

# The SUMMATION

December 2023

The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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Evansville, IN 47708

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Cliff Whitehead**



## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

As the end of 2023 approaches, we are reminded of the things in our lives for which we are grateful, including our family and our health. However, we are also reminded of our Continuing Legal Education requirements! (smooth transition, I know). Whether you are at the beginning of your three-year cycle or the end, the EBA has plenty of CLEs to offer – in-person, video conference, and on-demand!

The EBA's CLEs offer a great way to learn from your peers. What better way to get an update on Indiana's civil law than from Judge Shively, the status of Commercial Court from Jim Johnson, and updates to Indiana's criminal law rules from Judge Pigman, each of whom will be presenting at the Hot Topics CLE on December 8.

Upcoming CLE available in-person and video conference before the end of 2023:

### **2023 Hot Topics - Always Fast, Always Fun! (3 CLE)**

Friday, December 8, 2023 - EBA Office - 8:00am-12:00pm

### **EBA Replay - 34th Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute\* (Up to 6 CLE/1 Ethics/1 CME)**

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at EBA Office or Video Conference - 9:00am-3:30pm

### **EBA Replay - Family Law Update 2023\* (Up to 6 CLE/1 Ethics)**

Thursday, December 14, 2023 - EBA Office or Video Conference, 9:00am-3:30pm

### **Procrastinators' Delight - The Final Countdown\* (Up to 6 general CLE)**

Wednesday, December 27, 2023, first replay at 8:30am with last replay at 2:45pm

### **Procrastinators' Delight – All Ethics, All Day\* (Up to 6 general CLE/6 Ethics)**

Thursday, December 28, 2023, first replay at 8:30am with last replay at 2:45pm

To register for any of the upcoming CLE courses or for more information, call (812) 463-3201, email [ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org), or go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org).

In addition, for those who can't get enough, the EBA offers on-demand CLEs through its website - <https://evvbar.org/events-and-education/online-cle.aspx>

Finally, thank you to each of you who fulfill your CLE requirements with the EBA. Without your participation in the EBA's CLEs, the EBA would not be able to provide its members, and the public, with the many other events and services.

Happy Holidays to all, and I will see you at an upcoming CLE at the EBA!



Coming Soon....  
EBA Calendar of Events for 2024

# 2024

## VLP News

By: Senior Judge Sheila Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

The Talk to a Lawyer 2024 sign-up sheet is attached to the Summation again this month. Please consider joining us to help answer simple legal questions for people in need. The Evansville Bar Association and VLP assist more members of the public than any other similar program in Indiana. This is a great way to engage with fellow bar members while providing a valuable community service. In addition to Talk to a Lawyer, VLP runs several other clinics to assist self-represented litigants in need. These clinics can take as little as an hour of your time and serve areas of demand like housing, family law, and licensing issues. If you are interested in helping pro se litigants navigate the court process at a brief clinic, we are happy to provide you with more information. Lastly, we want to thank you for considering to take volunteer cases. For some litigants, self-representation is too complex and the only way for them to get relief is through the efforts of volunteers. For more information on any of VLP's programs or how to volunteer, reach out to Max Happe at [max.happe@probonoindiana.org](mailto:max.happe@probonoindiana.org). Thank you for your help and happy holidays!

*Sign up for  
Talk to a Lawyer 2024  
using the form on page 8 of  
this edition of The Summation.*

*Send the completed form to  
[jeana.goebel@probonoindiana.org](mailto:jeana.goebel@probonoindiana.org)  
or  
[max.happe@probonoindiana.org](mailto:max.happe@probonoindiana.org).*

THE EBA OFFICE WILL BE

# CLOSED

*For the holidays!*

DECEMBER 21 - 26, 2023  
DECEMBER 29 - JANUARY 2, 2024

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## LAWYERS LUNCH CLUB

**SIGN UP NOW!**  
**Deadline is February 3!**

This session of Lawyers Lunch Club will run March through May.\*

**To join the fun, email**  
**[ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org) or**  
**call (812)463-3201.**

If you are interested in being a Group Captain, let us know when you sign up!

**\*Even if you have participated in the past, please sign up again so we only include those who still want to participate.**



**Carrie Roelle**  
President

It is hard to believe Thanksgiving has come and gone and we are in the midst of the season of giving! Speaking of giving, in the last week or so, you should have received the EBF's yearly ask letter. For those of you who have not donated in the past and for those of you who have, please consider supporting the Foundation this holiday season. As Winston Churchill said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

There is a great need in our community for the life-changing services our grant recipients provide. Your donations not only increase the available grant funding for next year, they also ensure the EBF can continue to fund grant requests in the future. The entire EBF Board thanks you for your support and the lives you help change through the community organizations the Foundation supports. Happy holidays to all!

Mail a check to  
501 Main Street, Suite 101, Evansville, IN 47708 or  
go to <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx>  
by clicking the DONATE button below.

**Donate**



# The John L. Sanders Memorial EVANSVILLE BAR FOUNDATION

## WE WANT YOU ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

The mission of the John L. Sanders Memorial—Evansville Bar Foundation is to promote justice and improve lives through the law. This is done by encouraging and supporting programs designed to promote a public understanding and awareness of the law; supporting an improved delivery of legal services; promoting activities to enhance the performance of the practicing lawyers' professional qualifications and ethical responsibilities; and advancing and promoting the administration of justice primarily through grant awards and volunteer time.

