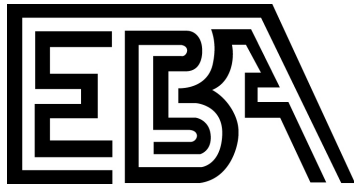


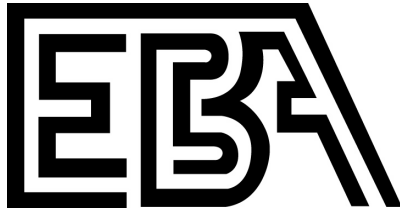


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To My Fellow Bar Members:

As you have read in my messages throughout the past year, I cannot imagine a better place to practice law than here in the Evansville area. I also cannot imagine a better local bar association in terms of its makeup, its service to members, and its service to the community.

This year, we invested countless hours and immeasurable talent in making our practice and our community even better. We have improved our communications through technology and creativity. We have worked hard to defend and support the judiciary and, by extension, the legal system itself, when it comes to unjust criticism. We have continued to improve public perception through education and active participation in our community, whether through interacting with local students, authoring thoughtful articles in the local press, or providing crucial legal services to the poor through pro bono and other projects.

We are also working toward achieving greater diversity, not for the sake of being more politically correct, but for the very crucial purposes of serving our community better, broadening our perspectives on life and the law, and creating and capitalizing upon the opportunities that those improvements can bring in return.

We look to the future in many ways, through improving existing programs, such as education, and through a constant stream of new initiatives to deal with our changing world, such as our technology and diversity programs. We also look to the past, preserving our history and encouraging the atmosphere of respect for our more experienced colleagues, who can teach us so much. I hope you take the time to read about these important activities, and many more, in the pages that follow.

Finally, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you. It has been rewarding and unforgettable. Most of all, however, I thank Susan Helfrich, who makes the impossible possible, and makes the possible easier and better. Susan, Cathy Martin, our board and our leaders, as well as all of you, my colleagues, have made this a very, very good year. See you soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan H. Smith', written in a cursive style.

# THE EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL REPORT

### JUNE 6, 2005 - JUNE 5, 2006

*“The Association is established to maintain the honor and dignity of the profession of the law, to cultivate social intercourse among its members and to increase its usefulness in promoting the due administration of Justice.”*

Those are the words invoked by Evansville Bar Association founders, Albert W. Funkhouser, Walton M. Wheeler, James T. Cutler, James T. Walker and Joseph Iglehart in April, 1911.

We continue to strive to meet the goals of the founders as a standard for our activities. It is difficult to imagine what those founders would think about the Bar Association today. We have made great strides in the past twelve months. Looking back, extraordinary changes have occurred in the EBA, and they will serve only as a basis for what is anticipated for the future.

As we take a brief look at the past twelve months, it is important to point out that none of these things could have occurred without the extraordinary work of the EBA volunteers who devote time and talent to addressing the wide variety of activities that make us grow and prosper.

## WHAT'S NEW?

Technology seems to be the buzz-word for anything new and exciting in today's world. The EBA was not left behind. Two new high-tech items were added to the EBA's resources, the e-Summation and the e-Directory.

The **e-Summation** has saved EBA members nearly \$7,000 per year, which makes it possible to maintain our dues without increase, and still present the news and information to our members in a timely and useable manner. Our thanks go to the Internal Communications Taskforce, chaired by Michele Bryant, for laying the groundwork for this change.

The Web Site, [www.evvbar.org](http://www.evvbar.org), now hosts a photographic **e-Directory** of and for EBA members that will never be out of date. Established in July, 2005, it offers a resource to members with up-to-date addresses, phone numbers, e-mails, areas of practice, etc.

The **Public Relations Taskforce**, chaired by **Dan Carwile**, completed its main objective, submitting the “**Response to Unjust Judicial Criticism**,” to the EBA Board. This policy was adopted in late 2005. The policy is a method to address those criticisms to which judges cannot address or mount a defense.

A new **Employment Law Committee** was established, and took off with a bang. Chaired by **Sean Georges**, the committee started with twenty-plus EBA members expressing interest, and has presented CLE programs as well as discussion topics. The committee was established at the request of several attorneys who practice Employment Law, and is a great example of responding to the current needs of EBA members.

