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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Cliff Whitehead**



BE A GOOD MENTOR (AND MENTEE)

How does one become a great attorney? I am sure we each have our own opinions, but my guess is there is a common theme: "with help." Ask any respected member of the EBA if they had help along their professional journey and each will quickly name at least one attorney who made them better at the practice of law, and each will stress the importance of that relationship.

Each of us—whether you are a fifth-year associate or a partner of twenty years—has a duty to pass along our experiences to the next generation of attorneys and to not only show someone the "how," but to explain the "why." Some of my most rewarding professional experiences have come when an older attorney talks through why he or she is taking a particular approach to a given issue, whether it be composing a demand letter, complaint, or brief. We can all review the redlines made by another attorney, but reading the changes is not the same as getting in their head, as the "why" is not often clear on paper. Yes, it takes time out of your already busy day to stop and teach, but in my opinion, it is necessary to ensure that the practice of law continues to grow for the better.

With that said, mentorship is a two-way street. Young attorneys need to be actively involved in their mentorship. Whether it is taking the time to review changes made by a senior attorney and then inquiring "why" or asking to sit in on client meetings, depositions, or calls with opposing counsel, young attorneys need to insert themselves. I remember feeling (for no reason) that I did not want to bother someone with a "why" question, but each time I did, I was never turned down, and I benefited greatly. With each experience, be a sponge; even if that means seeing an attorney do something and telling yourself, "I'll never do that..."

The EBA provides an excellent avenue for mentors and mentees to come together. While our membership numbers have held strong, even increasing in 2021 and 2022, mentoring is one thing that has suffered in the last few years. **This is your CALL TO ACTION!** We need you to come together as mentors and mentees to join and lead EBA sections or committees, organize and attend EBA CLEs, and plan and engage in social events! Below is a list of the sections and committees for you to become engaged. Contact Julie Moore Holtz (before she contacts you :-)) at julie@evvbar.org to find out more and to let her know how you would like to be involved.

"Show me a successful individual and I'll show you someone who had real positive influences in his or her life. I don't care what you do for a living—if you do it well, I'm sure there was someone cheering you on or showing the way. A mentor." — *Denzel Washington*

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION'S

New Attorney Welcome Celebration

HOSTED BY THE YOUNG LAWYER SECTION

All are invited and encouraged to attend to welcome the newest members to the bar, share stories, and enjoy food and drinks.

09
NOV

At 5:15pm there will be a short program led by
Magistrate Judge Crystal Wildeman.

5-7
PM

Old Courthouse - 2nd Floor
Randall T. Shepard Courtroom
201 NW 4th Street, Evansville

Please use the lower level entrance on Vine Street.
Take the stairs or elevator to the 2nd Floor.

RSVP to julie@evbar.org

VLP News

By: Susan Vollmer

We want to thank everyone who helped make Trivia Night, hosted by the EBA Access to Justice Committee, a success. For everyone who may not have been able to attend, we wanted to provide another opportunity to test your knowledge with a Crossword puzzle.

The first five people to complete the crossword puzzle and send it to max.happe@probonoindiana.org will earn their choice of A.) getting to help with one of the next VLP cases or events or B.) a homemade cookie made with lots of love. :-)

We also want to thank everyone who has helped make our legal community so great and has helped to improve the lives of those in need. Thank you!

The first five (5) people to complete the crossword puzzle on page 9 will receive a prize!

Send your completed crossword puzzle to: max.happe@probonoindiana.org

In Memory Of...

Members and friends of the Evansville Bar Association who have passed away are remembered by friends and colleagues with contributions to the John L. Sanders Memorial Evansville Bar Foundation.

Thank you for your contributions in memory of...

Jim Flynn

Bill Gooden

John Hegeman

Fred White

You are invited to a public ceremony for the swearing-in of

Jillian N. Kratochvil

as Judge of the
Vanderburgh Superior Court

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Noon

Vanderburgh County Courthouse
Courtroom 107



Carrie Roelle
President

With the holiday season fast approaching and Thanksgiving almost upon us, I want to say, "Thank you!" to our EBA colleagues who have donated to the Evansville Bar Foundation this year and ask those of you who have not to please consider giving.

