Bauer

TAKE TIME TO REMEMBER

Recently, a very good friend of mine sent me a video entitled, "Don't be a Lawyer." Google it. It's a hilarious video of a pretend lawyer attempting to persuade a newly-declared pre-law major not to be a lawyer through a 1990's-style hip-hop song. The video cracked me up. My lawyer friends and I shared it and joked that we should show it to all of our interns before they take the bar exam. As I watched it for the 67th time, however, I became a little sad because I realized some of the lines of the song resonated a little too well for me.



I remember just a few short years ago declaring that I loved my job. I told my friends and relatives that I couldn't imagine doing anything else for a living. Over the past few months, though, I have found myself wondering what it would be like to be a mail carrier...getting the chance to walk around in the sun all day instead of being cooped up in an office...having people happy to see me instead of answering the phone for angry clients and opposing counsel...able to sit on my couch at night without responding to emails and stressing about a brief deadline. It seems that this less than ecstatic attitude about the legal profession is most prevalent in us middle-aged attorneys (and I hate admitting that I'm now middle-aged) because, at this stage, the newness and excitement of being an attorney has worn off, and retirement seems oh so far away.

Maybe it's just me, but I also think the quarantine has affected my attitude. There we were chugging right along at the speed of light when, bam, the world stopped. For months, we were able to work from home, take daily walks with our families, actually eat dinner at a table, and occasionally have movie night. Our clients were, for the most part, understanding and patient, and our deadlines were tolled. Now, as the world edges its way back to normalcy, our old routines are kicking back in, and things are speeding back up again. I don't like it, but I'm not sure I can stop it.

So, I'm now taking the time to remember why I became a lawyer and to remember how much I once enjoyed this profession. I encourage you to do the same, and I encourage you to engage in activities that bring back that joy. If you became a lawyer to help people, accept a pro bono case from VLP or sign up for a "talk to a lawyer" session. If you became a lawyer because it is a noble profession and you wanted to make a difference, reread "To Kill a Mockingbird." If you love the thrill of the courtroom, rewatch "A Few Good Men" or even "My Cousin Vinny." If you miss the camaraderie offered by our jobs, attend an EBA Section meeting—even if it's by Zoom. And if all else fails, invite your lawyer friends to have a socially-distanced drink to complain about your job.



On July 13, the [EBA Board announced](#) their goal to increase awareness and education on racial equality, equity and justice. Since then, the Diversity and Inclusion and Access to Justice committees have worked on a variety of initiatives with that goal in focus. I am pleased to announce a new educational initiative to provide an opportunity to increase your awareness on these topics. Beginning on October 6, 2020, and for next five weeks, the EBA will email you a link in the afternoon on Tuesdays to an article, podcast or video on the topic of equality, equity and justice.

Race issues are not easy topics to discuss. Despite a national, even global, effort to raise awareness of racial inequities, societies remain troubled to find a solution. Many have asked, "What can I do, what should I do?" The answer, at least the first step, is rather simple: Learn. Governor Holcomb recently said, "We now stand at an inflection point, and we have an opportunity to acknowledge those past wrongs, learn from our history and admit where we've come up short of our ideals. ... It falls upon us – all of us – no matter how difficult the issue, how far away it may seem, or easy to ignore."

The links emailed to you will take little time out of your day, typically less than twenty minutes. I invite you all to challenge yourselves, your friends and colleagues to pledge some brief moments to read and listen – to learn. A survey will be sent afterwards on this educational initiative. Please join me in this learning effort, and let's continue to show that our local bar is among the best as we endeavor for a better tomorrow.

Raymond P. Dudlo, Chair
Diversity & Inclusion Committee

VLP News

By: Judge Smith and Senior Judge Corcoran

As we continue to work together as a bench and bar to address the challenges presented by the current pandemic, please accept our thanks for all of the additional steps you have taken to make access to justice a reality. Dozens of EBA Members have stepped forward to staff our VLP/EBA help desk at Small Claims Court and assist at our weekly legal clinics in the Law Library, all while still taking cases and participating in Talk to a Lawyer. Thank you!

