

# The SUMMATION

July 2023

The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

501 Main Street, Suite 101  
Evansville, IN 47708

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Cliff Whitehead**



## THE BAR IS OPEN!

The Bar is open! The repeated refrain I hear from our members is that the socializing aspect of the EBA and its members has been greatly missed. While we can continue to blame 2020's word of the year (which should never be uttered again!) or the never-ending battle to improve our work-life balance, the simple solution is that we each need to make the effort to spend time with other EBA members outside of work, and no, sitting across from each other at the deposition table or a rubber-chicken dinner does not count!

Thankfully, the EBA is here to help by offering several opportunities—separate from our structured events (Law Day, Member Lunches)—geared to bringing us together to talk about . . . nothing. Recently, we had a great turnout for Pizza at the Bar with nearly 50 attendees. Upcoming EBA events are always listed in the "What's Happening at the EBA" section of the Summation, which include:

### **July 12 from 5 – 8 p.m. at Arcademie for "Game On!"**

EBA Young Lawyer Section invites Summer Associates, Clerks, and Interns to join its members for an evening of connection, collaboration, and arcade game-powered fun!

### **August 18 (time TBA) at Ellis Park for "Barristers and Bets"**

This joint event with the Henderson County Bar Association and EBA allows us to better get to know our neighbors to the south!

### **August 23 from 4 – 6 p.m. at EBA Office for "Bar @TheBar"**

Now that we have a centrally-located office on Main Street, this has become a regular hit allowing our members to relax and socialize after work.

### **September 19 from 4 – 6 p.m. at EBA Office for "Legacy Lawyer Social"**

Attorneys who have been in practice for 35 years, or more, are invited to gather for a time of celebration, reminiscing, and storytelling.

### **September 27 from 12 – 1 p.m. at EBA Office for "Pizza @TheBar"**

Join other EBA members for a mid-day break and free lunch.

Whether it be civil attorneys mingling with criminal law attorneys, estate attorneys hanging out with litigators, senior EBA members sharing their wisdom with first year associates, or judges and attorneys discussing more than just calendar appointments and deadlines, these events are perfect for getting us back together.

Further, these are great opportunities to show off what Evansville has to offer to our summer clerks, interns, and associates, in hopes that someone without ties to Evansville will choose to plant his or her roots here and become a long-term member of the EBA.

In the famous words of 'Joliet' Jake Blues, "We're getting the band back together."

### Inside this issue:

EBA News	2
Foundation	3
CLE Offerings	4
Bar Updates	5
We are the EBA	6
What's Happening at the EBA	7



## MORE THAN JUST A MEETING SPACE.

The EBA Office offers flexible meeting spaces that can accommodate a range of purposes, whether it's individual work, events, meetings, depositions, or mediations. The spaces are equipped with state-of-the-art technology to support your business needs, ensuring that you have the necessary tools to be productive. Additionally, reliable WIFI connectivity is provided to ensure smooth communication and online access. The office spaces at the EBA Office are designed with beautiful furnishings, creating a professional and comfortable environment for your work or meetings. Whether you need a small space for a one-on-one meeting or a larger area for a group of up to 50 people, the EBA Office can cater to your needs.

The EBA Office is conveniently located two blocks from the Courts Building, Federal Building, and Civic Center, making it an ideal space for individuals or groups. Its close proximity to the downtown riverfront, as well as a variety of other downtown attractions, hotels, and restaurants, makes it a convenient and accessible location for members of the legal community and their guests.



For reservation information for both complimentary office space and paid meeting spaces, contact Julie Moore Holtz at (812) 463-3201 or [julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org).

## VLP News

By: Senior Judge Sheila Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

Members of the Evansville Bar Association can rightfully celebrate our reputation as hosting the state's most successful pro bono programs. With a deep tradition of community service, one of the country's largest bar association foundations, and the headquarters of the state's pro bono system, Evansville is often considered a model for programs across the country. There must just be something in the water... Evidence of this phenomenon can be seen in this year's Champion Awards from the Indiana Bar Foundation. Earlier this month, the **Hon. Melissa S. May**, of the Indiana Court of Appeals, received the Champion of Civil Legal Assistance Award and **Scott Barnhart**, of the Attorney General's Office, received the Champion of Civic Education Award. Additionally, the Foundation awarded its Legend Award to the **Hon. Randall T. Shepard**, former Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court. What characteristic do they all share in addition to being incredibly generous with their time and talents? Well, Evansville, of course. Congrats to each of them and for their legacy of service to and from Evansville.