## ***NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS.....***

The EBA continues to build on past success. When asked, our members always give high marks to the **EBA Continuing Legal Education Program**. This committee, chaired by **Karen Heard**, has presented 33 video CLE programs in the past 12 months, and offered or assisted with more than 50 hours of live CLE. The Committee not only offers programs on its own, such as the annual "Hot Topics" program, which is in its 9<sup>th</sup> year, but assists in working with other committees and sections in providing a wide variety of live programming each year. Examples include "Tax Law for the Non-Tax Attorney," "Legal Implications in Non-Traditional Relationships" and a series for Young Lawyers entitled "If I Knew Then What I Know Now....." The "CLE All-Stars," **Judge Carl Heldt, Judge R. Jeff Tornatta, Robert Carithers, Karen Heard, Sheila Corcoran** and **Jim Flynn**, were recognized with the Perdue-EBA Service Award for their combined 60 year-plus contribution to the EBA in producing CLE.

Continuing the efforts begun in 2004-05, the **Diversity Taskforce** presented training to over 40 EBA members, and began work on a Diversity Program, chaired by **Ross Rudolph** and **Yvonne Carter**, which is focusing on three areas: Recruiting, Outreach and Resources. Sub-committees addressing each of these issues are up and running, planning future activities in the community and at Law Schools to try to increase the diversity of our legal community.

The **History Committee**, chaired by Barbara Barrett, has submitted a proposal to collect data on EBA members and firms and submit it for storage at the local libraries and archives at USI to preserve a history of the legal community in Evansville.

**Our Sections** are an important part of the EBA, offering a means of networking for our membership that concentrates on the various practice of law areas. Their activities and methods for increasing expertise are represented by regular meetings with topical discussions, as well as many CLE programs to keep the members up to date.

**Family Law**, chaired by **Maria Worthington**, has presented "Child Support Trusts and Life Insurance for the Benefit of Children in Divorce" and "Effective Use of Counselors in Child Custody Matters and Ethical Considerations" as part of regularly scheduled meetings to discuss the issues that affect the Domestic Relations practitioner. In addition, the section worked with the Vanderburgh County Courts on the revision of the Division IV rules, and established a "mentoring program" for the Volunteer Lawyer Program to work with pro bono attorneys accepting family law cases.

**Commercial Law**, chaired by **Steve Hoar**, continues strong

activity, with a focus on CLE. Programs presented over the past 12 months include: "What Every General Practitioner Needs to Know About the New Bankruptcy Law Act." "Update on the Green Paper Rule" and the annual "Breakfast with the Judge."

**Probate, Elder Law and Guardianship**, chaired by **Randall Craig**, has continued meeting on a semi-monthly basis, offering CLE at these meetings, including "Congressional Changes to Medicaid Laws," and "New Circular 230 Edict from the IRS." The section also presented a three-hour program for all EBA members entitled "Triage for the Elderly Client and Medicaid Update." The high point of the past year's activities was the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual EBA Estate and Business Planning Institute, chaired by Richard Steedman, which featured nationally recognized speaker Natalie Choate, and attracted approximately 120 attendees. The Section continues its efforts in offering pro bono guardianships for those indigent nursing home residents who need professional guardianships.

**Real Property**, chaired by **Marco DeLucio**, has presented two CLE programs this past year: "Title Insurance 101, Issues Facing the Real Property Practitioner Today" and "Planning and Zoning in Warrick County."

Other sections included the **Young Lawyers**, chaired by **August Straus**, which has presented several programs directed totally at young lawyers, most important of those being the annual "Boot Camp." This three hour program aimed at introducing the new EBA members to the workings of the Vanderburgh County Court system and the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana.

The **Paralegal Section** is growing rapidly, with approximately 45 members. Chaired by **Kelly Nicholson**, the section meets monthly, with a mixture of topics that cover areas of law, such as Small Claims Court, the new Bankruptcy Act, and Tax Fraud, as well as ideas for improving skills and quality of life. This section has a priority of volunteering for both the Teen Court and Talk-to-a-Lawyer.

