

The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Joe Langerak**

Nominations for the Annual EBA Awards



It's April, and most area high schools are gearing up for graduation. Many have yearbook awards which tell a lot about the graduates' personalities. Well, I thought it would be a good time to list our Most Likely To Awards in similar fashion which was compiled by an esteemed panel. As such, I give you the 2023 EBA Most Likely to Awards List:

Most likely to...

- Win the Lottery (but Lose the Ticket!): **Clay Havill**
- Start a Meme: **Neil Chapman**
- Invent a Gadget: **Scott Stratman**
- Secretly Work for the CIA: **Chris Lee**
- Ask for an EBA Sponsorship and Not be an EBA Member: **Most of our EBA softball team**
- Become a Drifter: **Steve Culley**
- Start a Charity: **Bill Bussing**
- Rid the World of Liberals: **Chad Sullivan**
- Rid the World of MAGA: **Joe Langerak**
- Retire in an RV: **Jamie Dameron**
- Give You a Nickname: **Max Fiester**
- Have a Positive Attitude About the Apocalypse (or Anything): **Jeff Henning**
- Object to Your Extension of Time: **Mark Miller**
- Cry at Feed the Children Commercials: **Judge Weiberg**
- Accidentally Be a Cat During a Zoom: **Ed Johnson**
- Discover a New Chemical Element: **Kyle Rudolph**
- Join the Circus: **Javier Lugo**
- Headline Lollapalooza: **Alex Deeley**
- Reply All to an Email: **Shaunda Lynch**
- Own a Copy of Emily Post's Book of Etiquette: **Scott Evernham**
- Be Sorted into Gryffindor: **Lane Siesky**
- Be Sorted into Slytherin: **Mike Macer**
- Burst into Song and Dance: **Dirck Stahl**
- Be a Reality Show Superstar: **Barry Blackard**
- Overthrow the Government: **Charlie Berger**
- Speaking Objection During a Depo: **Jean Blanton**
- Argue with Their Pet: **Greg Freyberger**
- Be Emotional About the Case Before Even Getting the Referral: **Steve Barber**
- Go to Disneyworld on Every Vacation: **Laura Scott**
- Wear a Carmen San Diego-esque Hat: **Judge Tornatta**
- Be Hurt By Not Receiving a Mostly Likely To Award: **Jim Casey**
- Quote Themselves in a Speech: **Pat Shoulders** and **Mike Schopmeyer** (tie)
- Know the Location and Species of a Tree Upon Which Abraham Lincoln Stubbed His Toe on Tuesday, August 7, 1821: **Josh Claybourn**

Congrats to our award winners, and I hope your spring is starting off nicely! You can nominate a worthy candidate for a truly significant award – the [James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award](#) and the [Doran E. Perdue Service Award](#). [<https://evvbar.org/members/annual-eba-awards.aspx>] Nomination deadline is Monday, April 3, 2023. Please give careful thought and nominate someone you believe deserves recognition for their good works.



The Board of Directors of the Evansville Bar Association and the Evansville Bar Foundation cordially invite you to

LAW DAY AND THE ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, April 20, 2023
Evansville Country Club
5:30pm Reception
6:15pm Dinner and Program
\$60 per person

Respond by April 13 by calling (812) 463-3201 or email Ashley@evvbar.org

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS!

To nominate, click on the links below:

- ◆ [James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award](#)
- ◆ [Doran E. Perdue Service Award](#)

Nomination deadline
April 3, 2023

VLP News

By: Senior Judge Sheila Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

Participation in pro bono service can take many forms in any attorney's practice. Regardless of your subject matter expertise or employment environment, there is an opportunity available to you to give of your time. Volunteers from the EBA, offer 25 Talk to a Lawyer sessions annually and VLP offers daily and weekly in-person brief service clinics at which you can volunteer. If you prefer virtual service, Pro Bono Indiana (which is led from VLP's office in Evansville) operates several virtual clinics that you can participate in from your office desk.

April brings one of our area's most needed opportunities: **Homeless Connect**. This annual event, modeled on Veteran Stand-Downs across the nation, brings dozens of social service agencies together at the Old National Event Plaza to help low-income residents connect with agencies to address their problems in one place. This year's event is on Thursday, April 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and volunteers are needed for the busy Talk to a Lawyer booth. If you would be interested in helping serve the homeless in our community, reach out to Scott Wylie at vlpwylie@sigecom.net or call the office at (812) 402-6303.

