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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Greg Freyberger**

THE MAKINGS OF A GOOD LAWYER: WORK ETHIC



About seven years ago, I attended a CLE seminar. One of the sessions was a round table discussion between senior, more experienced lawyers and their junior, less experienced counterparts. The discussion was supposed to be a two-way street with the senior lawyers learning how to communicate with the younger generation, and the younger lawyers learning what is expected of them to become successful attorneys.

Within about 15 minutes, the conversation went south. It culminated with a young, newly admitted associate exclaiming to the panel, "My dad said he worked hard so I wouldn't have to...and now you're telling me I have to anyway?"

...*Crickets*...If hypertension were audible, I think this room is what it sounds like. A pregnant silence while each person internally confirmed that they actually heard this comment correctly.

Ultimately, the answer is, "yes." But not just because you've chosen to become a lawyer. I would argue that a strong work ethic is beneficial to most professions. However, to the legal profession, I submit that it is a requirement.

I don't bring this opinion lightly. It is not meant as a way to throw shade at any generation. But there is a clear trend occurring in our evolution as Americans. My grandfather was made of iron. He cut off skin cancer with a toenail clipper. My parents; slightly less tough. They benefitted from the grit of my grandparents. My generation; progressively more prissy. I don't like spiders. My kids? Don't get me started. Perhaps it is the natural state of things for me to question the toughness of those who come behind me. I'm certain my parents' generation did whenever I would hear the famous words, "back in my day..." But is there something to this sentiment?

Regardless of whether you agree with the above proposition or not, a strong work ethic is immensely important to the legal profession. Not just to make you successful in your firm, but because you owe it to your clients. We are entrusted with issues that are very important to our clients. As their representatives, we are bound to act in their best interest, as if it were our own. This requires hard work.

Seeing attorneys like **Marco DeLucio** routinely being the last to leave the office, or **Charlie Berger** going into the office when most everyone else has just entered R.E.M. sleep may be extreme examples. Not everyone will be checking their e-mail and calls like **Monica Edwards**, or work hours like **Josh Gessling** or **Andy Nestrick**. But a good work ethic certainly goes a long way toward having a successful practice. We all know of our own examples of colleagues routinely going the extra mile.

Ultimately, our jobs can be done at odd hours and at places other than our desk. Without a good work ethic, it doesn't matter. If you are a young attorney, put in the time. Work hard. Be there when others are not. You will not only build a reputation as a trustworthy worker, but you will also learn much from other attorneys just by being available.

PLEASE JOIN THE EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION'S
YOUNG LAWYER SECTION

New Attorney Welcome Celebration

24
OCT

5-7
PM

Old Courthouse - 2nd Floor
Randall T. Shepard Courtroom
201 NW 4th Street, Evansville

Doors open at 5:00pm
Ceremony for attorneys
admitted in 2024 at 5:30pm

Reception to follow

VLP News

By: Senior Judge Sheila Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

The Volunteer Lawyer Program would like to recognize the wonderful and kind volunteer work done by **Phil Siegel**. Phil took on several pro bono cases each year while in practice and was always willing to help answer calls at Talk to a Lawyer to lift up our community. From VLP and all you have served, thank you.

As we have mentioned before, VLP is a local office of Pro Bono Indiana (PBI) which formed after the volunteer programs across the state merged. PBI is headquartered in Evansville due in part to all of the valuable support our volunteers have provided to make VLP successful in helping others. VLP has been busy helping self-represented individuals at its clinics and collaborating with community partners to educate others on our legal system in Evansville and the surrounding counties. VLP and PBI has also tried its best to help our neighbors across the state. We have helped run a new appeals clinic to assist self-represented individuals navigate their appeals issues and to provide support to the hard work of our courts. We also assist in administering a virtual housing clinic to try to ensure that all of our communities have a chance to find some form of help. Our ability to help others is only possible due to your valuable support. *Thank you for volunteering!*

Reach out to max.happe@probonoindiana.org if you are interested in the work VLP does.

