

The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

501 Main Street, Suite 101
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Cliff Whitehead**



OUR PRO BONO DUTY

As we near the swearing in ceremony for new members of the bar, I took the time to review the Oath of Attorneys that every attorney admitted to the Bar in Indiana must take and the following phrase stood out: "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." In reading that, I am reminded of our duty to assist those in need, with the only cost to us being our time, and the ease of honoring that duty through local programs.

The Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana (VLP) coordinates attorney and paralegal pro bono efforts in our area, including Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Martin, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick. VLP provides services in most areas of civil law to income eligible residents of the area who do not have assets sufficient to hire a private attorney. Funding is provided to VLP by individual attorneys and paralegals, the EBA, the John L. Sanders Memorial Evansville Bar Foundation, the Indiana Bar Foundation, as well as corporate gifts and foundation grants. Information on participating in VLP programs or obtaining services can be found on this website. (<https://www.vlpwin.org/>)

While VLP has plenty of opportunities for EBA members to volunteer their time, the Talk to a Lawyer Program is one of the most fulfilling. Twice a month, the VLP offers a phone clinic to Southern Indiana residents with brief legal questions, who are invited to call and talk to a civil legal aid attorney. For those of you who attended Law Day, the EBA honored **Ole Olsen, Jr.**, who has answered Talk to a Lawyer phones for 20 years, giving over 500 hours of his time. Sign up now to give just 90 minutes to Talk to a Lawyer. At the end of this edition of The Summation is a sign-up sheet for the 2024 Talk to a Lawyer opportunities.



Plus, helping others makes you feel good. In the words of Joey Tribbiani, "Yeah, you did a really good deed, but it made you feel really good right . . . so that makes it selfish."

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for 2023 We the People

The 2023 We the People Judge registration (<https://form.jotform.com/231445566064154>) form is open!

The Indiana Bar Foundation is seeking judges to listen to and evaluate students' arguments in its We the People Program. Hoosier students rely on the Indiana Civic Community to bring this program to life!

The program teaches the history and principles of the American Constitutional Democracy while enhancing students' understanding of government. The program has a built-in authentic performance assessment in the form of a simulated congressional hearing. Students take and defend stances on relevant historical and contemporary issues. For more information about the program, check out the [We the People page](#) of the Indiana Bar Foundation's website.

The Foundation supplies the necessary training, materials, information, and resources so that any person can judge this competition comfortably. The time commitment is 8:30 am – 1:00 pm on a regional competition date. To see the full list of regional dates, the questions the students will answer, and the registration form, visit this page: (<https://www.inbarfoundation.org/we-the-people/competition-and-showcase-info/>).

Contact Joseph O'Connor for more information at (joconnor@inbarfoundation.org; 317-903-3059).

VLP News

By: Susan Vollmer

VLP is proud to share that Judge Sheila Corcoran was presented the Sagamore of the Wabash Award at the Bar Association's Members Lunch in September. This award is the highest honor that the Governor of Indiana bestows. It has been given to presidents, ambassadors, astronauts, and other truly exceptional people that have contributed to Indiana. The term "sagamore" was used by American Indiana Tribes of the northeastern United States to describe a great person among a tribe to whom a chief may look to for wisdom and advice. Judge Corcoran's father received this award and now she, for all of her wonderful work, wisdom, and being an exemplar of meaningful service, very deservedly has as well.

At the Members Lunch VLP was awarded grant funds from the Foundation to continue to support the Talk to a Lawyer Program hosted by the Evansville Bar Association. The Talk to a Lawyer Program provides a valuable resource for many residents of Southern Indiana to navigate their legal issues when they are not able to afford an attorney and is not possible without the support of the individual volunteer attorneys and firms that donate their time to help answer questions. We greatly appreciate and want to thank all of the fantastic attorneys who participate. Talk to a Lawyer is held the 1st Thursday and 3rd Tuesday each month. If you are interested in volunteering to help at a Talk to a Lawyer event please reach out to Max Happe



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

*\$500 cash prize
for 1st place team*

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\$25/person if registered by October 16

\$30/person after October 16

Mulligans \$20 for 6 (cannot be used in final round!)

*To register call 812/463-3201, email
julie@evvbar.org or go online at
<https://forms.gle/NsYe9bSSNLLqecZU9>*

Proceeds from Trivia Night are shared between Legal Aid Society of Evansville, the local office of Indiana Legal Services, and Volunteer Lawyer Program!



Carrie Roelle
President

Thank you to those who attended the Evansville Bar Association member's lunch and the Evansville Bar Foundation's grant awards luncheon on September 13, where Shelia Corcoran also received the Sagamore of the Wabash award. Congratulations Shelia!

This year the Foundation received just under \$43,000 in grant requests from organizations that do so much for our community. Although the EBF did not have funds available to fulfill all the requests, we awarded over \$22,000 total in grants to the following organizations:

- Boys & Girls Club of Evansville;
- EBA Access to Justice Committee;
- Holly's House;
- Vanderburgh County CASA;
- Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation;
- VOICES, Inc.;
- Volunteer Lawyer Program;
- YMCA of Southwestern Indiana; and
- Youth Resources – Teen Court.

