

# The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Meagan Brien**

### Philanthropy in the Evansville Bar Association



Philanthropy is woven into the fabric of the legal profession because lawyers recognize their responsibility to clients and to the broader community. We often see firsthand the barriers clients face when they cannot afford legal representation or when communities lack access to reliable legal resources. Through philanthropic support, lawyers provide not just legal services but also hope, opportunity, and empowerment.

An impactful way to live out this innate responsibility is through support of the Evansville Bar Foundation. The EBF, as the EBA's charitable arm, channels the generosity of our lawyers into programs that improve access to justice, support legal education, and promote community service. Every donation, in any amount, helps ensure that resources are available to meet critical needs in our community.

Consider the impact: EBF grants have funded legal aid programs for vulnerable families and supplemented the most effective non-profits in the Evansville community. In 2025, the EBF awarded grants to its affiliate organizations, the EBA, the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation, Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwest Indiana ("VLP"), the Legal Aid Society, and Youth Resource's Teen Court, and to area non-profits, Albion Fellows Bacon Center, Boys & Girls Club of Evansville, Holly's House, the Parenting Time Center, the Evansville Salvation Army, Voices, Inc., and YMCA of Southwest Indiana. These initiatives reflect the best of who we are as a profession by using our resources and expertise to uplift others and expand justice.

Beyond the EBF, members of the EBA have numerous opportunities to use their talents for the greater good:

- Volunteer Lawyer Program: Pro Bono Case Placement, Talk to a Lawyer Hotline, Family Law Clinic, Civil Legal Clinic, and the Eviction Help Desk
- Indiana Free Legal Answers Website
- Youth Resources—Teen Court
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance with Legal Aid Society
- CASA Volunteer Opportunities
- EBA and Section initiatives such as Albion Fellows Bacon Center and Little Lambs of Evansville donations, Ronald McDonald House meal preparation and service, and Day of Service events.

The EBA believes that philanthropy builds a stronger bar. Donating our time, talents, and treasurers creates a sense of shared mission among members, reminding us that our profession is also about advancing the public good. Contributions, pooled together, allow us to achieve more collectively than we could alone.

As we enter the final quarter of 2025, we encourage you to make a monetary contribution to the EBF and to seek out the other partners and projects the EBA is proud to attract and facilitate. If you don't see your charity of choice that aligns with the EBA's mission as an opportunity here, reach out and we can see what we can do to help.

Philanthropy is not just about writing a check; it is about investing in the values we hold dear as lawyers: justice, service, and community. We invite you to join us in this ongoing commitment and help ensure that the EBA, EBF, and its partners continue to give back and offer meaningful support for years to come.

PLEASE JOIN THE EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION'S  
YOUNG LAWYER SECTION

## New Attorney Welcome Celebration

13  
NOV

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 2025 at 5:30pm

Reception to follow

## VLP News

By: Max Happe ([max.happe@probonoindiana.org](mailto:max.happe@probonoindiana.org))

VLP was able to attend the ISBA's annual meeting in October. First, thank you to Steve Hoar for serving as Chair of the ISBA House of Delegates this year and for representing Indiana as our State Delegate in the ABA's House of Delegates.

As you may know, Indiana has an attorney shortage. Per reports and outlook data obtained by our State Judiciary, State Bar Association, and other stakeholders in our legal future, this shortage looks to continue or worsen as practicing attorneys retire and not enough new attorneys are in Indiana filling the need for local legal issues. This means that fewer Hoosiers are able to get necessary legal services for common issues in their communities. Those with lower incomes are often the first to experience the additional costs associated with lack of legal service – inability to see through outcomes or lack of fair outcomes due to difficulties navigating legal systems. Our legal aid programs, and our courts, directly experience the impact of this need. It stretches thin resources and makes it harder to provide adequate care and services to everyone.

