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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Steve Hoar



In my first President's Message, I wrote about a photo, hanging in my office at work, of the farm where I grew up. The farm has been in my family for almost 200 years. The photo shows what can be accomplished through the hard work of one generation after the next. It has been a guidepost during my year as EBA President.

Knowing there are emerging challenges to the legal profession, this year's EBA Board of Directors accepted the work of its time by initiating an update to the EBA's strategic plan. The updated plan sets several goals, including streamlining our committees and sections, reinvigorating programs for educating the public about the importance of the legal profession, and implementing targeted efforts to recruit and retain members. One goal stands out from the rest: increasing interaction among the five generations of lawyers in Evansville.

What is it that makes our Association so special? Why are Evansville lawyers models of civility? Why do Evansville lawyers devote so much of their time to pro bono work and service to community organizations? Why are Evansville lawyers so effective at protecting the rule of law?

I believe the answers to these questions lie in the work of generations of lawyers throughout the EBA's 105-year history. Law school may teach us how to think like a lawyer, but *other lawyers* teach us how to *act* like a lawyer. One generation teaches the next.

Our legacy of excellence didn't happen by chance. The EBA has had some great teachers. Visit the Legal History Center at the Old Courthouse to learn about some of them. Or just look around the room at the next EBA event to see the current leaders of the bench and bar who stand ready to pass down their hard-earned wisdom. And don't forget that our young lawyers have much to teach their elders as well.

Modern law practice is time-consuming and technology-driven. In the never-ending search for higher productivity, we may be tempted to cloister ourselves in our offices to get the work done. Hearings and meetings can be handled by conference call. Video depositions can be conducted remotely. CLE can be earned online. But if we isolate ourselves, we will lose the geniality that is the hallmark of our Association. And our profession will suffer from lost opportunities for lawyers to learn from each other.

A tenor of hostility prevails in our country. This state of affairs may be partly attributable to individuals sequestering themselves into groups, whether virtual or real-world, of others who hold the same beliefs and viewpoints. As guardians of the rule of law, it's important for the legal profession and our Association to stem this tide of alienation. The vitality of any organization, democracies and bar associations included, depends on its ability to transform diverse perspectives into constructive action.

Get involved! Sign up for the Lawyers Lunch Club and meet lawyers from other generations and practice settings. Volunteer to interview a senior lawyer for the EBA's Oral History Project. Share your knowledge and talent by becoming active in a section or committee. Learn from your fellow lawyers, about the law and about life.

I have another meaningful photo; this one hangs in my home office. It is a composite photo of the current generations of EBA members, my brothers and sisters of the bar. It shows the strength of our foundation. It shows the promise of our future. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President.



**EBA ANNUAL
MEMBERS MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016
5:00PM - EBA Office**



EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

ALL EBA Members are invited to join in for election of the EBA Board of Directors, a very short annual meeting and FREE adult refreshments

News From the Volunteer Lawyer Program

By Judge Greg Smith and Magistrate Sheila Corcoran

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the two raffles and placed bids on the items at the silent auction during Law Day festivities. The amount raised that night was right at \$3,900. This is split with Legal Aid Society and helps with paying expenses for staff to attend the Equal Justice Conference. Thank you for your generosity. A big thank you to Nancy Drake and Emily Baxter, board members of Legal Aid Society, for being the driving forces behind this year's auction; the items were great! People do not realize the time and effort it takes to put on an auction and these two individuals took a lot of the load off the VLP and LAS staff this year.

Speaking of money. Did you know that Indiana Rule of Professional Conduct, Rule 6.1 provides that an attorney can discharge their duty to provide pro bono services by making a financial contribution to a pro bono program or other legal service agency that provides services to individuals of low income? For those attorneys who either feel they have nothing to offer a pro bono client or who otherwise believe they cannot provide pro bono assistance, a financial contribution works, too. Along with Rule 6.1, Rule 6.7 says that contribution is reportable when completing the attorney annual registration, as well as being tax deductible. So, think about making a contribution as a manner to get your pro bono on.

Finally, remember to always turn in the Closing Report when either the client does not contact you or when the case is done. VLP needs those reports, in order to keep their records straight and accurate. At the end of 2015, there were approximately 30 cases from that year and prior years that are shown as pending. Scan and email, fax or snail mail the report; how it gets there doesn't matter as long as it is turned in.

Short Term Volunteer Opportunity

ORAL HISTORIES

of

SENIOR ATTORNEYS

"A lawyer's time and advice are his stock in trade."

- Abraham Lincoln

Would you be **willing to volunteer to interview** a seasoned attorney to add to our **oral history collection**? It just might be a wonderful experience and it will help preserve something valuable for our profession and our organization.

