

November 2020

The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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TRADITION: TRIVIA, OUR VETERANS AND THE HOLIDAYS

Congratulations to The Kahn Artists, the winning team of Trivia Night 2020: A Virtual Experience! The members of The Kahn Artists were Jon Goldman, Jeff Helfrich, Steve Lavallo, Steve Theising, Nick Golding, Robert Lamey, Matt Rust, and Katy Nimnicht. Also, congratulations to the members of We're Not Wearing Pants for winning the coveted Dum-Dum tree. Their last place finish is such a surprise since, judging by the name of their team, they seem to take themselves so seriously.



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The first ever virtual Trivia Night was a great success. We had 64 participants and, by the time all funds are totaled, we raised over \$5,000 for VLP and LAS. The night was filled with attorneys vehemently arguing over whether Snow White sang "Hi Ho" with her seven little friends, numerous Scott Wylie costume changes, and, of course, lots of fun. I have been told that we are the first bar association in the state to host such an event, which confirms that we are – as Scott likes to call us – the "best damn bar in the state." Thank you to all that participated in, emceed, organized, and scored the event. Maybe next year, we'll all be back to arguing over ridiculous topics in person.

As November rolls around, the EBA wants to take time to remember and thank our EBA veterans for their sacrifice and service. Typically, the EBA hosts a Veteran's Day gathering each year in November, but, given the capacity of the EBA office considering social distancing requirements, we will not be able to host the inperson event. If you work with or know of a veteran, please take time to send an email or drop a note expressing your gratitude so that the sacrifices of these men and women are not forgotten amidst the craziness in which we continue to find ourselves.

Finally, please mark your calendars for December 4, 2020. Because inside, inperson gatherings are so difficult to host these days, the EBA is going to resurrect (or attempt to resurrect) a social gathering that died many years ago but that will hopefully be safer for those involved. What is it, you ask with uncontained excitement?!? Caroling!!! Don't groan...it will be fun!!! The plan is to begin at the Vanderburgh County Courthouse at 4:00 p.m. to meet all of the judges as they leave work for the day and make our way to the Old Courthouse lawn, where we will sing holiday songs, off-key, with masks, socially-distanced from one another, for at least several minutes. Hot chocolate and hot apple cider will be served, and everyone is encouraged to wear their tackiest ugly holiday sweater, dress, or costume. Greg Freyberger (whom you can thank or admonish for this idea) has promised that he and several members of his firm will attend in full costume. We can't wait to see you all there!



VLP News

By: Judge Smith and Senior Judge Corcoran

Hard to believe that it is that time of year when we have to start closing the book on 2020 and looking forward to 2021 – especially since this year seems to have been 27 months long. As we do each year, you will find a sign-up sheet for Talk to a Lawyer at the end of this Summation. You will also find a Self-Reporting Form to report efforts you have made from sources other than VLP. For nearly twenty years, volunteers from the Evansville Bar Association – **lawyers and paralegals** – have fielded phone calls from area residents, serving over 13,000 callers during that time. Anyone can volunteer for TTAL and no previous experience is necessary. Resource materials are available and each session's volunteers often work together to help answer more challenging (or unusual) questions posed by callers. Our lunch TTAL is scheduled for the third Tuesday of each month from 11:30 to 1:00 Central Time. And, our long-standing Thursday evening session is scheduled for 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. Talk to a Lawyer is one of the ways that the local bar interacts in a positive way with members of the public. This service also helps relieve some of the caller demand at our partner programs like Indiana Legal Services, the Legal Aid Society, and the EBA's Lawyer Referral Service. Volunteering is easy, fun, and there are snacks. Please consider signing up for as many dates as you can. Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW...

In an effort to preserve the legacy and history of the practice of law in Vanderburgh County, the Evansville Bar Association conducts interviews with members of the law community.

In September, ten members were interviewed to continue the legacy.

Diane Bender Larry Downs Ron Freson Jon Goldman Phil Hayes Bob Kinkle Steve Krohn Katherine Rybak David Shaw Charles Spaetti

<u>CLICK HERE</u> or go to <u>histories.evvbar.org</u> to watch the interviews.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for

Magistrate Judge Michael Cox

will be held Wednesday, November 11 at Noon at the Old Courthouse—Shepard Courtroom

Limited seating; Face masks are required.

Additional seating available in the Ballroom where the service will be live-streamed.