The ISBA held a CLE at our Evansville Bar Association outlining a few proposals to address this issue that have come from our Court's Commission on Indiana's Legal Future. While the success of these initiatives is not certain, the need is. There was a clear call at the annual meeting this year for our collective service to help with this issue. Service to address need by volunteering to do pro bono work, to educate community members, or to mentor younger attorneys or students interested in law. Civil legal aid systems have long experienced high demand, but if demand continues to grow and our current systems are not able to respond, then what we may see are less healthy communities. To assist in your service, you have VLP. We have many opportunities to get engaged to provide services to those in need. With your help, we can begin to respond and address these needs. We are thankful for your help in making our community a little better.

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Sign up yourself or your firm to volunteer for a session of Talk to a Lawyer for 2026!

Go to the last page of The Summation for more info!

## GIVE THANKS

@TheBar

Friday, November 21  
Noon-1pm

Join us for lunch filled  
with your holiday  
favorites!

Come early because  
when it's gone, it's gone!

Evansville Bar Association  
501 Main Street, Suite 101

Join us for live music by our very own  
Chris Wischer, refreshments, and drinks  
to celebrate the season!

## HOLIDAYS @THEBAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

Evansville Bar Association

501 Main Street, Suite 101, Downtown Evansville

4:00-6:00pm

EBA  
EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION



**Bob Carithers**  
President

The holiday this month reminds us of what we should do every day: be thankful. Regarding the John L. Sanders-Evansville Bar Foundation, I write to remind us to be thankful for Evelyn Sanders and John Sanders, wife and husband. John was an attorney who in 1923 commenced a practice in Evansville and continued to practice until one day prior to his date of death in 1997—at 100 years of age. Evelyn survived him and decided to establish a memorial foundation in John's honor. She began the endowing process in 1997; and the EBF was created in 1999. Its statement of purpose, "Promoting Justice and Improving Lives Through the Law," had been exemplified by John's 75 years of practice. Evelyn passed away in 2007 the age of 98. I was fortunate to know John and witness him practice law since our careers overlapped, although he had been tailing in the vineyards of the law for over 50 years before I started. He was professional and created clever ways for him to deliver legal services. John was a well-rounded gentleman. His bright mind was engaged in areas other than the law. One area was art, particularly painting. He operated an art supply store aptly named The Artists Market. I was attending the University of Evansville when the trend arrived here for folks of my generation to wear hippie garb. One item of the hippie uniform was bell-bottom jeans. At first the only local store which sold them was The Artists Market. John had been in other areas of the United States, had observed the trend in clothing among the young, was openminded and astute, and got ahead of that trend in his own city.

**To make a donation to the Foundation  
mail a check to:**

**501 Main Street, Suite 101, Evansville, IN 47708**  
or go to <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx>.

## LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: FAMILY LAW CLINIC, PRO SE CLINIC, AND HELP DESK

As you know, the law library hosts legal clinics operated by the Volunteer Lawyer Program/Pro Bono Indiana (VLP/PBI). The Family Law Clinic meets on the first and third Thursday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for scheduled appointments. The *Pro Se* Clinic meets on the second and fourth Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and offers walk-in litigants assistance with questions about their legal needs. In addition, self-represented litigants may stop by the daily in-person help desk from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in the William H. Miller Law Library.

This partnership between VLP/PBI and the law library helps make it possible for self-represented litigants involved in civil matters to receive guidance on how to successfully navigate the court system, obtain appropriate *pro se* pleadings, access self-help materials, and take advantage of online legal resources. Your generous donations and ongoing commitment to the Law Library Foundation and the law library ensure that the people in this community have access to these legal services and *pro se* clinics. Thanks 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](mailto:kweston@vanderburghgov.org)).



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Call (812) 463-3201, email [Ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:Ashley@evvbar.org) or go online at [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org).



36th annual Evansville Bar Association

## Estate & Business Planning Institute

Thursday, November 6, 2025  
DoubleTree Downtown Evansville  
8:00am—Light breakfast  
8:25am—Sessions begin

Member \$325  
Non-member \$375

Register at (812) 463-3201 or [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org).