To volunteer at the
Talk to a Lawyer booth at
Homeless Connect
Thursday, April 27
Contact Scott Wylie at
vlpwylie@sigecom.net or
call (812) 402-6303.



ENJOY A BEER,
SIP SANGRIA, OR MEET
FRUITY MARGE AND SPICY RITA!
501 MAIN STREET, SUITE 101

03 MAY 2023
4-6PM

Let's get together to Keep Evansville Beautiful!

This is a bar-wide, community service day!
Bring your colleagues, family, and friends to help
Clean Evansville!*

Saturday, May 6
9-11am
Location TBD



Information: (812) 463-3201
julie@evvbar.org

*Trash bags and gloves will be provided



Jimmy Gentry
President

With Spring officially here, the Evansville Bar Foundation Board and I wish to formally thank those of you who are perennial contributors to the Foundation as well as those who have given even just once. Each contribution to the Foundation helps ensure your foundation continues to bloom and prosper year after year. The fruits of your generosity permits the Foundation to grow its reach by funding grants to community organizations that fulfill its mission of cultivating programs, services, and activities that promote a public understanding and awareness of the law, improve the delivery of legal services to the community as a whole and specifically to indigent and vulnerable citizens, enhance the performance of practicing attorneys, and advance the administration of justice.

With you being an EBA member, I encourage you to be engaged in your Foundation and make a financial contribution again as a perennial donor or for the first time. Your donation is tax deductible and is reportable under Revised Rule 6.7(a) (3) of Professional Conduct.

Furthermore, if you or your loved one wish to consider incorporating the Evansville Bar Foundation into an estate plan to help fund it for years to come, please contact me to discuss.

Whether a one-time donation or through planned giving, the Foundation Board and I appreciate you and your support.

To donate to the Foundation, mail a check to
501 Main Street, Suite 101, Evansville, 47708 or
go to <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx>

Donate

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: HOUSING KIOSK

Last December, a housing kiosk was placed in the law library. It may look like we've added an ATM, but the kiosk provides legal help for persons dealing with an eviction or other related housing stability questions. The kiosk has a touch screen where they can look up resources available in their area and get legal assistance. As we move further into 2023, more features will become available through the kiosk, such as directly connecting with a legal navigator trained to provide them with guidance. For those attorneys asked for legal advice as you move through the court house hallways, please feel free to direct those persons to the housing kiosk and the law library (suite 207).

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).



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* 2023 Campaign donations received November 1, 2022-March 31, 2023

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

Registration and pre-payment are required by phone at (812) 463-3201, email at Ashley@evvbar.org or online at evvbar.org.

Registrations received two hours prior to start of course will be charged an additional \$5. Printed materials are available by request for \$5 per credit hour, not to exceed \$25.

Credit will not be reported to the Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE Commission) until payment for the course has been received in full.

MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, AND ADOPTIONS

1 CLE

MONDAY, APRIL 24

NOON

EBA OFFICE

LEE VEAZEY, DENTONS
DERRICK MCDOWELL, DENTONS

Family Law Section Member \$25
Member \$30
Non-member \$50

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

It Starts with You: Practical Strategies for Healthier Legal Professionals

(6 CLE/3 Ethics)

Special Guest Speaker: Sam Ardery

Thursday, April 13, 2023

Friedman Park Event Center

2700 Park Blvd., Newburgh

Registration and light breakfast - 8:30am

Welcome and Session 1 - 8:50am

EBA Member \$200

Non-member \$320

To sponsor this event, contact Julie@evvbar.org.

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



Breakfast with the Judge

Hon. Andrea K. McCord
US Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Indiana
1 CLE

Wednesday, May 17

EBA Office

Check-in and Light Breakfast - 8:00am

CLE Presentation - 8:30am

Commercial Law Section \$30
Member \$35
Non-member \$55

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

APPLIED PROFESSIONALISM

FOR THE NEW ATTORNEY

6 CLE/6 Applied Professionalism/ 6 Ethics

Friday, September 22

8:30am-4:00pm

Check-in and light breakfast at 8:00am

Evansville Bar Association

501 Main Street, Suite 101

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

Presented by the
EBA Young
Lawyers Section

FREE for EBA Member
0-3 Years in Practice

\$100 for Non-member
0-3 Years Practice

\$190 for EBA Member
4+ Years in Practice

WHO'S DOING WHAT?