Contact Susan at susan@evvbar.org or call (812) 463-3201

SPEAKERS BUREAU - A Community Outreach

EBA needs your expertise!!

As a community outreach, the EBA offers to provide various groups with speakers on a wide variety of legal topics through a program called the **EBA Speakers Bureau**.

For example, a senior citizens group may require information on advance health care directives, options for estate planning, or preserving their financial assets. Neighborhood groups might ask for a speaker on zoning law or real estate issues, and a high school may ask for a speaker on laws that affect young people, law as a career, buying your first car, etc. So please join the list of speakers!

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Who's Doing What?

Congratulations

To our award winners at the 2016 Law Day:

The James Bethel Gresham Award - **Hon. David Kiely**.

The Doran Perdue Service Award to - **Hon. Richard D'Amour, James Casey, and Beverly Corn**.

To **Steve Culley** who received the Public Interest Achievement Award from McKinney Law School.

To **Scott Wylie** who was appointed to the Coalition for Court Access by the Indiana Supreme Court.

To **Phil Siegel** who is the winner of the March Against Hunger competition sole proprietor division.

Bar Updates: Welcome attorney members **Magistrate Brookman, Alyssa Freeman, Kristin Morrison, Judge PJ Pierson** and student member **Cyromia Hughes-Love**.

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**Katie Worman,
President**



When I joined the Evansville Bar Foundation, someone told me that it is the best board to serve on because "[a]ll you do is give away John Sanders' money." This statement is only partially true. It ignores the long and sometimes contentious committee and board meetings in which we decide which of the many deserving groups will receive funds and which deserving groups get denied. It ignores the times when the EBF board is forced to decide to only partially fund an extremely worthy cause. These meetings force Board members to look within themselves and make difficult decisions.

At the same time, the EBF Board has helped many deserving organizations. We have been honored by former Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Randall Shepard who asked us to administer a trust which was established to commemorate his time on the court and are working to establish the Randall T. Shepard Lecture Series.

I have greatly enjoyed my time on the EBF Board and will miss working with all of the EBF board members. We appreciate your service to the board and commitment to the EBF. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those members who have completed their term on the EBF Board, specifically **Cathy Nestrick** and **Sacha Armstrong**, EBA representative to the EBF board. Finally, I would like to extend a special thank you to Susan Vollmer.

Committee/Section Meetings

- 06/07 **Family Law Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 06/14 **EBA Diversity Meeting**, 8:00 am - EBA Office
- 06/22 **CLE Committee Meeting**, 11:45 am - Lic's Deli
- 06/23 **Shepard Lecture Series Planning Meeting**, 8:00AM - EBA Office
- 06/27 **Access to Justice Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 06/28 **Committee/Section Leader Training**, Noon - EBA Office

2016 CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to those that have contributed to the John L. Sanders Memorial - Evansville Bar Foundation in 2016.
Still Plenty of time to add your name to the list!

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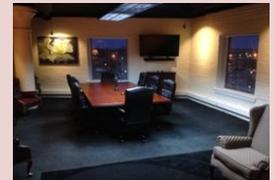
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Young Lawyers Night at the Otters

6:35 pm - First Pitch

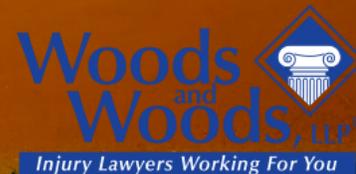
Thursday, June 30

Bosse Field- Bud Lite Lime Party Deck



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Lawyers Assistance Program

Lawyers, judges, and law students in Southwestern Indiana have local and state resources available to help them with issues that could impair their ability to practice law.

At a local level, the Lawyers Assistance Committee consists of Michele Bryant, Judge Wayne Trockman, Chris Lenn, David Sanders, Toby Shaw, Doug Briody, Keith Wallace and Susan Vollmer. This Committee meets regularly and works with JLAP and other volunteers to provide **confidential** assistance to members of the legal community in need. If you or someone you know is struggling with an impairment issue, do yourself or your friend a favor and contact JLAP or a member of the local Committee.