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## ANNUAL INDIANA LAW SURVEY

REPLAY

**Tuesday, November 18**

6 CLE/1 Ethics  
9:00am-3:30pm

**Wednesday, November 19**

6 CLE/1 Ethics  
9:00am-3:30pm

**EBA OFFICE OR ZOOM\***

One Day = \$275  
Two Days = \$375

REGISTER AT (812) 463-3201  
OR [ASHLEY@EVVBAR.ORG](mailto:ASHLEY@EVVBAR.ORG)



## Valuing the Business: INSIGHTS INTO APPRAISAL AND EVALUATION

1 CLE

CPAs / ADVISORS

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**December 2, 2025  
Noon-1:00pm**

Evansville Bar Association\*  
501 Main Street, Suite 101  
Downtown Evansville

Register at (812) 463-3201,  
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[evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org)

\* Zoom will be available; please indicate at time of registration.

## ANNUAL HOT TOPICS

3 CLE

**DECEMBER 12 | 8:30AM – NOON**

EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION  
501 MAIN STREET, SUITE 101  
DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE  
OR ZOOM\*

**MEMBER \$100  
NON-MEMBER \$160**

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of registration

## PROCRASTINATORS' DELIGHT EBA REPLAYS

**December 29**

**The Final Countdown!**

**6 GENERAL**

**December 30**

**ALL Ethics, ALL Day!**

**6 GENERAL / 6 ETHICS**

**EBA office or Zoom\***

Member \$30/hr | Non-member \$50/hr

To register for one, two, or all 12,  
call (812) 463-3201, email

[Ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:Ashley@evvbar.org), or go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org).

\*Please indicate EBA office or Zoom at registration

## WHO'S DOING WHAT?



EBA members **Judge Krista Weiberg** and **Magistrate Celia Pauli** recently earned certification after completing 120 hours of judicial education through the Indiana Office of Court Services, a program designed to enhance legal knowledge and foster professional and personal growth. Congratulations!

### Evansville Bar Members Shine at Indiana State Bar Association Annual Summit

Evansville and the EBA were well represented at the ISBA's Annual Summit and House of Delegates meeting in October. Congratulations to **Steve Hoar**, who was elected Chair of the House of Delegates. Representing Vanderburgh County were Delegates **Laurie Bumb**, **Karey Cain**, **Max Happe**, and **David Jones**. **Caroline Brinster** represented Dubois County and was re-elected to the ISBA Young Lawyers Section Council for District 8. Additionally, **Lauren Jones** was honored with the Appreciation of Leadership and Dedication Award. Congratulations!



The EBA's Hi-Rail Clean Up was a success! Volunteers pulled weeds, picked up trash, and had a great time giving back. A big thank-you to the Department of Parks & Recreation for partnering with us, and to everyone who came out to help — pictured are **John Langmaid**, **Caroline Brinster**, **Julie Moore Holtz**, and **Meagan Brien**; not pictured: **Lisa Davidson**, **Chandler Lacy**, **Michael Lonnberg**, and Palmer Brien (who ended up covered in burrs!).



**Bar Updates:** Please take a moment to update your contacts! Join us in welcoming our newest **Attorney Members: James Baker, Ashley Dorsey, Fred Folz, Jr., Elizabeth "Betsy" Happe, Will Marshall, Dylan Murphy, Shae Overton, and Lukus Rickelman.**

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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**Amcor** is seeking Associate Legal Counsel to add to their team.

**Department of Child Services** is currently hiring attorneys.

**The Law Offices of Steven K. Deig** is seeking a legal assistant/paralegal.

**Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office** is looking for a Deputy Prosecutor to join the team!

**Vanderburgh County Public Defender Agency** has openings for two (2) full-time attorneys and one (1) part-time attorney.

**Ziemer Stayman Weitzel & Shoulders** is seeking an attorney for an Employment and Labor Law position.

**Ziemer Stayman Weitzel & Shoulders** is seeking an Office Support Specialist.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