Please also contact us if you are interested in volunteering at Talk to a Lawyer next year. Our sign-up sheet is attached. We would love to answer phones with you.

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>

\$25/person teams of 8*

Mulligans \$20

*Smaller teams may be combined

\$500
Grand Prize

Wednesday, October 16

Children's Museum of Evansville

Doors open @ 5:30pm

Trivia @ 6:00pm



Barbara Coyle Williams
President

Thank you to all who have donated to the Foundation this year. In the coming weeks, members of the Board will visit each agency to present their checks. This is a unique opportunity for the Board members to meet with members of each organization in the place where they do the good work for our community. This year the Foundation received just over \$71,000.00 in grant requests. Although the EBF did not have funds available for all requests, more than \$24,500.00 was awarded to the following organizations:

- ◆ Albion Fellows Center
- ◆ Boys and Girls Club of Evansville, Inc.
- ◆ EBA Access to Justice Trivia Night
- ◆ Legal Aid Society of Evansville, Inc.
- ◆ The Salvation Army of Evansville
- ◆ Vanderburgh County CASA
- ◆ Vanderburgh County Law Library Foundation
- ◆ VLP-Talk to a Lawyer
- ◆ YMCA of Southwestern IN, Inc.
- ◆ YR of Southwestern IN, Inc. – Teen Court

These awards would not be possible without the financial gifts from our EBA members. Thank you so much. The EBF Board and all the recipient organizations appreciate your support.

As I have mentioned, EBF is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year. The Celebration is fast approaching, but there is still time to purchase tickets. This will be a FUN evening! There may be some pictures in next month's commentary.



If you cannot attend, it is easy to donate and support the EBF. 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: 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).

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

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SEPTEMBER 27
TO ASHLEY@EVVBAR.ORG



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!

Scan to pump
up the 90s jams!



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.

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**
 501 Main St.
 Suite 101
 Evansville



Noon

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

EBA Member \$30 Non-member \$50




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

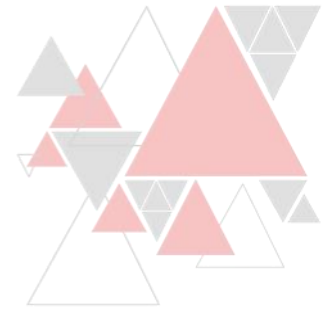
CLIFF WHITEHEAD
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Tuesday, December 17
 8:30am-Noon
 Venue TBD

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

MEMBER \$115
 NON-MEMBER \$175





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

EBA MEMBER \$295
NON-MEMBER \$345

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

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

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

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

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WHO'S DOING WHAT?



The Cardinals triumphed over the Reds, 6-1, for the Bases are Loaded outing on September 12. EBA members in attendance included Elyse Mastison, Aaron Allen, Karey Cain, Tim Hambidge, Mark Foster, Conor O'Daniel, Michele Bryant, Jim Casey, Greg Meyer, David Shaw, Joe Harrison, Tammy Schmitt, Jim Johnson, Dan Carwile, and Barbara and Brian Williams.



Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court, Loretta Rush, was the featured guest at this year's Shepard Lecture Series on September 24. She started her day at the Shepard Academy, where she engaged with students, discussing the need for new attorneys in Indiana and answering questions about her career. Chief Justice Rush later joined members of the EBA for an informal lunch at Just Rennie's and appeared on *Two Main Street* with David James. The day concluded with her evening presentation, where she addressed topics such as artificial intelligence, the demand for new attorneys, and the fortunate state of Vanderburgh County's judiciary.