The **Women Attorneys Section** meets regularly, offering both CLE programs and topical discussions of interest to the members. Chaired by **Brenda Magsig**, this section also has a pro bono program which provides legal assistance to the YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter and the Albion Fellows Bacon Center, which houses domestic violence survivors, as well as a sexual assault center.

The EBA continues to support various committees which are focused on both the practice of law and supporting our membership and the practice.

The **Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee**, chaired by **Stephen Thomas**, has undertaken the task of developing of an e-directory of mediators in the region, with a more in-depth description of the types of mediation accepted, and other skills that would be of interest to those seeking a mediator. In addition, this Committee is responsible for any requests for Fee Arbitration, which is a service offered to the public to resolve fee conflicts between clients and attorneys. The program provides mediation between the client and the attorney, if the attorney agrees.

The **Bench and Bar Committee**, chaired by **Magistrate William Hussmann, Jr.**, has been planning a major CLE program that will be presented later in 2006, which will focus on the practice of Law in Evansville. This CLE program will be one of the biggest ever attempted by the EBA, and will feature judges from the local courts and surrounding counties, as well as speakers on evidence, ethics, and new issues facing attorneys who practice in Southwestern Indiana.

The **In-House Counsel Committee**, chaired by **Sean Georges**, meets monthly at various business locations through the area, with both CLE programs and topical discussions that address the specific issues affecting corporate attorneys.

The **Technology Committee**, chaired by **Robert Musgrave**, is an outgrowth of the Technology Taskforce, and began meeting in March, 2006. Their plans are to work

on getting the Vanderburgh County dockets on-line as soon as possible. In addition, they have plans for creating a means whereby the smaller firms and solo practitioners can learn more about incorporating technology into their practice. Finally, the committee is in the process of preparing a survey of EBA members to determine what technology is used, and what should be planned for future activities of the committee.

Two programs and volunteers that receive little attention but deserve a great deal of appreciation are the **Lawyers Assistance Program**, which has been chaired by **Michelle Bryant** for many years, and the **EBA Liaison to the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission**, **Barbara Williams**.

The Lawyers Assistance Program works closely with the Indiana Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program to assist lawyers who are suffering from a practice impairment, whether it be physical or chemical. This committee operates quietly, maintains no records, and functions merely for the good of EBA members. The time devoted to this can be significant, and the committee's commitment to its job deserves a great deal of appreciation and gratitude.

When Barbara Williams accepted the position as EBA Liaison to the Disciplinary Commission, she agreed to do this for three years. She works closely with the Commission to investigate complaints, and often fields calls from clients seeking assistance in dealing with an attorney. This is a truly unheralded and thankless job, and speaks clearly to the commitment to ethics held by those who serve.



## AWARD WINNERS

Those who have received the formal recognition of their brothers and sisters of the Bar for their outstanding giving deserve to be spotlighted here.

- **The James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award** was presented to **Chris Lee**, Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, a Major with the Indiana Army National Guard. Chris received the Gresham Award for not only his military service in both Bosnia and Afghanistan, but his extraordinary efforts to provide aid and assistance to the Afghani people, through the Afghanistan Relief Foundation, which he founded.
- **The Doran Perdue EBA Service Award** was presented to the “CLE All-Stars,” **Judge Carl Heldt, Judge R. Jeff Tornatta, Robert Carithers, Karen Heard, Sheila Corcoran and Jim Flynn**, who received well deserved recognition for serving over ten years each on the CLE Committee, chairing countless seminars, and giving endless hours to the promotion of CLE for the Evansville legal community.
- **EBA President's Award** went to **Lauren Jones**, Paralegal Associate Member, Bowers Harrison, for her outstanding work on rules to present to the Indiana Supreme Court Rules Committee regarding certification of paralegals.
- The **EBA Pro Bono Award** was well deserved by recipients **Edward W. Johnson** and **James P. Casey** for their pro bono mediation work for both the VLP and the Legal Aid Society.
- The **Florence Britzius Secretary of the Year Award**, a joint presentation of the EBA and the Legal Secretaries of Southwestern Indiana, was presented to **Kimberly Higgins**, of Olsen, White and Hambidge, for over 23 years of service, including testing for and receiving the designation Certified Legal Secretary.