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1 Ethic CLE

Wednesday, June 15

Noon - EBA Office

Speaker: Magistrate Judge Graham Polando

Cost is \$30 for EBA Members and \$50 for Non-members

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Anatomy of a Jury Trial - Video Replay

7 CLE

Pre-Approved in both KY and IN

Thursday, June 23

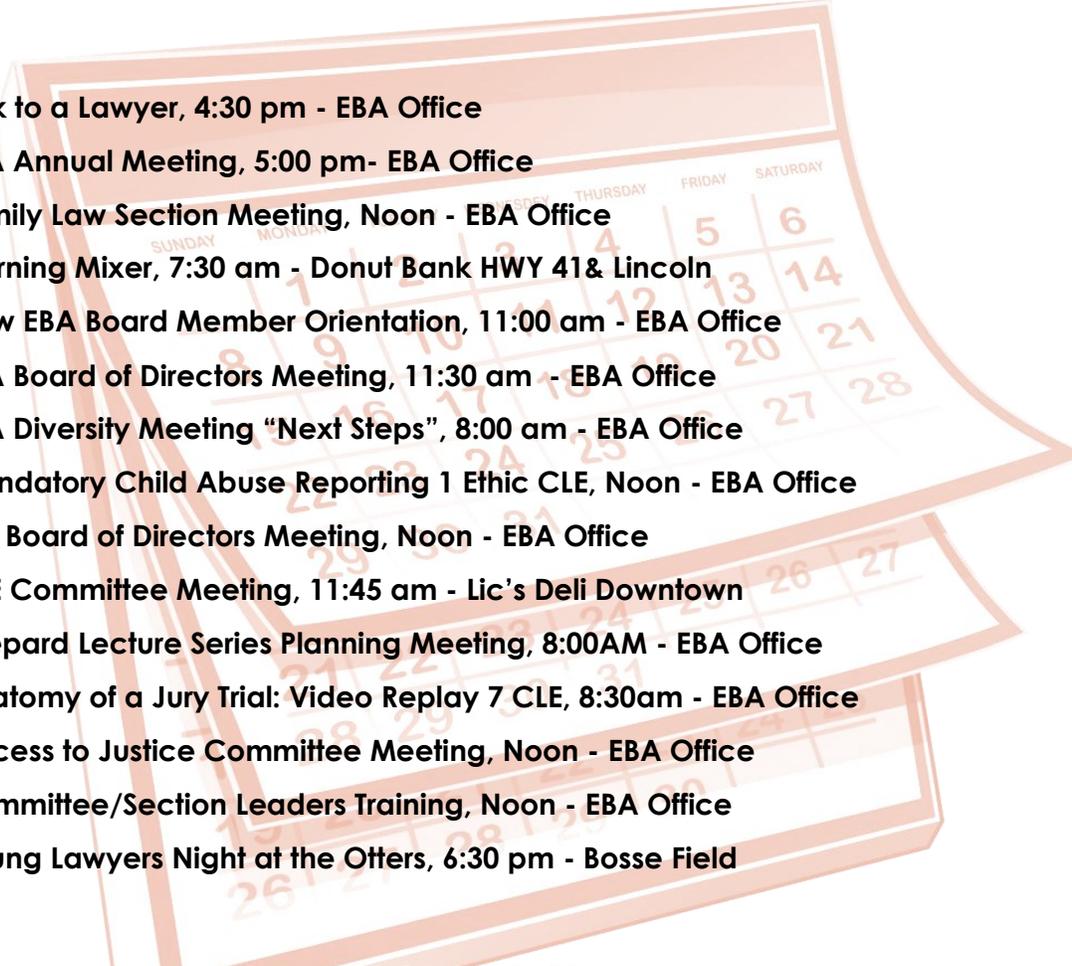
8:30 am - EBA Office

Cost is \$210 for EBA Members and \$320 for Non-members

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JUNE CALENDAR

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- 06/02 Talk to a Lawyer, 4:30 pm - EBA Office
- 06/06 EBA Annual Meeting, 5:00 pm- EBA Office
- 06/07 Family Law Section Meeting, Noon - EBA Office
- 06/09 Morning Mixer, 7:30 am - Donut Bank HWY 41& Lincoln
- 06/09 New EBA Board Member Orientation, 11:00 am - EBA Office
- 06/09 EBA Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 am - EBA Office
- 06/14 EBA Diversity Meeting "Next Steps", 8:00 am - EBA Office
- 06/15 Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting 1 Ethic CLE, Noon - EBA Office
- 06/16 EBF Board of Directors Meeting, Noon - EBA Office
- 06/22 CLE Committee Meeting, 11:45 am - Lic's Deli Downtown
- 06/23 Shepard Lecture Series Planning Meeting, 8:00AM - EBA Office
- 06/23 Anatomy of a Jury Trial: Video Replay 7 CLE, 8:30am - EBA Office
- 06/27 Access to Justice Committee Meeting, Noon - EBA Office
- 06/28 Committee/Section Leaders Training, Noon - EBA Office
- 06/30 Young Lawyers Night at the Offers, 6:30 pm - Bosse Field

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06/23 Anatomy of a Jury Trial 7 CLE (pre-approved for IN and KY CLE) - 8:30AM start

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- 06/22 Medicaid for the Elderly and Aged in Indiana, 6 CLE
- 07/11 Municipal Law Update, 6 CLE