These awards would not have been possible without the financial gifts of our EBA members. The EBF board is appreciative of your support and generosity. Thank you! If you haven't donated to the EBF this year, I encourage you to do so today so that we can continue to do more to support the organizations in our community. Donating is quick and easy:

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go to <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx>
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Thank you to the John L. Sanders Memorial – Evansville Bar Foundation for your generous grant to the William H. Miller Law Library, making it possible for the people in this community to have access to the *pro se* navigation clinic which meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the law library. This support, in conjunction with the work of the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, makes it possible for self-represented litigants involved in any civil matter to seek guidance on how to successfully navigate the court system, obtain the appropriate *pro se* pleadings, access self-help materials located in the library, and take advantage of online legal resource materials. Many thanks again 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).



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* 2023 Campaign donations received November 1, 2022-September 30, 2023

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Wednesday
October 4
Noon
EBA Office

SPEAKER:
JUDGE MELISSA S. MAY,
INDIANA COURT OF APPEALS

**What
Not to Do
and Say
in Court!**

1 CLE
1 ETHICS

Member \$30
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and

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Chap

**Updates and Recent Changes
in Chapter 13 Bankruptcy
Practice for Creditors**
1 CLE

Robert Musgrave
Chapter 13
Standing Trustee

October 10, 2023
11:30am-1:00pm

Evansville Bar Association
501 Main Street, Suite 101
Downtown Evansville

EBA Members \$35
Non-Member Attorneys \$55
Lunch will be provided

ter 13

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2023
**Hot Topics
for In-House
Corporate Counsel**

6 CLE/1 Ethics

Evansville
Bar
Association

8:30am-
3:30pm

20 Oct 2023

Section Member \$165
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**FAMILY
LAW
UPDATE
2023**

6 CLE/1 ETHICS

8:30AM - BREAKFAST
CLE 9:00AM-4:15PM

Case Law Update (1.25 CLE)
Juvenile and Family Law Interplays (1 CLE)
New Child Support Guidelines (.75 CLE)
Parenting Time Options (1 CLE)
Unbundled Legal Services in Family Law (1 CLE)
Ethics (1 CLE/1 Ethics)

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Friday, November 10, 2023
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8:00am—Check-in at DoubleTree
8:25am—Welcome and Introductions

Pricing Information

EBA Member \$295
Non-member \$345

Materials

Flashdrive \$10
Electronic No Charge

Continuing Education Credit:

IN Attorneys: 6 CLE/1 Ethics/1 CME
KY Attorneys: 6 CLE
**Indiana CPA's, Indiana Insurance
Professionals and CFP Board**
6 CE (Ethics Pending)

ANNUAL HOT TOPICS

3 CLE (Pending)

Always fast; always fun!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Check-in at 8:00AM with Light Breakfast
CLE begins at 8:30am
EBA Office

EBA Members \$100
Non-Members \$160

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WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Crystal Wildeman was sworn in as magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana on Friday, September 1, 2023. Congratulations, Crystal!

Governor Eric Holcomb has appointed **Jillian N. Kratochvil** as the new Vanderburgh County Superior Court Judge. Jillian will begin her new position on Monday, November 13. Congratulations, Jillian!



Best Lawyers

Congratulations to EBA Members recognized in Best Lawyers 2024!

Jeff Ahlers, Steve Barber, Bob Becker, Charlie Berger, Jean Blanton, KAB Brasseale, John Broadhead, Michele Bryant, Maria Bulkley, Beth Burger, Jim Casey, Nick Cirignano, Charles Compton, Allison Comstock, Randall K. Craig, Jamie Dameron, Marco DeLucio, Michael DiRienzo, Raymond Dudlo, Monica Edwards, Terry Farmer, Marc Fine, Mark Foster, Shannon Frank, Jake Fulcher, Jon Goldman, Clay Havill, Jeff Helfrich, Jeff Henning, Steve Hoar, Jim Johnson, Timothy Klingler, Joe Langerak, Steve Lavallo, Krista Lockyear, Kelly Lonnberg, Mark McAnulty, Andy Nestruck, Andy Ozete, Monte Porter, Dan Robinson, Carrie Roelle, Mark Samila, Lindsay Schmitt, Mike Schopmeyer, Ryan Schulz, Laura Scott, Pat Shoulders, Dirck Stahl, Steve Theising, Stephen Thomas, John Thomason, Brian Williams, and Chris Wischer, and Ted Ziemer IV.

ONES TO WATCH

Brandon Curl, Nicholas Golding, Jordan Heck, and Joshua Trockman.



Bar Updates:

Please make the following additions and updates to your contacts:

Magistrate Judge Crystal Wildeman
United States District Court, Southern District of Indiana
 101 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
 Evansville, Indiana 47708
crystal_wildeman@insd.uscourts.gov

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

EBA members **Raymond Dudlo** and **Rhea Jones-Price** contributed to an article about the Crown Act in the July/August 2023 issue of *Res Gestae*:

[Knots, Locs, and Law:](#)

A Legal and Social Perspective on the Crown Act and the Right to Wear Natural Hair

https://evvbar.org/UserFiles/file/Summations/JulyAug_2023_RG%20ISBA%20Dudlo%20article.pdf

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, go to evvbar.org, click the **MEMBERS** tab.