*Pictured L to R: Hon. Melissa S. May, Hon. Randall T. Shepard, and Scott Barnhart.*

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF  
CONNECTION, COLLABORATION, AND  
ARCADE GAME-POWERED FUN AT OUR  
YOUNG LAWYER SOCIAL EVENT:

# GAME ON!

July 12 | 5 PM - 8 PM

Arcademie

22 NW 6th Street, Downtown Evansville

ALL YOUNG LAWYERS, AND SUMMER ASSOCIATES,  
CLERKS, AND INTERNS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

RSVP REQUESTED BY NOON, JULY 12  
[JULIE@EVVBAR.ORG](mailto:julie@evvbar.org)

Hosted by the EBA Access to Justice Committee

# Trivia Night

Thursday, October 19

Children's Museum of Evansville

Doors open @ 5:30pm

Trivia @ 6:00pm



Carrie Roelle  
President

The Evansville Bar Foundation's grant application period is open! **Are you on the board of or associated with an organization that has or plans to have programming that promotes justice and improves lives through law?** This includes promoting:

- community education or awareness of the law;
- student education or awareness of the law;
- consumer education of the law;
- improving delivery of legal services to the community; or
- other law-related programs, such as programs designed to teach youth how to work within the law and reduce violent behavior.

If so, please encourage the organization to apply for an EBF grant during the grant application window of July 1 to July 31. This year the EBF has up to \$22,200 to award to local organization with programming that fulfills the EBF's statement of purpose - "Promoting justice and improving lives through the law." The application can be found at <https://bit.ly/GrantApplication>. More information about the grant making process is available here: <https://bit.ly/EBF-GrantMaking>, or by reaching out to any of this year's Board Members.

#### **Officers**

Carrie Roelle, President  
Barbara Williams, VP  
Bob Carithers, Treasurer  
Carrie Lynn, Secretary

#### **At-Large Board Members**

Aaron Allen  
Mag. Molly Briles  
Angela Freel  
Mike Mitchell  
Hon. Robert Pigman  
Laura Scott  
Aaron Tuley

**EBA Rep**—Beau Dial

Also, I want to thank Jimmy Gentry for his leadership and guidance as our outgoing President as well as Brent Weil and Seth Zirkle – who have completed their term on the Board – for their time and service to the EBF.

Finally, I encourage each of you to continue to support the EBF and in turn, the grants the Foundation awards each year. Donations can be made at <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx>.

[Donate](#)

The John L Sanders Memorial  
**EVANSVILLE BAR  
FOUNDATION**  
is now  
accepting grant  
applications

**JULY 1-JULY 31**

Please forward the information to organizations that align with the Grant Policy of the EBF.

More information can be found on the EBA website at [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org) under the **FOUNDATION** tab.

Questions?

Contact Julie Moore Holtz at [julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org) or call (812) 463-3201.

## **LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: LAW LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Thank you for your support of the William H. Miller Law Library and the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation. At the annual meeting of the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation, the following board members and officers were elected:

#### **Officers**

President, Circuit Court Rep.	Hon. Carl Heldt, Vanderburgh Circuit Court
Vice-President	Kevin Gibson, Legal Aid Society
Secretary	Kathryn Kornblum, Vanstone & Kornblum
Treasurer	Craig Emig, Jones•Wallace, LLC

#### **Board Membership for the 2023-2024 Term:**

Charles Berger, Berger & Berger, LLP  
Magistrate Molly Briles, Vanderburgh Superior Court  
Hon. Sheila Corcoran, Vanderburgh Superior Court; VLP Board Member Rep.  
Mallory Deckard, Deckard Law, LLC  
Steven Hoar, Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn  
David Jones, Jones•Wallace, LLC  
Yvette LaPlante, Gonterman & Meyer  
Hon. Thomas Massey, Vanderburgh Superior Court; Superior Court Rep.  
Scott Stratman, Stone & Stratman, LLP  
Magistrate Celia Pauli, Vanderburgh Circuit Court; EBA Rep.