## ***THE COLLEGIALLY CONTINUES...***

The Evansville Bar Association continues to encourage camaraderie and fellowship. General Membership lunch meetings are held four times each year. In October, in cooperation with the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, the EBA holds an Award Luncheon, where those who have given above and beyond are recognized. In January, the EBA welcomes new members and honors those who have practiced 50 years or more, and in April, the bar association and the Legal Secretaries of Southwestern Indiana have a joint luncheon where the extraordinary contribution of legal assistants is recognized. The fourth meeting is held in September, and in 2005, was used as the kick-off for the EBA's Diversity Program.

For the first time this year, the **Annual EBA Golf Outing**, chaired by **Ted Ziemer IV**, was changed to include the Evansville Bar Foundation as a recipient of funds raised. This year, 84 EBA members participated in the Golf Outing, and nearly \$4,500 was raised through hole sponsorships and underwriting.

### ***LAW WEEK BETTER THAN EVER!***

Law Week is a major event for the Evansville Bar Association, with both social and community events that put the EBA in the public eye. This year's Law Week was once again very successful, as we learn and build on the terrific efforts of previous years. We owe a great deal of thanks to those who put forth herculean effort and time to present these events, and to those who underwrote them, **INTEGRA BANK WEALTH MANAGEMENT**, who underwrote the entire week, and **THE ISBA INSURANCE AGENCY**, who sponsored the dinner.

**Patricia Woodring and Monica Edwards** came through with an outstanding dinner featuring great food and fun and entertainment by EBA members Dirck Stahl and Sonny Riesz playing the piano. The annual silent auction, benefiting the Volunteer Lawyer Program, was the highlight of the evening, which was topped off by the generous recognition of the Gresham Award Winner, Chris Lee, on the billboards donated by **LAMAR OUTDOOR**.

The **Mock Trials**, held on May 4, were ably led by **Tony Fehrenbacher**. A highlight of this year for the 250 high school students was a new case and new format, pitting plaintiff and defense attorneys from different schools against each other, appearing in front of a third school's jury. This was followed by The **Student Lunch**. This year, the theme was "Liberty Under Law: Separate Branches, Balanced Powers," and was ably chaired by **Jennifer Ulrich Keppler and Abby Brown Cox**. The students heard from representatives of all three branches of our state government, and from local County and City representatives, then presented their own opinions about the most powerful branches. Most importantly, the 23 firms that underwrote the event made it all possible.

Last, but by no means least, the **EBA Editorial Board** is deserving of many thanks. Chaired by **Shannon Frank**, the Editorial Board did an outstanding job of preparing four "op-ed" pieces which were published May 1 through 3, 2006 in the Evansville Courier & Press discussing the national theme: "Equality under Law: Separate Branches, Balanced Powers."

## **MEMBERS OF THE EBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**JUNE, 2005 - MAY, 2006**

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## ***OUR SISTER ORGANIZATIONS***

There are two organizations that the EBA is committed to working with to insure those programs succeed.

The **Evansville Bar Foundation** is critical to the success of all efforts to increase community respect for the law, the legal profession and local attorneys, as well as educate the public about our nation of laws. The EBA Diversity Taskforce was able to obtain the services of a professional trainer on diversity issues through a \$10,000 grant received from the EBF. The grant provided to the Volunteer Lawyer Program to fund Talk-to-a-Lawyer enables the multitude of EBA volunteers who staff the phones to provide this service to the public. EBA volunteers work with Youth Resources to staff Teen Court, which was started and funded for three years by the Evansville Bar Foundation, and is aimed at working with youthful offenders.

The **Volunteer Lawyer Program** of Southwestern Indiana serves nine counties in this part of our state providing pro bono legal services to indigent clients who cannot be served by Indiana Legal Service or the Legal Aid Society, Inc. Nearly 100 individual cases are handled each year by EBA members who volunteer their services. In addition, programs such as Operation LAMP (Legal Assistance to Military Personnel) and Talk-to-a-Lawyer, a monthly call-in legal information program, are staffed by EBA members. The EBA Board appoints a member to the VLP Board, and provides support wherever necessary.

Both of these organizations are critical to the mission of the EBA, and the EBA is critical to their success. Working together is the only way to insure that the profession grows and prospers.