Job postings can be found under EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

Indiana Department of Child Services—
 Attorney

Indiana Legal Services—Staff Attorney

Jackson Kelly—Litigation Attorney

The Law Office of Randall K. Craig—Assistant

The Law Offices of Steven K. Deig—Legal Assistant

Old National Bank—Bank/Lending Attorney

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

Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office—
 Attorney

Vanderburgh County Public Defender Agency—Attorney

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

OCTOBER 2023

- 10/03 **EBA Family Law Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 10/04 **CLE—What Not to Do and Say in Court!** (1 CLE/Ethics) - Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/05 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 10/10 **CLE—Updates and Recent Changes in Chapter 13 Bankruptcy** (1 CLE) - Lunch provided at 11:30am, CLE Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/12 **EBA Board of Directors Meetings**—Lunch at 11:45am with meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 10/17 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 10/19 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
Trivia Night LIVE!—Doors open at 5:30pm, Trivia at 6:00pm, The Children's Museum of Evansville—[REGISTER YOUR TEAM](#) [<https://forms.gle/NsYe9bSSNLLqecZU9>]
- 10/20 **CLE—Hot Topics for In-House Corporate Counsel** (6 CLE/1.5 Ethics) - Light Breakfast at 8:00am, CLE 8:25am-3:30 pm, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/27 **CLE—Family Law Update 2023** (6 CLE/1 Ethics) - Light Breakfast at 8:30am, CLE 9:00am-4:00pm, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)

SAVE-THE-DATE

- 11/01 **CLE—Your Why, the Ethical Practice of Law, and the Changing Landscape** (1 CLE/1 Ethics) with Patricia Kinney, IU McKinney Law and Rob Love, Indiana Supreme Court—In partnership with the Indiana Supreme Court and the Indiana State Bar —5:00pm, Federal Building; Networking reception to follow featuring Karen E. Bravo, Dean, IU McKinney
- 11/09 **New Lawyer Welcome Celebration**—5:00-7:00pm, Program at 5:15pm, Reception to follow, Old Courthouse
- 11/10 **34th Annual Estate & Business Planning Institute** (IN 6 CLE/1 Ethics/1 CME; KY 6 CLE; IN Insurance Professionals, CPA's and CFP 6 hours CE)—8:30am-4:00pm, DoubleTree—[REGISTER](#)
- 11/14 & 15 **Indiana Law Survey** (12 CLE/2 Ethics) - 9:00am-4:00pm, EBA Office
- 11/15 **Bar @TheBar sponsored by Banterra Bank**—4:00-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 11/29 **CLE—Indiana's New Child Support Guidelines 2023** (1 CLE)—Noon, EBA Office
- 12/10 **2023 Hot Topics: Always Fast, Always Fun!** (3 CLE Pending) - Light breakfast at 8:00am, CLE 8:30am-Noon, EBA Office
- 12/27 & 28 **Procrastinators' Delight** (12 CLE/6 Ethics)

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Volunteer for the EBA/VLP Talk-to-a-Lawyer Program

ATTORNEY/PARALEGAL NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

(E-mail to jeana.goebel@probonoindiana.org or max.happe@probonoindiana.org or mail to the address above.)

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

_____ January 4, 2024 4:30 to 6:00	_____ February 1, 2024 4:30 to 6:00
_____ March 7, 2024 4:30 to 6:00	_____ April 4, 2024 4:30 to 6:00
_____ May 2, 2024 4:30 to 6:00	_____ June 6, 2024 4:30 to 6:00
_____ No July Date	_____ August 1, 2024 4:30 to 6:00
_____ September 5, 2024 4:30 to 6:00	_____ October 3, 2024 4:30 to 6:00
_____ November 7, 2024 4:30 to 6:00	_____ December 5, 2024 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 16, 2024 11:30 to 1:00	_____ February 20, 2024 11:30 to 1:00
_____ March 19, 2024 11:30 to 1:00	_____ April 16, 2024 11:30 to 1:00
_____ May 21, 2024 11:30 to 1:00	_____ June 18, 2024 11:30 to 1:00
_____ July 16, 2024 11:30 to 1:00	_____ August 20, 2024 11:30 to 1:00
_____ September 17, 2024 11:30 to 1:00	_____ October 15, 2024 11:30 to 1:00
_____ November 19, 2024 11:30 to 1:00	_____ December 17, 2024 11:30 to 1:00

My firm would be interested in staffing one of these dates – please contact me to discuss.

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Talk to a Lawyer Session on January 15th – we need both attorneys and paralegals.
Sign-up to help below:

_____ January 15, 2024 (Monday) from 11:00 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 Chance/Housing Clinic. Clinics operated in partnership with the Law Library and typically held on the Second and Fourth Thursday of each month from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

Please send me information for participating in Homeless Connect, typically held in March.

As always, thank you!