Congratulations to the board members and officers that will serve the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation in the coming year. 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)).

You can find an up-to-date listing of CLE on the EBA website at [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org)

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

# BARRISTERS & Bets

*Jockey your schedule and  
Save the Date!*

The Evansville Bar Association and Henderson County Bar Association are delighted to invite you to enjoy the perfect trifecta!

Join us for a day of CLE, fellowship, and the finest equestrian sports!

Mark your calendar now.  
Seats are limited!



Friday, August 18, 2023



Ellis Park, 3300 Hwy 41 N  
Henderson, KY

*More  
information  
to come!*



## ETHICS POTPOURRI

3 CLE/3 ETHICS

SEPTEMBER 22

8:30 AM-NOON

CHECK-IN AND LIGHT BREAKFAST AT 8:00 AM  
EBA OFFICE—501 MAIN STREET, SUITE 101

\$100 FOR EBA MEMBER  
\$160 FOR NON-MEMBER

TO REGISTER,  
CALL (812) 463-3201, OR  
EMAIL [ASHLEY@EVVBAR.ORG](mailto:ASHLEY@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](mailto: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



## Requesting Your Consideration for Paid Defender Work

Vanderburgh County (Circuit and Superior Court and Public Defender's ("PD") Office) needs Public Defenders. Currently 80 to 90 indigent criminal defendants (varies daily) sit in jail with NO appointed attorney and do so for weeks or longer.

Attorneys in Vanderburgh and surrounding counties can take one or several PD files with funding to pay you at \$125/hour. Part-time and full time PD positions are available with benefits.

The main reason, if not the only reason, the PD's Office is having issues assigning attorneys is the PD Office lost 4 experienced attorneys in the span of 4 months, 3 of which exclusively handled Circuit Court cases. While job vacancies are advertised at the law schools in Bloomington, Indianapolis, South Bend, Carbondale and Louisville, no applicants have applied for the \$65,000/year full time positions. The vacancies are also advertised through the Evansville Bar Association ("EBA").

Serving as a PD is both personally and financially rewarding. Additionally, all of us have affirmed upon being sworn in as Indiana attorneys (and locally at Law Day) at the end of the Attorney Oath through Rule 22 that "I will never reject, from any consideration personal to myself, the cause of the defenseless, the oppressed or those who cannot afford adequate legal assistance; so help me God." Ind.R.Att'y Adm. & Discip. 22. In part the reason for requesting your consideration of this urgent need.

If you can take one or several PD assignments, if you are interested in a part-time or full-time PD position, please contact:

Steve Owens, Chief Public Defender  
(812) 435-5895  
[SOwens@vanderburghgov.org](mailto:SOwens@vanderburghgov.org)

Christal Hampton  
(812) 435-5900  
[CHampton@vanderburghgov.org](mailto:CHampton@vanderburghgov.org)

**Thank you for your consideration!**

**Brian P. Williams, Scott Danks, Nick Iaccarino**  
Vanderburgh County Public Defender Board  
I.C. 33-40-7-1



### Bar Updates:

Welcome new attorney members **Keaton Maurer, Taylor Neukam,** and **MacKenzi Payne-Crowe** and paralegal member **Jennifer Hinton**. Please make the following additions and updates to your contacts:

#### Jennifer Hinton, Paralegal Danks & Danks

1 SE 9th Street, Suite 101  
Evansville, Indiana 47708  
O: (812) 426-1000  
[jennifer@danks-danks.com](mailto:jennifer@danks-danks.com)

#### Keaton Maurer Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office

1 NW MLK Jr. Blvd., Room 108  
Evansville, Indiana 47708  
O: (812) 435-5150  
[kmaurer@vandreburghgov.org](mailto:kmaurer@vandreburghgov.org)