**T**oday, our mission statement reflects the modern times, and the multi-faceted personality of the practice of law, our members, and our roll in the community.

*The Mission of the Evansville Bar Association is to enhance the practice of law, cultivate professional excellence, promote high ethical standards and uphold the honor of the profession.*

- *Increase the sense of community among Evansville Bar Association members and promote the quality of life within the profession.*
- *Improve the relationship between the Bar and the public and increase community respect for the law, the legal profession and the local Bar.*
- *Promote the availability and affordability of quality legal services to all members of the community.*

This is the second annual report published jointly with the Evansville Bar Foundation. We continue to work together to increase the services we offer to our members and raise the respect for lawyers and the law in our community.

**Submitted on behalf of the  
Evansville Bar Association**



**Dirck H. Stahl, President  
June 6, 2005 to June 5, 2006**

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
YEAR ENDING 2005**

**INCOME**

Continuing Legal Education	59,270.54
Employment Services	270.00
Foundation Development	850.00
Foundation Reimbursement	30,735.04
General Income	6,098.00
Interest	673.72
Law Day	14,675.00
Lawyer Referral	14,003.21
Membership Dues	82,088.50
Social	19,739.55
VLP	5,300.00
Xerox	12,276.20
Total Income	\$245,979.76

**EXPENSES**

Advertising	3,935.94
Bank Service Charges	427.10
CLE	32,028.45
Committees	1,405.16
Contingency	125.00
EBA/EBF Sales Items	37.50
EBF Development	837.25
Equipment Maintenance	581.25
Foundation	15,891.15
Gifts and Contributions	5,780.39
Insurance	7,695.84
Law Week	15,441.61
Lawyers Lounge	1,136.50
Miscellaneous	205.00
Office Equipment	916.70
Parking	682.50
Payroll Expenses	86,550.54
Postage & Delivery	1,367.98
Printing and Reproduction	8,416.29
Professional Fees	1,557.50
Rent	7,379.75
Social/Meetings	21,311.65
Supplies	2,179.45
Telephone	1,762.74
Travel & Meetings	4,142.75
Utilities	1,104.65
Volunteer Lawyer Program	5,188.00
Web Page/Technology	3,764.67
Xerox Library	4,859.38
Xerox Copier	10,374.73
Total Expenses	\$246,747.42





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Dear Fellow Bar Members:

The John L. Sanders/Evansville Bar Foundation had an enormously exciting year involving both growth in the services we provide to the community as well as growth in our funding to ensure continuation of this trend. As most of you are aware, the Foundation kicked off the Campaign for Growth and Progress after a year of planning. The Campaign requests contributions from local attorneys and law firms to continue to sustain the Foundation. The Campaign is the result of much hard work on the part of the Foundation Board Members, community volunteers and Susan Helfrich. Thanks to everyone who dug in their heels to make this project happen.

Our legal community can now take pride that the original endowment from Evelyn Sanders, in the memory of her husband, John L. Sanders, is being supported and strengthened by the generosity of others. Every member contributing to the Foundation now and in the future is recognizing the importance of funding and assisting programs to enhance justice and understanding of the law in southwestern Indiana. My deepest gratitude to all attorneys for stepping up and acknowledging the importance of these endeavors.

Our past year reflects a positive step for the Evansville Bar Foundation and our legal community. Looking to the future, the generosity of our bar members fills me with the promise of expanding services and programs for which we can all be proud.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to be a part of the Foundation this past year. I thank all who have helped the EBF to date, and look forward to the endless opportunities that are our future..

President  
June, 2004 to June, 2006

# JOHN L. SANDERS MEMORIAL - EVANSVILLE BAR FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT JULY, 2005 - JUNE, 2006

In January, 2006, the Evansville Bar Foundation kicked off the three year Campaign for Growth and Development to encourage Evansville's attorneys to make an investment in the bar foundation and our community. The campaign's focus is on building resources to increase the ability of the Foundation to fund programs reflecting our mission, *"Promoting Justice and Improving Lives Through the Law."*

We are fortunate to have received the commitment of **Bill Bussing, Chair, Paul Black, Jim Casey, Donita Farr, Edward Johnson, Cathy Nestrick, Ross Rudolph and Brian Williams** to serve as the committee overseeing this development campaign, and work with us to secure the future of our legal community's charitable endeavors.