You may also join the service virtually—link to be sent prior to the service.





ast month, the Evansville Bar Foundation was proud to participate in the first Virtual Trivia Night. Congratulations to the winners and a special thank you to all who helped make the night successful under challenging circumstances.

Daniel Robinson, Jr., President

By way of reminder, all donations for the Trivia Night event are separate from the Foundation's annual endowment grants and are specifically set aside to assist VLP and Legal Aid. This year we will be specifically recognizing all donors to the event in The Summation.

Speaking of the Foundation's annual endowment grants, the 2021 campaign begins this month. Be on the lookout for campaign request letters which we expect to send out in the next few weeks. Again, we genuinely appreciate your support. As you know, the more you give, the more the Foundation can give!

Stay safe and healthy!

To donate to the Foundation, go to <u>https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx</u> or click the DONATE button below. All donations are tax deductible and reportable under Revised Rule 6.7(a)(3) of Professional Conduct!



LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: FAMILY LAW AND PRO SE CLINICS

As you may remember, the law library hosts legal clinics operated by the Volunteer Lawyer Program. At the end of August, the Family Law Clinic returned to its regular meeting schedule on the first and third Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants must have an appointment in advance to attend the Family Law Clinic.

For those wanting civil legal assistance through the *Pro Se* Navigation Clinic, participants have been able to come by the library since September to speak with an attorney on the second and fourth Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In addition, self -represented litigants facing evictions, collection matters, support modifications, or other pandemic-related issues may stop by the daily in-person help desk offered each weekday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. located in the Old National Events Plaza near the temporary Vanderburgh County Superior Courtrooms. The monthly "Talk to a Lawyer" (TTAL) program continues as scheduled.

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 <u>kweston@vanderburghgov.org</u>.



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



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4 CLE/I Ethics

Thursday, December 10 8:00am-12:15pm EBA Office or Video Conference*

Member \$120 Non-member \$200

To register call (812) 463-3201, email Ashley at <u>eba@evvbar.org</u> or go to <u>evvbar.org</u>.

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

NOVEMBER REPLAYS

Friday, November 13

9:00am—Buying and Selling a Small Business 101 (1 CLE) 10:30am—Lifecycle of an LLC: Creating, Voluntarily Dissolving and Reinstating (1 CLE) 12:00pm—Be an Access to Justice Hero: Tips and Strategies for Successful Pro Bono Representation (1 CLE/1 ETHICS)

Monday, November 16

8:30am-12:30pm—Mediation Tips: You Can't Always Get What You Want...But With These Tips You Might Get What You Need (3 CLE/3 CME) - EBA Member \$90, Non-Member \$150

<u>Tuesday and/or Wednesday, November 17 & 18</u> 9:00am-4:00pm—2020 Indiana Law Survey (12 CLE/2 ETHICS) -Day 1 ONLY-\$250; Day 2 ONLY-\$250; Full Program \$375

Monday, November 30

9:00am—ACBA - Preparing a Case for Mediation from Day ONE (1 CLE/1 CME) 10:30am—ACBA - Top 10 Tips for a Successful Mediation (1 CLE/1 CME) 12:00pm—Mediating in High-Conflict Cases - Family Law (1 CLE/1 CME)

> EBA Office at 915 Main Street, Suite 108 EBA Member \$30/hr or Non-member \$50/hr, unless noted





WHO'S DOING WHAT

Congratulations to...

...**Shannon Frank** who was named the 2020 Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Southwestern Indiana.

...**Ashley Hollen** and **Patrick Thomas** who where named to the Rotary Club of Evansville Class of 2020–20 under 40.

...**Tanisha Carothers**, **Kathryn Kornblum**, and **Carrie Roelle** who were recognized as 2020 Women On A Mission at the YWCA Legacy of Impact.



On October 22, Evansville Bar Association members Judge Les Shively, Katherine Rybak, Nick Hermann, and Tanisha Carothers participated in a virtual forum on

criminal justice reform hosted by the Evansville Commission on the Social Status of African-American Males.



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<u>Bar Updates:</u>

Welcome new attorney member *Hunter Renschler*. Also, welcome law student member *Mark Abell*. Please make the following additions and changes to your contacts:

Hunter Renschler Law Offices of Steven K. Deig 5615 East Virginia Street Evansville, Indiana 47715 (812) 477-5577 hunter@deiglaw.com Mark Abell IU Mauer School of Law <u>mtabell@iu.edu</u>



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WE ARE THE EBA



Erin Bauer, Partner, Barber & Bauer, LLP

In practice since 2008; general litigation, employment law, family law, estate planning, and social security disability, among other areas.