If you are interested in serving on the EBF Board of Directors, please submit a Letter of Interest on or before February 14, 2024 to:

Evansville Bar Foundation  
501 Main Street, Suite 101  
Evansville, Indiana 47708

Or, email [Julie@evvbar.org](mailto:Julie@evvbar.org)

## LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: VANDERBURGH LAW LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that has been invaluable in keeping our high-quality legal research facility open to serve the courts, the bar, and the general public. Founded in 1982 under the leadership of the late Vanderburgh Circuit Court Judge William H. Miller, the Law Library Foundation has a dedicated board of directors constantly searching for new ways to enhance library services. Last month the current Law Library Foundation President Carl Heldt sent a letter highlighting the many valuable benefits offered to members of the Law Library Foundation.

As one of only two county law libraries in the state of Indiana and the first to offer the services of a *pro se* coordinator, the Law Library provides access to legal resources to members of the public looking for help in dealing with a legal issue or concern for their family. Please respond generously to this opportunity to support the Law Library's work! Your membership contribution benefits not only your practice but also our community as a whole.

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)).

## *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*

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](mailto:Ashley@evvbar.org) or go online at [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org).

## 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

TO REGISTER call (812) 463-3201, email [Ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:Ashley@evvbar.org), or go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org).



## CLE COURSES AVAILABLE ON DEMAND!

**NEW CLE PROGRAMS ADDED!**

We've got more than 25 hours of CLE programming for you to enjoy whenever or wherever it's convenient for you—and, members save 25%!

**EBA MEMBERS use coupon code: *eba20mem* for member pricing!**

Go to the EBA website at [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org) and click the **CLE** button!

*The CLE Commission will not approve online CLE credit if you previously received credit for the same live course. It is your responsibility to monitor your credits.*

## TALK TO A LAWYER TODAY ISBA VIDEO REPLAY 6 CLE/1 ETHICS

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 9**

9:00AM-4:00PM

EBA OFFICE OR VIDEO CONFERENCE\*

**FREE** to attendees who agree to volunteer for two (2) Talk to a Lawyer sessions or take one (1) Volunteer Lawyer Program case in the first half (1/2) of 2024.

Member \$180  
Non-member \$300

To register call (812) 463-3201, email [ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org) or click [here](#) to register online.

*\*Please indicate at time of registration.*



Have you had problems logging into the EBA website?

If so, please let us know!

Contact Ashley at the office at (812)463-3201 or [ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org).



**Do you have an idea for a CLE course? Is there a topic you would like to learn more about and/or speak about?**

**If so, contact**

**Julie Moore Holtz at the EBA office at (812) 463-3201 or [Julie@evvbar.org](mailto:Julie@evvbar.org).**

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EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

**PROCRASTINATORS'  
DELIGHT**

EBA Office or Zoom

Watch all 12 hours, or just a few!

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

**The Final Countdown!**

**6 GENERAL**

8:30am	DWI for Dummies
9:45am	1031 Exchanges: Legal And Practical Considerations
11:00am	Working with Non-English Speaking Clients and Court Interpreters
12:15pm	How the ADA and Individuals with Disabilities Can Make Employers More Productive
1:30pm	Show Me the Money: Documenting the Seller Financing Transaction
2:45pm	Wild, Wild West: How to Handle High Conflict Before the Provisional Order

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28**

**ALL ETHICS, ALL DAY!**

**6 GENERAL / 6 ETHICS**

8:30am	Be an Access to Justice Hero: Tips and Strategies for Successful Pro Bono Representation
9:45am	Mitigating Compassion Fatigue: More than Bubble Baths and Facemasks
11:00am	Ethical Issues When Representing Fiduciaries
12:15pm	Managing Client Expectations and Ensure We Are Not Creating Greater Conflict
1:30pm	Atticus Finch and the Rules of Professional Conduct
2:45pm	The Intersection of Legal Services and Social Justice Issues

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EBA Member \$30/hour  
Non-Member \$50/hour



WHO'S DOING WHAT?



**Ross Rudolph** is retiring from Dinsmore effective December 31, 2023. Congratulations, Ross!

Terrell Born Sullivan & Fiester LLP is pleased to announce that Carol Jansons has joined the firm in an Of Counsel role.



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**Bar Updates:**

Please make these additions and updates to your contacts:

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

## DECEMBER 2023

- 12/07 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 12/08 **CLE—Annual Hot Topics (3 CLE)** - Light breakfast at 8:00am, CLE begins at 8:30am, EBA Office or Video Conference—[REGISTER](#)
- 12/12 **CLE—EBA REPLAY: 34th Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute\* (6 CLE/1 Ethics/1 CME)** - 9:00am, EBA Office or Video Conference—[REGISTER](#)
- 12/14 **CLE—EBA REPLAY: Family Law Update 2023\* (6CLE/1 Ethics)** - 9:00am, EBA Office or Video Conference—[REGISTER](#)
- 12/19 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 12/21-25 **EBA OFFICE CLOSED**
- 12/27 **Procrastinators' Delight\* (up to 6 CLE)**—See Page 5
- 12/28 **Procrastinators' Delight\* (up to 6 CLE/6 Ethics)**—See Page 5
- 12/29/23-01/02/24 **EBA OFFICE CLOSED**

\* These CLE events are available per hour or the entire event. Must indicate at the time of registration. Must be prepaid.

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# Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc.

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Scott Wylie, Managing Attorney  
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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](mailto:jeana.goebel@probonoindiana.org) or [max.happe@probonoindiana.org](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> – 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!