Did you know . . .

The average donation to the Foundation is \$220 per donor, but we appreciate and put any amount to good use;

At least 2/3 of every donation goes directly to the grants in the next cycle; and

In 2023, the EBF received grant request for just under \$43,000, but we were only able to fulfill 51% of the total grant requests?

As we enter what the non-profit community refers to as the "Giving Season" please remember the Evansville Bar Foundation. A large portion of your donation goes directly to supporting organizations which aim to use the law to better the lives of people in our community. Donating is quick and easy:

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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).

Hosted by the EBA Access to Justice Committee

Trivia Night 2023

Thank you to...

...our hosts

**Scott Wylie with
Susan Fetcher from Smarty Pants Trivia Co.**

...our volunteers

**Kevin Gibson
Jean Goebel
Max Happe**

...all who donated

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| Marjorie Blalock | Kelly Lonnberg |
| Meagan Brien | Derrick McDowell |
| Jim Casey | Andy Ozete |
| Marco DeLucio | George Payne |
| Hannah Dill | Laura Scott |
| Michael DiRienzo | Carrie Lynn |
| Jon Goldman | Nora and Ken Walsh |
| Steve LaPlante | |
| Heather and Buddy Lobermann | |

Congratulations to the winning team...

...The Kahn Artists!

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Michael DiRienzo | Heather Lobermann |
| Nick Golding | Steve Theising |
| Jon Goldman | Eline van den Bossche |
| Jeff Helfrich | Seth Zirkle |

If you were not able to attend Trivia Night, you can still make a donation by sending a check, with TRIVIA NIGHT in the memo line, to:

EBF, 501 Main Street, Suite 101, Evansville, IN 47708

Registration and pre-payment required for all EBA CLE. A virtual option for most EBA CLE is available upon request. Call (812) 463-3201, email Ashley@evvbar.org or go online at evvbar.org.



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1 CLE/1 Ethics

Assistant Dean Patricia Kinney

Diversity & Inclusion, IU McKinney Law
and

Rob Love

Office of Diversity Education, Indiana Supreme Court

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

5PM

Winfield K. Denton Federal Building & US Courthouse

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW FEATURING
Dean Karen Bravo**

TO REGISTER, go to

<https://mckinneylaw.iu.edu/machform/view.php?id=425060>

All legal professionals are welcome to attend.

Indiana's New Child Support Guidelines 2023

1 CLE

Speakers: Judge Les Shively and
Judge Jillian Kratochvil

November **29** Noon

EBA Office

501 Main Street, Suite 101, 47708

Family Law Section Member \$25

EBA Member \$30

Non-member \$50

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



EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

Friday, November 10, 2023
DoubleTree-Downtown Evansville

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:

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6 CE

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ANNUAL HOT TOPICS

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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PROCRASTINATORS' DELIGHT

EBA office
or Video Conference

December 27

The Final Countdown!
6 GENERAL

December 28

ALL ETHICS, ALL DAY!
6 GENERAL / 6 ETHICS

PREPAYMENT
REQUIRED

To view the list of CLE offered during these events, go to EVVBAR.ORG.

To register for one, two, or all 12, call (812) 463-3201, email Ashley@evvbar.org, or go to evvbar.org.

WHO'S DOING WHAT?

Congratulations!

Jurists from across Indiana were recognized by Indiana Chief Justice Loretta Rush at the annual Judicial

Conference for their commitment to higher education and their long-time service.

Judges recognized with an Indiana Judicial College certificate include: **Judge Travis Clowers**, **Judge Craig Goedde**, and **Judge Les Shively**.

Judge Greg Granger was recognized for completing the Indiana Graduate Program for Judges.

Judge Wayne Trockman was honored for 24 years of service on the bench.



Rich Steedman retired from active practice of law on October 31, 2023. Mr. Steedman will remain of Counsel with Salmon & Hewins. Congratulations on your retirement, Rich!