#### Taylor Neukam Fine & Hatfield

520 NW 2nd Street  
Evansville, Indiana 47708  
O: (812) 425-3592  
[taylor@fine-hatfield.com](mailto:taylor@fine-hatfield.com)

#### MacKenzi Payne-Crowe Woods & Woods

208 NW 4th Street  
Evansville, Indiana 47708  
O: (812) 426-7200  
[mackenzi.payne-crowe@woodslawyers.com](mailto:mackenzi.payne-crowe@woodslawyers.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**For more information or to apply, go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org), click the MEMBERS tab. Job postings can be found under EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!**

**Department of Child Services**

**Energy Systems Group**

**Jackson Kelly—Evansville**

**Law Office of Randall K. Craig**

**The Law Offices of Dax J. Miller**

**Reminger Co.**

**Salmon & Hewins LLC**

**U.S. Attorney's Office, Southern District of Indiana**

**U.S. District Court, Southern District of Indiana**

**Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office**

**Vanderburgh County Public Defender's Agency**

**Law Office of Jonathan M. Young**

# WE ARE THE EBA



## Lindsay Charles, Sheets, Charles & Charles

Nine years in practice; Elder Law.

**Why did you become an attorney?** A keen interest in history, criminal justice, and government led to pursuing a law degree. I initially planned on working as a prosecutor, but elder law chose me. I was Steve Sheets' legal assistant before attending law school, worked at a large elder law firm during law school, and received the book award for estate planning in law school.

**What is the most valuable asset the EBA has to offer? Why?** For my practice, I enjoy attending the Estate Planning and Business Institute, which is held annually in November. If you have not yet

attended, please consider registering this year!

**What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?** Enjoy family, friends, and loved ones while they are here. Life is so very short.

**What is one thing you will never do again?** Step on a fire-ant hill.

**When you're not working, what are you most likely to be doing?** At an activity with our three children.

**What is something on your bucket list you've completed? What do you still want to do?** Our oldest son was born with five congenital heart defects, and he has had four heart surgeries. I had an opportunity to serve twice as a parent advocate in Washington DC to pursue additional funding and resources to benefit all children born with congenital heart defects through the Congenital Heart Futures Reauthorization Act of 2017. This bill was enacted on December 21, 2018, after being signed by the President. Senator Young co-sponsored the Senate bill with Senator Durbin and his support was a significant reason why this bill finally passed. Senator Young has a picture of our son hanging in his DC Office. At some point, I plan to sit for the exam and complete the requirements to be a nationally certified elder law attorney by the National Elder Law Foundation.

**Who inspires you?** My parents. They selflessly help me every day.



## Steven Charles, Sheets, Charles & Charles

Ten years, Elder Law

**Why did you become an attorney?** Career Change – After college I was working at the University of Evansville as a Desktop and Server Technician and then Lindsay and I went to Law School.

**Why is it important to be a member of the EBA?** It is a great way to meet and network with others in the legal profession.

**What is the most valuable asset the EBA has to offer? Why?** It is a good source for CLE content and networking with other local attorneys.

**What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?** Trust, but verify.

**What was your first job?** Cleaning Instruments at H&H Music. My grandparents and parents used to own H&H Music.

**If you could eat only one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?** BBQ Chicken Pizza

**What is one thing you will never do again?** Bungee Jump, it was terrifying.

**When you're not working, what are you most likely to be doing?** Something with our three children.

**What is something on your bucket list you've completed? What do you still want to do?** I went scuba diving off the island of St. Thomas. I would like to go to Hawaii.

**Who inspires you?** My children.

**If you could live anywhere, where would that be?** Somewhere warm and with beach access.



## Jillian Kratochvil, Member, Stoll Keenon Ogdan

Nine years of practice. I primarily practice family law but also maintain criminal and land use matters.

**Why did you become an attorney?** I had no idea what I would do with my life the December before graduating college. At my dad's suggestion, I made an effort to enter into a masters business program through IU. I hated it. So, my dad made a deal that if I got into law school, he'd pay for it. He'd already signed me up for the LSAT before making the proposal. He still likes to remind me it was his idea.