Why did you become an attorney? I wrote a paper in 6th grade that said I wanted to go to IU to be a lawyer and that I wanted to have two kids. So, I guess I had it all figured out at age 12. I knew I wanted to work in a challenging profession, and I hate the sight of blood so being a doctor was out. What are three (3) fun or interesting facts about you that people may not know? 1. I am disgusted by

grilled a chicken or made a hamburger. I had to call my mom a few years ago when my husband was working late to ask her how to scramble an egg; 3. I have a lot of OCD tendencies, especially at home. I cannot handle when things are out of place at my house, and I literally cannot rest until certain items are restored to their rightful places. My poor kids are typically not allowed to leave out toys. My husband says I need to be on medication.

What are your hobbies? Traveling, playing sports before I got old and out of shape, watching my kids play sports now. What always makes you laugh? My nightly group chats with Magistrate Weiberg, Crystal Wildeman, and Lindsay Schmitt; the

movie "Bridesmaids;" "The Office" What song would you sing at Karaoke night? You Can Call Me Al—Paul Simon

What was your first job? I was a busser at The Red Geranium.

What is your favorite movie? It's a tie between Braveheart and Love Actually.

What is one thing you will never do again? Here's two: Go spelunking (I'm now claustrophobic because of it). Go on the Zipper at the Fall Festival.

If you could not work for 1 year, what would you do? It depends—do I have money? If so, I'd travel the world with my family. If not, I'd sleep more, get back into shape, read for fun, and have lots of lunches with friends.

Thomas Clowers, Posey County Prosecutor

8 years in practice; criminal prosecution

Why did you become an attorney? Primarily because my dreams of playing in the NBA didn't quite pan out.

What are your hobbies? I enjoy coaching my kids' youth sports teams, playing golf and tennis, as well as hunting and fishing.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? "Whenever I'm about to do something, I think, 'Would an idiot do that?' And if they would, I do not do that thing." – wise words from Dwight K. Schrute. What song would you sing at Karaoke night? Ice Ice Baby – Vanilla Ice

What was your first job? When I was in 7th grade, I covered middle school sports for the local newspaper. I was paid \$10 per published article – which averaged about \$2-3 per hour worked.

Tell me a bit about your immediate family. My wife, Macy, is a Speech-Language Pathologist for MSD of Mt. Vernon. We have three children – Logan is in 7th grade, Camden is in 4th grade and Kate is in preschool.

What's your favorite family tradition? Every October, we make a trip to Lexington, Kentucky to watch the horse races at Keeneland and visit our favorite pumpkin patch. We always look forward to this trip!

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

When you're not working, what are you most likely to be doing? Hanging out with family, likely watching one of my kids – or niece or nephew – play in a sporting event.

Who inspires you? Travis Clowers



Hon. Travis Clowers, Posey County Superior Court Judge

13 years in practice; currently the Superior Court judge in Posey County

Why did you become an attorney? I followed advice from my father and a college professor.

What are three (3) fun or interesting facts about you that people may not know? 1.1 was born in Maryville, Tennessee; 2. A large part of my childhood was spent near Destin, Florida while my father served in the Air Force; 3. When I was 5 years old, I had a pet donkey named Mow. I had a small saddle and would ride him around our field. What song would you sing at Karaoke night? Mine by Bazzi ... But definitely the clean

version because I always take my mom for karaoke night.

What was your first job? Blizzard-maker at Dairy Queen Tell me a bit about your immediate family. My wife Jennifer and I have been married for 17 years. We have 5 children... 4 boys and 1 girl. Triston, Jackson, Bryce, Nash and Emma

What's your favorite family tradition? On birthdays we make whatever meal the birthday boy or girl wants. Then – while we eat – we go around the table and say our favorite thing about that person.

What is your favorite movie? Ferris Bueller's Day Off

What celebrity would you like most to meet for a cup of coffee? Rihanna

When you're not working, what are you most likely to be doing? Spending time with my family.... Usually at a sporting event for one of our children.