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 Lonngberg, Mark McAnulty, Andy Nestrick, 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.

update

Bar Updates:

Welcome new attorney member **Caroline Brinster**. Please make the following additions and updates to your contacts:

Caroline Brinster
Dentons Bingham Greenebaum
 212 West Sixth Street
 Jasper, Indiana 47546
 (812) 482-5500
Caroline.brinster@dentons.com

Amanda Hall
IN Department of Child Services
 1302 Millis Avenue
 Boonville, Indiana 47601
 (812) 632-9658
Amanda.Hall@dcs.IN.gov

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Job postings can be found under EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES!

Farmer Scott Ozete Robinson & Schmitt—
 Attorney

Indiana Department of Child Services—Attorney

Indiana Legal Services—Staff Attorney

The Law Offices of Randall K. Craig—Legal Assistant

Old National Bank—Bank/Lending Attorney

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

Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office—
 Attorney



Don't be a turkey!

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Nov 15 4-6PM

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Enjoy food and drink!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

NOVEMBER 2023

- 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, IN Supreme Court—In partnership with the IN Supreme Court and ISBA —**5:00pm, Federal Building; reception to follow with Karen E. Bravo, Dean, IU McKinney**
- 11/02 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 11/09 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am with meeting at Noon, EBA Office
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/1 Ethics; CPA's and CFP 6 hours CE/IN Insurance Professionals PENDING)— 8:30am-4:00pm, DoubleTree—[REGISTER](#)
- 11/14 **EBA Paralegal Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 11/14 & 15 **Indiana Law Survey 2023** (up to 12 CLE/up to 2 Ethics) - 9:00am-4:00pm, EBA Office
- 11/15 **Bar @TheBar sponsored by Banterra Bank**— 4:00-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 11/16 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am with meeting at Noon; EBF Office
- 11/21 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 11/22-24 **EBA OFFICE CLOSED**—Happy Thanksgiving!
- 11/29 **CLE—Indiana's New Child Support Guidelines 2023** (1 CLE)—Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)

SAVE-THE-DATE

- 12/10 **2023 Hot Topics: Always Fast, Always Fun!** (3 CLE) - Light breakfast at 8:00am, CLE 8:30am-Noon, EBA Office
- 12/27 & 28 **Procrastinators' Delight** (up to 12 CLE/up to 6 Ethics)
- 04/25/24 **Law Day Celebration and Annual Meeting**—5:30pm, Evansville Country Club

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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