And speaking of Talk to a Lawyer, beginning next month we will begin sign-ups for our hotline and clinical programs for 2021. You will find a sign-up sheet with your Summation in November, December, and January and that same form will be attached to the next several months' VLP case lists. Demand for these services is especially high now because of the pandemic and we expect the first few months of 2021 to maintain at that level or higher as eviction prevention protections finally end. Our regular volunteers will need some additional company – both paralegals and attorneys – so please consider how you can help as we navigate our way to better days.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for

Magistrate Michael Cox

will be held

**Wednesday, November 11 at Noon
at the Old Courthouse—Shepard Courtroom**

The service will be streamed into the Ballroom where additional seating will be available.

Face masks are required.



Daniel Robinson, Jr.,
President

As mentioned last month, the Foundation was able to award around \$27,000 in grants this year. Normally we have the opportunity to announce and present these grants at the Foundation's Grant Awards Presentation during the September EBA Members Lunch. While we could not meet in person this year, that did not take away from the hard work and dedication of the Foundation board or members of the EBA who have diligently supported the Foundation and its mission. Nor did our circumstances take away from recognizing the great work of our grant recipients.

This year, we had a total of 12 grant recipients:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwestern Indiana
- Boys and Girls Club of Evansville, Inc.
- EBA Access to Justice Trivia Night
- EBA Diversity Committee
- Evansville African American Museum
- Legal Aid Society of Evansville, IN
- Purdue Extension
- William H. Miller Law Library
- Volunteer Lawyer Program
- VOICES, Inc.
- YMCA of Southwest Indiana
- Youth Resources – Teen Court

Please remember to register for the EBA Virtual Trivia Night if you have not already done so. Also, please consider donating to the Foundation to ensure 2021 is an even better year.

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

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OCT 15

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

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: THANK YOU TO THE EVANSVILLE BAR FOUNDATION

Thank you to the John L. Sanders Memorial – Evansville Bar Foundation for your generous grant to the William H. Miller Law Library, making it possible for the people in this community to have access to the *pro se* navigation clinic which meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the law library. This support, in conjunction with the work of the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, makes it possible for self-represented litigants involved in any civil matter to seek guidance on how to successfully navigate the court system, obtain the appropriate *pro se* pleadings, access self-help materials located in the library, and take advantage of online legal resource materials. Many thanks again 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).

You can find an up-to-date listing of CLE on the EBA website at 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

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The Law, The Process, The Forms

10.21.20 | 1PM - 4:30PM
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 3 CLE/1 Ethics

Hon. Les Shively
 Dawnya Taylor
 Scott Wylie

Register online at evvbar.org,
 call (812) 463-3201 or email eba@evvbar.org

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

6.5 General/1.5 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
eba@evvbar.org or go to evvbar.org.

*Limited seating at EBA office; Please indicate at time of registration.

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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2020 HOT TOPICS with the Bench & Bar

4 CLE/I Ethics

Thursday, December 10

8:00am-12:15pm

EBA Office or Video Conference*

Member \$120

Non-member \$200

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EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

Friday, November 6, 2020

This event will be held virtually!

8:00am—Webcast opens to attendees

8:25am—Welcome and Introductions

Pricing Information

EBA Member \$200
 Non-member \$300

Materials

Flashdrive \$10
 Book \$25
 Electronic No Charge

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

31st Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute

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

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**PROCRASTINATORS'
 DELIGHT**

EBA office

December 29

ALL Ethics, ALL Day!
6 GENERAL / 6 ETHICS

December 30

The last Stand!
7 GENERAL

**LIMITED
 SEATING**

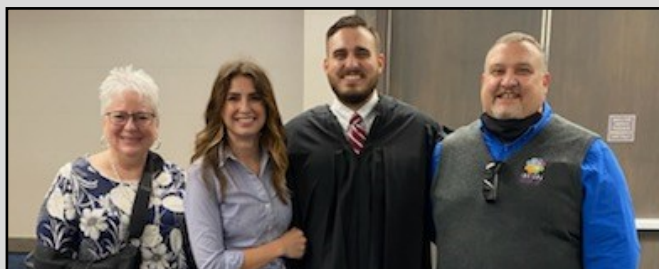
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WHO'S DOING WHAT

Best Lawyers

Congratulations to all EBA members who have been recognized in the 2021 Edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*:

Jeffrey Ahlers, Steve Barber, Ted Barron, Charlie Berger, Kent A. "KAB" Brasseale, II, John Broadhead, Maria Bulkley, Michele Bryant, Charles Compton, Allison Comstock, Randall K. Craig, Jamie Dameron, Lauren Dimmitt, Larry Downs, Monica Edwards, Terry Farmer, Marc Fine, Shannon Frank, Jake Fulcher, Jon Goldman, Jeff Helfrich, John Henderson, Jim Johnson, Timothy Klingler, Kelly Lonnberg, Andy Ozete, Monte Porter, Ross Rudolph, Mark Samila, G. Michael Schopmeyer, Laura Scott, John Thomason, Brian Williams, Chris Wischer, and Ted Ziemer V.



Ryan Reed was sworn-in as Magistrate of Vanderburgh Circuit Court on Monday, September 28. Congratulations, Magistrate Reed.

Pictured above with Magistrate Reed are his mother, Carolyn, wife, Jillian and father, William.



After four decades as the managing attorney in the Evansville office of Indiana Legal Services, EBA member Steve Culley has recently moved to Senior Attorney status with the organization. He will continue to work at ILS representing clients throughout our region facing challenges because of poverty. Steve has served low-income Hoosiers through ILS since 1974 and has helped make access to justice a reality for thousands of litigants lacking the resources to pay for legal help.



EBA member Amanda Hall was recently named the new managing attorney of the Evansville office following Steve's tenure. Amanda is a tireless advocate for the disadvantaged and created one of the first medical/legal partnership programs in the state when she joined ILS. Congratulations and best wishes to both as they begin new roles with Indiana Legal Services.



Bar Updates:

Welcome new attorney members **Annie Hills, William Moore, Jordan Saner** and **Kendall Ziliak**. Also, welcome law student member **Jozie Barton**. Please make the following additions and changes to your contacts:

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Christine Pham, Associate - Stoll Keenon Ogden

2 years in practice; business and commercial litigation, municipalities

Why did you become an attorney? Legally Blonde was my original inspiration, but as cliché as it sounds, I always knew I wanted to help people. I developed an interest in business law and development in college and am passionate about immigration matters.

What are three (3) fun or interesting facts about you that people may not know? 1. Competitive figure skater for over 10 years. 2. I am fluent in Vietnamese. 3. I love watching/going to sporting events (IU, Cubs, Blackhawks, Lakers, Colts, F1).

What was your first job? My first job was at Swonder Ice Arena, where I was a figure skating coach.

Tell me a bit about your immediate family. My parents were Vietnamese refugees who immigrated to the U.S. toward the end of the Vietnam War. I have a younger brother and we were both born in Fountain Valley, California. Both of my parents are now retired after decades of being small business owners. My brother is a Marine veteran (oorah).

How many pairs of shoes do you own? My fiancé would say "too many," but somewhere in the 70s.

What is one thing you will never do again? Go to law school.

When you're not working, what are you most likely going to be doing? As of recently, probably wedding planning.

If you could share a meal with four individuals, living or dead, who would they be? Beyoncé, Oprah, Chrissy Teigen, J.K. Rowling

If you could brush up on a skill or work on a new one, what would it be? I studied Spanish for several years in high school and would love to be fluent in conversational Spanish someday.

What is something on your bucket list you've completed? What do you still want to do? Went scuba diving with whale sharks in Thailand. Would love to sky-dive some day!

If you could not work for 1 year, what would you do? Travel the world. Specifically, to Tokyo, South Africa, India, Indonesia, Hawaii to dive with humpbacks, and Australia to dive the Great Barrier Reef.



Ryan Reed, Magistrate - Vanderburgh Circuit Court

7 years in practice; prior to Circuit Court, criminal, real estate, family law and juvenile law

Why did you become an attorney? I was originally interested in sports/marketing law or working for the NCAA, but as I began to practice, I really enjoyed practicing more traditional law.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Argue your case from the other side, against your position, as you prepare for a trial/hearing. It will allow yourself to see potential weaknesses and strengths of your own case/position.

What always makes you laugh? My wife would say that the thing that makes me laugh the most is myself. She may be on to something, I do spend a lot of time laughing at myself...