THANK YOU...and see you next time!

Thank you to everyone that attended **Breakfast with the Bench & Bar** on March 10. It was a nice, casual morning with great food and even better company!



We hope to see you at the next **Breakfast with the Bench & Bar** in the fall!



If you weren't able to join us for the inaugural **Pizza at the Bar** event in March, mark your calendar for Tuesday, June 27 at Noon for the next opportunity to enjoy a slice of pizza and time with fellow bar members!



JOIN US TO

MEET THE PROSECUTORS
from Vanderburgh County

Tuesday, April 11
4:00-5:30pm

EBA
EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

501 Main Street | Suite 101

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Bar Updates:

Welcome new attorney members from the **Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office**. Please make the following additions and updates to your contacts:

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For more information or how to apply, go to evvbar.org, click the MEMBERS tab.

NOW HIRING:

Department of Child Services

Gutwein Law

Law office of Jonathan M. Young

Reminger Co.

Siesky Law

Terrell, Born, Sullivan & Fiester

Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office

WE ARE THE EBA



Jozie Barton, Associate, Farmer Scott Ozete Robinson & Schmitt

Five months in practice in business services, business and commercial transactions, and litigation

Why did you become an attorney? I became an attorney because I love research and writing, and the law was a great way to use those skills to help others.

What is the most valuable asset the EBA has to offer? Why? The EBA is a great community to be a part of, especially as a young lawyer. Having a built-in support system has been crucial in navigating these first few months as a practicing attorney.

What's your favorite item in your office and why? My favorite item in my office is the wooden lawyer quilt

square my running buddy made me for graduation.

What is your favorite movie? The Princess Bride

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

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? If I could only eat one meal for the rest of my life, it would probably be pancakes.

When you're not working, what are you most likely to be doing? If I'm not working, I am most likely to be spending time with family, running, or cooking.

How many pairs of shoes do you own? I own too many pairs of shoes, but my favorites are my glitter Keds that I get to wear to work on jean Fridays.

What was your first job? I worked in a corn field doing stand counts and pollination.

If you could live anywhere, where would that be? Anywhere that is warm (but not humid) and sunny year-round.

If you could brush up on a skill or work on a new one, what would it be? I would love to learn a foreign language. I took all the required courses in high school and college, but nothing ever stuck. Unless, of course, legalese counts.



Jessica McCarthy, Child Services Attorney, DCS

20 years in practice; Insurance defense work for 9 years, moved to Louisville to do medical malpractice defense, but came back home to Evansville in 2018 to work for DCS in public service.

What are three (3) fun or interesting facts about you that people may not know? I'm studying art at USI; I shaved my head during COVID; I have the loudest laugh in my office.

What are your hobbies? Sewing, costume design, ceramics, woodworking, gardening, and rehabbing neighborhood cats.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Your time is really all you have.

How would your friends describe you? Outrageous, outspoken, humorous (I hope).

What was your first job? I worked the drive thru at Burger King.

Tell me a bit about your immediate family. I am thankful to be able to live in our small town with my mother and brother.

What's your favorite family tradition? Rowdy conversation at the kitchen table.

What is your favorite movie? Stepbrothers

If you could live anywhere, where would that be? Chicago, if it were approximately 50 degrees warmer.

What's your favorite item in your office and why? It's a tie between my haunted cat oil painting, my certified troll plate, and squeazy pineapple.

What is one thing you will never do again? Work a job I hate.

If you could share a meal with four individuals, living or dead, who would they be? I just like my coworkers, honestly.

Who inspires you? My mom.

If you could not work for 1 year, what would you do? Enjoy my hobbies more often.



Jodi Uebelhack, Vanderburgh County Public Defender

33 years in practice; State public Defender; Posey County Prosecutor; Vanderburgh County Deputy Prosecutor; Director of Community Corrections

Why did you become an attorney? Mom said I loved Perry Mason and never wanted to be anything else.

Why is it important to be a member of the EBA? Important to be part of the community of lawyers.