Bar Updates:

Please welcome new attorney members **Andrew Boykin, Carter Gallagher, Abraham Lamptey, John Langmaid, Michael Lonnborg,** and **Emily Smoot.** Please make these additions and updates to your contacts:

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Chad Sullivan
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Go to evvbar.org,
 click the MEMBERS tab.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

OCTOBER 2024

- 10/03 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 10/05 **Evansville Bar Association 25th Anniversary Celebration—Party Like It's 1999!** - 6:00-10:00pm, Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science—[RSVP to Ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:Ashley@evvbar.org)
- 10/08 **CLE—Ever Wanted to Question an Appellate Judge? Judge Melissa S. May Answers Your Questions!** (1 CLE/1 Ethics) - Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/10 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 10/14 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 10/16 Trivia Night to Benefit ILS, LAS, and VLP—Doors open at 5:30pm with Trivia at 6:00pm, Childrens Museum of Evansville—REGISTER YOUR TEAM at <https://forms.gle/mRKHpTFsvT5TDmrr6>
- 10/17 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at noon, EBA/EBF Office
- 10/23 **CLE—Commercial Real Estate Transactions: Deciphering Surveys and Understanding Title Policy Endorsements** (1 CLE) - Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- EBA Paralegal and Legal Staff Section**—Celebrate Paralegals and Legal Staff Day! - 5:00-7:00pm, EBA Office
- 10/24 **New Attorney Welcome Celebration**—Doors open at 5:00pm with Ceremony at 5:30pm and Reception to follow, Old Courthouse in the Shepard Courtroom, 2nd Floor
- 10/25 **CLE—2024 Hot Topics for In-House Corporate Counsel** (IN: 6 CLE/1 Ethics/1 CME; KY: 6 CLE) - Light breakfast at 8:00am, CLE at 8:30am, Welborn Community Room, Fifth Third Tower, 15th Floor—[REGISTER](#)

SAVE-THE-DATE

CAROLING AT THE COURTHOUSE: THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

MORE DETAILS TO COME!

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ATTORNEY/PARALEGAL NAME: _____

E-MAIL: _____

(E-mail to jeana.goebel@probonoindiana.org or max.happe@probonoindiana.org)

Afternoon Talk-to-a-Lawyer on the First THURSDAY of the month

_____ January 2, 2025 4:30 to 6:00	_____ February 6, 2025 4:30 to 6:00
_____ March 6, 2025 4:30 to 6:00	_____ April 3, 2025 4:30 to 6:00
_____ May 1, 2025 4:30 to 6:00	_____ June 5, 2025 4:30 to 6:00
_____ July 3, 2025 4:30 to 6:00	_____ August 7, 2025 4:30 to 6:00
_____ September 4, 2025 4:30 to 6:00	_____ October 2, 2025 4:30 to 6:00
_____ November 6, 2025 4:30 to 6:00	_____ December 4, 2025 4:30 to 6:00

My firm would be interested in staffing one of these dates – please contact me to discuss.

Lunch-Time Talk-to-a-Lawyer on the Third TUESDAY of the month

_____ January 21, 2025 11:30 to 1:00	_____ February 18, 2025 11:30 to 1:00
_____ March 18, 2025 11:30 to 1:00	_____ April 15, 2025 11:30 to 1:00
_____ May 20, 2025 11:30 to 1:00	_____ June 17, 2025 11:30 to 1:00
_____ July 15, 2025 11:30 to 1:00	_____ August 19, 2025 11:30 to 1:00
_____ September 16, 2025 11:30 to 1:00	_____ October 21, 2025 11:30 to 1:00
_____ November 18, 2025 11:30 to 1:00	_____ December 16, 2025 11:30 to 1:00

My firm would be interested in staffing one of these dates – please contact me to discuss.

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Talk to a Lawyer Session on January 20th –We hope to utilize Indiana Free Legal Answers to join the statewide clear the queue for this event! 01/20/2025 (Monday) from 11:00 to 1:00

I am interested in the Family Law Clinic. Please send me info on these Clinics operated in partnership with the Law Library that is always held on the First and Third Thursday of each month from 11:00 to 1:00.

I am interested in the Second Chance/Housing Clinic. Please send me info on these Clinics operated in partnership with the Law Library and held on the Second and Fourth Thursday of each month from 11:00 to 1:00.

I'm interested in participating in Homeless Connect, typically held in March. Please contact me with volunteer times when scheduled.

I'm interested in participating at some point in the Help Desk which is held every Monday through Friday (when court is open) from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

As always, thank you!