**Why is it important to be a member of the EBA?** Community and CLEs. What makes law enjoyable are the people. Few people understand lawyers better than other lawyers. The EBA provides a support system you can't find anywhere else.

**What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?** "None of us are nearly as important/talked about as we think". In a small community, it's a good reminder that we can't take ourselves too seriously or care too much about what others say.

**What was your first job?** I was an IT intern at Berry Plastics.

**If you could eat only one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?** A spicy salmon poke bowl with the honey toast from 2nd Language as dessert.

**What is one thing you will never do again?** Eat cornbread – I don't care how many ways it can be made, I hate it.

**When you're not working, what are you most likely to be doing?** Running/hiking

**What is something on your bucket list you've completed? What do you still want to do?** I went to Lake Tahoe with my brother to snowboard. It was amazing. I want to run a half marathon – I just need to find somewhere fun to do it.

**Who inspires you?** This is almost too corny to admit, but my youngest brother Jesse. He taught me to pick myself up, laugh at the ridiculousness of life, and try to do as little harm as possible in the meantime.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

## JULY 2023 CALENDAR

07/03 and 07/04

**EBA OFFICE CLOSED—Have a fun and safe Independence Day!**

07/06 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office

07/12 **GAME ON! EBA Young Lawyer Section invites Summer Associates, Clerks, and Interns for an evening of connection, collaboration, and arcade game-powered fun!** - 5:00-8:00pm, Arcademie at 22 NW Sixth Street, Downtown Evansville—[RSVP](#)

07/13 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am with meeting at noon, EBA Office

07/18 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office

07/26 **CLE Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office

## SAVE-THE-DATE

08/18 **Barristers and Bets**—EBA with the Henderson County Bar Association; Ellis Park

08/23 **Bar @TheBar**—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 AP/6 Ethics) - 8:30am-4:00pm, EBA Office, light breakfast at 8:00am—[REGISTER](#)

## SAVE-THE-DATE CONT.

09/22 **CLE—Ethics Potpourri** (3 CLE/3 Ethics) - 8:30am-Noon, EBA Office, light breakfast at 8:00am—[REGISTER](#)

09/26 **Shepard Lecture Series with guest Lahny R. Silva, Professor of Law and Dean's fellow, IU McKinney School of Law**—Doors open at 5:00pm, presentation at 5:30pm, Old Courthouse

09/27 **Pizza @TheBar**—Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office

10/19 **Trivia Night to benefit LAS and VLP**—Doors open at 5:30pm, Trivia begins at 6:00pm, cMoe

10/20 **CLE—Hot Topics for In-House Corporate Counsel** (6 CLE/1 Ethics Pending)—8:30am-4:00pm, EBA Office

10/27 **CLE—Family Law Update** (6 CLE/1 Ethics Pending)—8:30am-4:00pm, EBA Office

11/09 **New Lawyer Welcome Celebration**—5:00-7:00pm, Program at 5:15pm, Old Courthouse

11/10 **CLE—34th Annual Estate & Business Planning Institute** (6 CLE/up to 1 Ethics Pending)—8:30am-4:00pm, DoubleTree

11/15 **Bar @TheBar**—4:00-6:00pm, EBA Office

12/27 **CLE—Procrastinators' Delight: The Final Countdown** (up to 6 CLE Pending)

12/28 **CLE—Procrastinators' Delight: All Ethics, All Day** (up to 6 CLE/6 Ethics Pending)

## INTERVENTION. NEGOTIATION. RESOLUTION.

Whether dispute resolution is dictated by a contract, chosen by the parties involved or ordered by a court, *our goal is to secure a fair and cost effective course of action.*



Allyson Breeden

SKO's Arbitration & Mediation practice offers experienced mediators who can help guide those involved to an acceptable agreement.



Kelly Lonnberg



Michele Bryant

Contact one of SKO's mediators today to learn more!



Jillian Kratochvil

**812.425.1591 | skofirm.com**

**STOLL | KEENON | OGDEN**

PLLC