What is the most valuable asset the EBA has to offer? Why? CLE's covering local topics, the practice of law is different in every jurisdiction.

What are your hobbies? I work with horses every weekend. They restore my since of inner peace. I took piano lessons for 13 years and played for local churches.

How would your friends describe you? Reliable and steady.

What song would you sing at Karaoke night? Somewhere over the Rainbow

What was your first job? Working on the farm.

What's your favorite item in your office and why? I have a brightly covered floor rug that gives life to the office.

When you're not working, what are you most likely to be doing? Reading.

If you could not work for 1 year, what would you do? Tend bar on Tybee Island.

APRIL 2023 CALENDAR

*The Evansville Bar Association and Evansville Bar Foundation have moved to:
501 Main Street, Suite 101, Downtown Evansville*

- 04/04 **Family Law Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 04/05 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am with meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 04/06 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 04/07 **EBA OFFICE CLOSED**—Good Friday
- 04/11 **Meet the Prosecutors of Vanderburgh County**—4:00-5:30pm, EBA Office
- 04/13 **CLE—It Starts with You: Practical Strategies for Healthier Legal Professionals** (6 CLE/3 Ethics) - 8:30am-4:00pm, Friedman Park, Newburgh—[REGISTER](#)
- 04/18 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 04/20 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am with meeting at Noon, EBA/EBF Office
Law Day and EBA Annual Meeting—5:30pm, Evansville Country Club—Call (812) 463-3201 or email Ashley@evvbar.org
- 04/24 **CLE—Mental Health Advocacy, Substance Abuse, and Adoptions** (1 CLE) - Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 04/26 **CLE Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office

SAVE-THE-DATE

- 05/03 **Bar at the Bar**—4:00-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 05/06 **Clean Evansville with Keep Evansville Beautiful**—9:00-11:00am, Location TBD
- 05/17 **CLE—Breakfast with the Judge: Hon. Andrea K. McCord** (1 CLE)—Check-in and light breakfast at 8:00am, CLE at 9:00am—[REGISTER](#)
- 06/09 **Summer School!** (3 CLE) - Picture Day—8:30am-1:00pm
- 06/16 **Summer School** (3 CLE) - Recess—8:30am-1:00pm
- 06/23 **Summer School** (3 CLE/2 Ethics) - Movie Day—8:30am-1:00pm
- 06/27 **Pizza at the Bar**—Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 06/30 **Summer School** (3 CLE) - Field Day—8:30am-1:00pm
This summer, fulfill your CLE requirements and have fun doing it. Join us for Summer School! Each day of summer school will offer up to three hours of CLE courses (live and/or replay) with an added bonus each day.
- 08/18 **Barristers and Bets**—Friday, August 18 at Ellis Park—in collaboration with the Henderson County Bar Association
- 08/23 **Bar at the Bar**—4:00-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 09/13 **EBA Member Lunch**—Doors open at 11:30am, Lunch and program at Noon, Location TBD
- 09/19 **Legacy Lawyer Social**—4:00-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 09/22 **CLE—Applied Professionalism for the New Attorney** (6 CLE/6 Applied Professionalism/6 Ethics Pending) - 8:30am-4:00pm, EBA Office, Check-in and light breakfast at 8:00am—[REGISTER](#)
CLE—Ethics Potpourri (3 CLE/3 Ethics) - 8:30am-Noon, EBA Office, Check-in and light breakfast at 8:00am
- 09/27 **Pizza at the Bar**—Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 10/12 **Trivia Night to benefit LAS and VLP**—Doors open at 5:30pm, Trivia begins at 6:00pm, Location TBD
- 10/20 **CLE—Hot Topics for In-House Corporate Counsel** (6 CLE/1 Ethics)—8:30am-4:00pm, EBA Office
- 10/27 **CLE—Family Law Update** (6 CLE/1 Ethics)—8:30am-4:00pm at EBA Office
- 11/10 **CLE—34th Annual Estate & Business Planning Institute** (6 CLE/1 Ethics)—8:30am-4:00pm, DoubleTree by Hilton
- 11/15 **Bar at the Bar**—4:00-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 12/27 **CLE—Procrastinators' Delight: The Final Countdown** (up to 6 CLE)
- 12/28 **CLE—Procrastinators' Delight: All Ethics, All Day** (up to 6 CLE/6 Ethics)