Tell me a bit about your immediate family. My parents live in Fishers, IN and I have a younger brother that lives in Chicago, IL. My brother and I were both born in Chico, CA, where we lived until 2000. My father is an educator, currently working for Purdue. My mother is a minister, currently working as regional minister for the Indiana First Christian Church Disciples of Christ.

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? La Campirana tacos. It is the perfect meal for breakfast, lunch or dinner!

What's your favorite item in your office and why? Coffee maker, hands down.

If you could share a meal with four individuals, living or dead, who would they be? George W. Bush, Derek Jeter, Jackie Robinson and Lou Gehrig.

If you could not work for 1 year, what would you do? If I could not work for one year (and have unlimited resources), I would travel with the New York Yankees and Denver Broncos to watch every one of their games that year.



Jordan Saner, Stoll Keenon Ogden

Passed Indiana Bar August 2020; General litigation

Why did you become an attorney? I wanted to be able to problem solve on others' behalf, resulting in a positive impact on their daily lives.

What are your hobbies? Hobbies include exercising, reading, and watching sports.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Failure can only occur once: when you quit trying.

How would your friends describe you? My friends would describe me as an individual of few words with a dry sense of humor, and incredibly loyal.

What always makes you laugh? Videos of people slipping on ice.

Tell me a bit about your immediate family. My immediate family is very close. I have a brother and sister, both married, one living in Illinois (brother) and one living just south of Santa Claus (sister). Both of my parents are still living near Springfield, Illinois, which is where I am originally from.

How many pairs for shoes do you own? I own 4 pairs of dress shoes and three pairs of tennis shoes.

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? Fettucine alfredo!

What is one thing you will never do again? Rappelling. I do not like heights, and this was a big mistake in the first place.

If you could share a meal with four individuals, living or dead, who would they be? Nikola Tesla, Michael Jordan, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Mahatma Ghandi.

What is something on your bucket list you've completed? What do you still want to do? Something off my bucket list that I have completed is standing at the top of Pike's Peak. Something I still want to do is visit Yellowstone National Park.

OCTOBER 2020 CALENDAR

- 10/01 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 10/06 **EBA Family Law Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
- 10/07 **EBA Diversity & Inclusion Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
- 10/08 **Evansville Bar Association Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch @ 11:45am, meeting @ Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 10/09 **EBA Video Replays**—EBA Office—LIMITED SEATING!
 9:00am—**E-Reading and Writing in the Digital Age** (1 CLE) - [REGISTER](#)
 10:30am—**An Optimist, A Pessimist and The Experts: Options and Opportunities for Solo/Small Firms During COVID-19** (1 CLE) - [REGISTER](#)
 Noon—**Say Goodbye to Administrative Rule 9 and...Hello ACR! The new Indiana Rules on Access to Court Records** (1 CLE) - [REGISTER](#)
- 10/13 **Trivia Night Team Captain Meeting** —4:00pm, Video Conference*
- 10/15 **Evansville Bar Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**—Noon, Video Conference
Trivia Night—VIRTUAL EVENT! —Portal opens at 5:15pm with Trivia beginning at 5:45pm—[REGISTER YOUR TEAM](#)
- 10/20 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 10/21 **CLE—Signed and Sealed: Indiana Expungements—The Law, The Process, The Forms** (3 CLE/1 Ethics) - 1:00pm-4:30pm, EBA Office or Video Conference**—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/22 **CLE—When Worlds Collide: Hot Topics for the Firm and In-House Lawyer, Alike** (6.5 CLE/1.5 Ethics) - 8:25am-4:00pm, EBA Office or Video Conference**—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/28 **EBA CLE Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
- 10/30 **CLE—Family Law 2020: A Contested Divorce A to Z** (6 CLE/1 Ethics/1 CME) - 8:00am-3:30pm, EBA Office or Video Conference**—[REGISTER](#)

* 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.

** 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

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

Caroling at The Courthouse—Friday, December 4—3:30pm

Bench & Bar Conference—Thursday, December 10—4 CLE/1 Ethics—8:00am, VIRTUAL EVENT

EBA Replay: 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 (7 General CLE) - Wednesday, December 30 beginning at 8:30am—[REGISTER](#) for one or for all SEVEN hours!

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



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

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