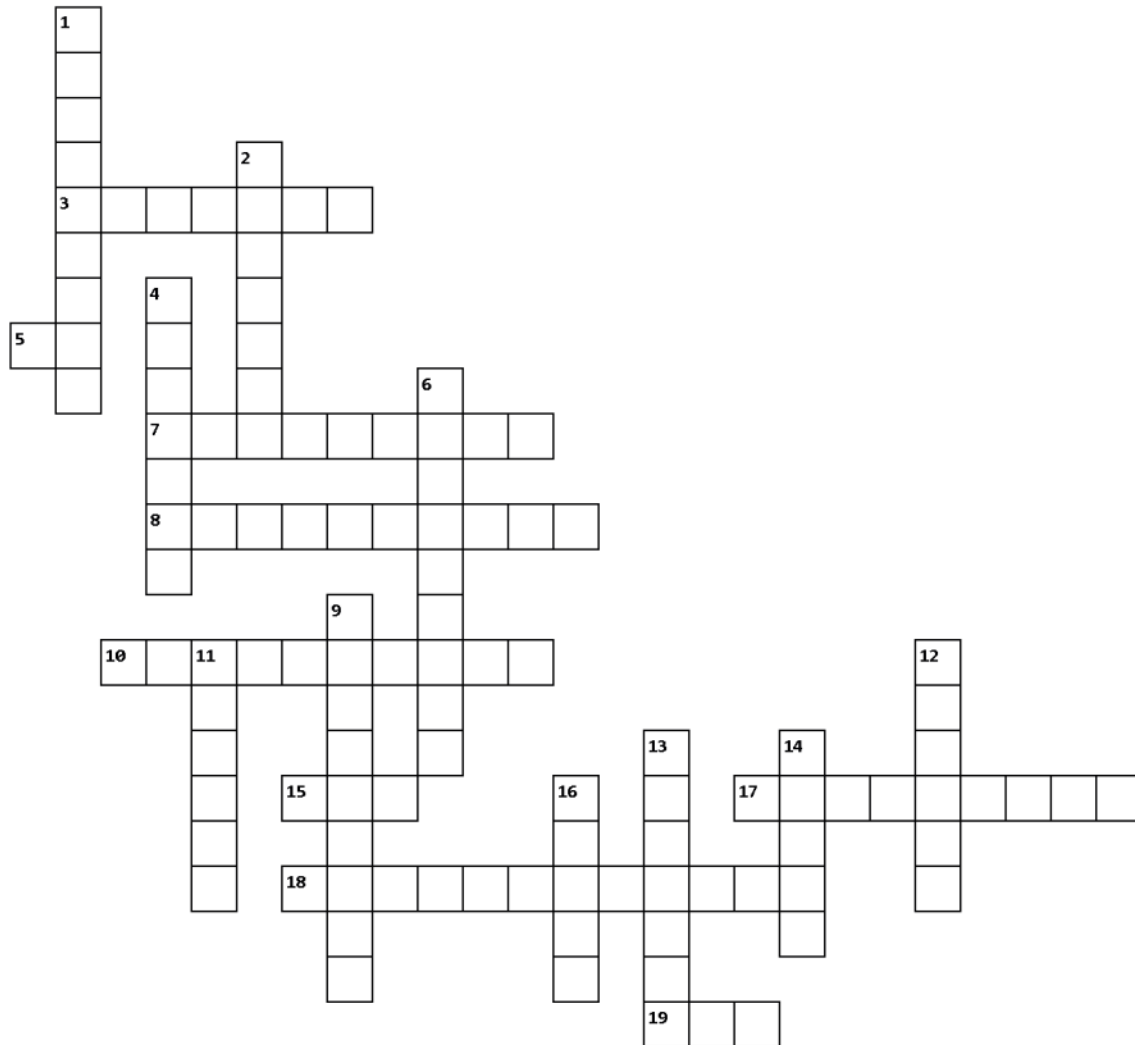
Please send me information on VLP's Walk-In Family Law Clinics operated in partnership with the Law Library and typically held on the First and Third Thursday of each month from 11:00 to 1:00.

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!

Law Things



Across

- 3. Legal Services provided voluntarily and wonderful work to do if you can spare some time. (2 words)
- 5. Short legal citation; also, part of the unconscious
- 7. Active attorneys, retired attorneys, paraprofessionals, and students are some of the people that can do this with VLP
- 8. In addition to devoting time to promoting access to justice, the preamble to the Rules of Professional Conduct for lawyers stress this, also listed as Rule 1.1; thankfully, this does not apply to making crossword puzzles
- 10. 5th and 14th Amendment considerations (2 words)
- 15. A boy may be named this.
- 17. People who generally do not look good wearing robes to court
- 18. There is no Gideon for these; or, topics that can be handled politely without throwing a turkey leg at someone across the dinner table. (2 words)
- 19. A happening spot for local lawyers to engage

Down

- 1. A safe legal answer; or, diapers for a clown? (2 words)
- 2. Advise
- 4. Helping someone else; or, postal _____.
- 6. Marvel superhero team on Netflix; or, public _____.
- 9. NBC comedy from 2009-2015; also, a thing that needs care of to improve
- 11. Legal _____; also, a thing Billy Madison's nemesis struggled with in business
- 12. People who generally look good wearing robes to court
- 13. First word in a tremendous superhero team name; or, something we may want to facilitate access to
- 14. A courthouse, library, or social service agency in every county has one of these to help navigate pro se individuals; or, a mall _____.
- 16. A good thing at the bar to get people talking?; or, a way a skilled writer may help without necessarily being in court.