## NOVEMBER 2025

- 11/06 **CLE—36th Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute** (IN 6 CLE/1 Ethics; KY 6 CLE/1 Ethics) — Light breakfast at 8:00am, Welcome at 8:25am, Adjourn at 3:50pm—To register call (812) 463-3201 or email [ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org)
- Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office—Contact [max.happe@probonoindiana.org](mailto:max.happe@probonoindiana.org) to volunteer!
- 11/12 **EBA Paralegal and Legal Section Dinner and Meeting**—5:00pm, EBA Office—RSVP to [sstauth@zsws.com](mailto:sstauth@zsws.com)
- 11/13 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- New Attorney Welcome Celebration**—Doors open at 5:00pm, Ceremony at 5:30pm with reception immediately following, Old Courthouse in the Randall T. Shepard Courtroom, 2nd Floor (Enter off Vine Street)
- 11/18 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office—Contact [max.happe@probonoindiana.org](mailto:max.happe@probonoindiana.org) to volunteer!
- 11/18 & 19 **CLE—Indiana Law Survey REPLAY** (Total 12 CLE/2 Ethics) — 9:00am-3:15pm each day, EBA office or Zoom—To register, call (812) 463-3201 or email [ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org)
- 11/19 **EBA Game Night**—5:30pm, EBA Office—Pizza and snacks provide; BYOB—RSVP to [ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org)
- 11/20 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon, EBA/EBF Office
- 11/21 **Give Thanks @TheBar**—Noon-1pm, EBA Office—Join us for lunch filled with all your holiday favorites!
- 11/26-28 **EBA OFFICE CLOSED**—Happy Thanksgiving!



# Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc.

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## Volunteer Attorney and Paralegals for the EBA/VLP Talk-to-a-Lawyer Program

ATTORNEY/PARALEGAL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

(E-mail this sheet to [max.happe@probonoindiana.org](mailto:max.happe@probonoindiana.org) or mail it to us at VLP)

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

|                                      |                                     |
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| _____ NO TTAL- New Year's Day        | _____ February 5, 2026 4:30 to 6:00 |
| _____ March 5, 2026 4:30 to 6:00     | _____ April 2, 2026 4:30 to 6:00    |
| _____ May 7, 2026 4:30 to 6:00       | _____ June 4, 2026 4:30 to 6:00     |
| _____ July 2, 2026 4:30 to 6:00      | _____ August 6, 2026 4:30 to 6:00   |
| _____ September 3, 2026 4:30 to 6:00 | _____ October 1, 2026 4:30 to 6:00  |
| _____ November 5, 2026 4:30 to 6:00  | _____ December 3, 2026 4:30 to 6:00 |

If your firm is interested in doing a firm volunteer night, please indicate the date(s) here: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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| _____ January 20, 2026 11:30 to 1:00   | _____ February 17, 2026 11:30 to 1:00 |
| _____ March 17, 2026 11:30 to 1:00     | _____ April 21, 2026 11:30 to 1:00    |
| _____ May 19, 2026 11:30 to 1:00       | _____ June 16, 2026 11:30 to 1:00     |
| _____ July 21, 2026 11:30 to 1:00      | _____ August 18, 2026 11:30 to 1:00   |
| _____ September 15, 2026 11:30 to 1:00 | _____ October 20, 2026 11:30 to 1:00  |
| _____ November 17, 2026 11:30 to 1:00  | _____ December 15, 2026 11:30 to 1:00 |

If your firm is interested in doing a firm volunteer lunch, please indicate the date(s) here: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Martin Luther King Jr. CLEAR THE QUEUE Session on January 19<sup>th</sup>**—Join us as we clear the Indiana Free Legal Answers queue. 01/19/2026 (Monday) from 11:00 to 1:00. If you have questions about these events, ask!

☐ **Law Day CLEAR THE QUEUE Session on May 1<sup>st</sup>**—Join us as we clear the Indiana Free Legal Answers queue. 05/01/2026 (Friday) from 11:00 to 1:00.

### ***I'm interested in one of the volunteer opportunities below:***

- ☐ Family Law Clinic held on the First and Third Thursday of each month from 11 to 1.
- ☐ Second Chance/Housing Clinic held on the Second and Fourth Thursday of each month from 11 to 1.
- ☐ Homeless Connect, typically held in March. Please contact me with volunteer times when scheduled.
- ☐ Help Desk held every Monday through Friday (when court is open) from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Checking a box will inform us to send you more information on the opportunity.

Find us and opportunities at [vlpswin.org](http://vlpswin.org)

**As always, thank you!**