The Campaign for Growth and Progress of the Evansville Bar Foundation hopes to secure pledges totaling \$125,000 payable over a three year period. The first part of the campaign will focus on the private bar to develop a base of support for future campaigns.

Our base for this campaign is solid. Over the past five years, the Foundation has supported many organizations in our community, including:

- The Committee to Build Respect in the Schools
- Legal Aid Society of Evansville
- The Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana
- Court Appointed Special Advocates
- "We the People" state and national competition travel in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 for eight EVSC and Warrick County Schools.
- EBA Diversity Training, 2005

In addition to the foregoing, our most substantial contribution has been a \$30,000 grant to Youth Resources over the past three years to establish the Vanderburgh County Teen Court. This program is functioning well and serving the youth of our community. In spring, 2006, the Vanderburgh County Teen Court received a sustaining grant of \$39,400 from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, to continue its work for the next year. Teen Court may reapply for the same funding for the next two years, and continue into the future. It was the goal of the EBF to try to establish something that would have a lasting impact on the youth of our community. Thanks to our donors, we have accomplished that task.

The Campaign for Growth and Development includes the opportunity to contribute at three different levels:

**Barristers Circle:** Those generous individual contributors who pledge \$1,000 total for a three-year period or those firms who pledge an average billable hour for each attorney member, and paralegal member, plus \$1,00.000, for each of the three years of the campaign.

**Benefactor:** Those generous individual attorneys who pledge \$600 total over a three year period, and paralegals who pledge \$200 over a three year period; or those firms who pledge an average billable hour for each attorney member and paralegal member, for each of the three years of the campaign.

**Friend:** Those generous attorneys who pledge to contribute \$300 total over a three year period, and paralegals who pledge \$150 total over a three year period.

**W**e deeply appreciate the generosity of those firms and individuals who have pledged to the Campaign for Growth and Progress.

**BARRISTERS CIRCLE:**

**INDIVIDUALS**

Barbara Barrett  
Robert "Ted" Barron  
John Broadhead  
Thomas H. Bryan  
Wilfred "Bill" Bussing  
Dan Carwile  
James Casey  
Randall Craig  
Marc Fine  
Fred Folz  
Shannon Frank  
David Gray  
John Hegeman  
Hon. Carl Heldt  
Susan Helfrich  
Kathryn Kornblum  
Steve Lavallo  
Krista Lockyear  
Kelly Lonnberg  
Mark Miller  
Catherine Nestruck  
Gayle Gerling Pettinga  
Marilyn Ratliff  
Ross Rudolph  
Hon. Randall T. Shepard  
Dirck Stahl  
Chad Sullivan  
Shawn Sullivan  
Steve Thomas  
Jack VanStone  
Barbara Williams  
Brian Williams

**BARRISTERS CIRCLE: FIRMS**

Bamberger, Foreman, Oswald & Hahn  
Bowers Harrison, LLP  
Johnson, Carroll, Norton, Kent & Straus, P.C.  
Rudolph, Fine, Porter & Johnson  
Terrell, Baugh, Salmon & Born, LLP  
Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders

**BENEFACTOR: INDIVIDUAL**

Hon. Robert Aylsworth  
Angela Chapman  
John Hamilton  
Michael Macer  
Richard B. Steedman

**BENEFACTOR: FIRMS**

Kinney, Kasha & Buthod, LLP  
Legal Aid Society of Evansville, Inc.

**FRIEND**

Erin Berger  
John Cox  
Michael Cox  
Hon. Mary Margaret Lloyd  
Hon. Brett Niemeier  
Kay Pechin  
Scott Wylie  
Lane Siesky

**ANNUAL GIFT**

Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP  
Legal Secretaries of Southwestern Indiana  
Foster, Montgomery & O'Daniel

The generosity of the members of the Evansville Bar has been extraordinary. From the kick-off of the Campaign for Growth and Development in January, 2006, to the end of this reporting period, May 31, 2006, the total amount of money pledged has reached \$113,000. We are 90% of our goal, and continue to believe that the goodness and benevolence of the Evansville Legal Community can stand as a shining example of all who work toward ***"Promoting Justice and Improving Lives Through the Law."***