NOVEMBER 2020 CALENDAR

11/03 ELECTION DAY

- 11/04 EBA D&I ICLEO & Law School Subcommittee Meeting-Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
- 11/05 Talk to a Lawyer—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 11/06 31st Annual Estate & Business Planning Institute—8:25am-4:00pm, LIVE WEBCAST—Register call (812) 463-3201
- 11/10 EBA Paralegal Section Meeting—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference*
- 11/11 VETERANS DAY

Memorial Service for Magistrate Michael Cox-Noon, Old Courthouse, Shepard Courtroom

- 11/12 **Evansville Bar Association Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch @ 11:45am, meeting @ Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 11/13 EBA Video Replays—EBA Office—LIMITED SEATING!

9:00am—Buying and Selling a Business 101 (1 CLE) - REGISTER

- 10:30am—Lifecycle of an LLC: Creating, Voluntarily Dissolving and Reinstating (1 CLE) REGISTER
- Noon—**Be an Access to Justice Hero: Tips and Strategies for Successful Pro Bono Representation** (1 Ethics) - <u>REGISTER</u>
- 11/16 EBA Replay—Mediation Tips: You Can't Always Get What You Want...But With These Tips You Might Get What You Need—8:30am-Noon, EBA Office—LIMITED SEATING—<u>REGISTER</u>
- 11/17 Talk to a Lawyer—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 11/17 & 18 Indiana Law Survey Replay—9:00am-4:00pm, EBA Office—LIMITED SEATING—<u>REGISTER</u>
- 11/18 EBA D&I Local Government and Strategic Alliances Subcommittee Meeting-Noon, Video Conference ONLY
- 11/25-27 **EBA OFFICE CLOSED**—Thanksgiving
- 11/30 EBA Video Replays—EBA Office—LIMITED SEATING!
 - 9:00am—Preparing a Case for Mediation from Day One (ACBA) (1 CME) REGISTER
 - 10:30am—Top 10 Tips for a Successful Mediation (ACBA) (1 CME) REGISTER

Noon—**Mediation in High-Conflict Cases-Family Law** (1 CME) - <u>REGISTER</u>

* 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

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—<u>REGISTER</u>

Procrastinators' Delight: All Ethics, All Day! (6 Ethics CLE) - Tuesday, December 29 beginning at 8:30am—<u>REGISTER</u> for one or for all SIX ethics hours!

Procrastinators' Delight: The Last Stand (7 General CLE) - Wednesday, December 30 beginning at 8:30am—<u>REGISTER</u> for one or for all SEVEN hours!

Regional Mock Trial Competition—Evansville: A VIRTUAL EVENT—Saturday, February 13, 2021



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(E-mail to <u>vlpwylie@sigecom.net</u>, fax to 812.402.6304, or mail to the address above.)

Afternoon Talk-to-a-Lawyer on the First THURSDAY of the month – We need both attorneys and paralegals. Signup to help below:

| | January 7, 2021 4:30 to 6:00 | February 4, 2021 4:30 to 6:00 |
|------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | March 4, 2021 4:30 to 6:00 | April 1, 2021 4:30 to 6:00 |
| | May 6, 2021 4:30 to 6:00 | June 3, 2021 4:30 to 6:00 |
| | July 1, 2021 4:30 to 6:00 | August 5, 2021 4:30 to 6:00 |
| . <u> </u> | September 2, 2021 4:30 to 6:00 | October 7, 2021 4:30 to 6:00 |
| | November 4, 2021 4:30 to 6:00 | December 2, 2021 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 – We need both attorneys and paralegals. Sign-up to help below:

| January 19, 2021 11:30 to 1:00 | February 16, 2021 11:30 to 1:00 |
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| March 16, 2021 11:30 to 1:00 | April 20, 2021 11:30 to 1:00 |
| May 18, 2021 11:30 to 1:00 | June 15, 2021 11:30 to 1:00 |
| July 20, 2021 11:30 to 1:00 | August 17, 2021 11:30 to 1:00 |
| September 21, 2021 11:30 to 1:00 | October 19, 2021 11:30 to 1:00 |
| November 16, 2021 11:30 to 1:00 | December 21, 2021 11:30 to 1:00 |

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Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Talk to a Lawyer Session on January 18th – we need both attorneys and paralegals. Sign-up to help below:

January 18, 2021 (Monday) from 11:30 to 1:00

Please send me information on VLP's Walk-In Family Law Clinics operated in partnership with the Law Library and typically held on the First and Third Thursday of each month from 11:00 to 1:00.

Please send me information on VLP's In-Person Talk to a Lawyer Clinics operated in partnership with the Law Library and typically 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.