**W**e are also pleased to have begun, in 2005, the practice of having a representative from the Evansville Bar Association on our Board of Directors, and the EBF having the same representation on their Board. This can only serve to strengthen both our organizations and cooperative efforts. An example is the deeply appreciated generosity of the **Evansville Bar Association** in allowing the Evansville Bar Foundation to share in the proceeds of their major fundraiser, the annual **Golf Outing**. In 2005, this effort provided approximately \$2,500 to the Evansville Bar Foundation, and we plan to see it grow in the future.

## ***OUR GRANTS IN 2005-06 INCLUDED....***

The **Evansville Bar Association** received \$9,500 to provide Diversity Training to over 40 member of the EBA who comprise the **Diversity Committee**. Eric Ellis, of Integrity Development, Inc., provided six hours of training on methods to achieve the goal of making the Evansville legal community reflect our diverse population in Southwestern Indiana. A result of this training is on-going activity of the committee, including plans for recruitment visits to IU-Bloomington and IU-Indianapolis Law Schools, and an outreach program for Hispanics planned for Fall, 2006, encouraging youth from that community to consider careers in Law in Evansville. This is a program that could not function without the time commitment of many volunteers, and the EBF is honored to have funded these efforts.

In August, 2005, the EBF provided the third \$10,000 grant to **Youth Resources** to establish the **Vanderburgh County Teen Court**. The EBF approached Youth Resources in 2003, and asked them to consider working with Vanderburgh County Juvenile Court and Judge Brett Niemeier to establish a Teen Court in Evansville. Teen Court is designed to serve non-violent first-time youthful offenders with an alternative to entering "the system." In 2006, Youth Resources received a \$40,000 grant for the Vanderburgh County Teen Court from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute to continue operations. The program has grown in size, and accommodating so many cases that it is continuing throughout the summer months, rather taking a vacation. Many others in addition to the youthful offenders are touched by this program, including the high school students who serve as defense attorneys, prosecuting attorneys, court personnel and jurors. This program is facilitated by Evansville Bar Association members, both attorneys and paralegals, who volunteer to work with the students. We are also proud of our Board Member, Kathy Kornblum, who was nominated to the Youth Resources Hall of Fame for her long, hard work in establishing the Vanderburgh County Teen Court.

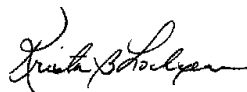
The EBF has funded the **Volunteer Lawyer Program Talk-to-a-Lawyer** for 2005 and 2006, at approximately \$3,000 per year. An estimated 800 calls are accepted by volunteers who staff a phone bank of eight lines on the first Thursday of every month to accept legal inquiries from the public. This not only provides a valuable public service in talking to people about the law, but is another example for the public of the care and concern our legal community has for our fellow citizens. Again, this could not be accomplished without the volunteers who give freely of their time and expertise.

In 2005 the EBF provided \$1,350 to the **Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation** for travel expenses for Evansville area high schools and middle schools to travel to the state competition for "**We the People**." This program, sponsored state-wide by the Indiana State Bar Association, allows high school and middle school students to participate in mock Congressional Hearings on the U.S. Constitution. There is no better way to train young people in the value of the Bill of Rights than to immerse them in a program that allows them to genuinely participate in the constitutional process.

**O**ur thanks go to those who have generously pledged to the Evansville Bar Foundation, to those who serve on the Foundation Board of Directors, to those who serve as the Committee for the Campaign for Growth and Development, and to those who volunteer to serve the programs that the EBF Funds. Our future looks very promising, and we look forward to more activities that will have a positive impact on both the legal community and our city. Building on our past, we see a promising future that promises success as we work toward our goal:

***"Promoting Justice and Improving Lives Through the Law."***

Submitted on behalf of the  
John L. Sanders Memorial- Evansville Bar Foundation



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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
December 31, 2005**

Fund Value, January 1, 2005	\$849,810
Grants Awarded	\$ 23,350
Operating Expenses:	
Overhead	\$ 15,891
Salaries	\$ 15,059
Fund Value, December 31, 2005	\$848,179