

The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Yvette LaPlante**

On January 16, 2019, the EBA will hold its annual members' lunch at Tropicana Conference Center in the Las Vegas Room. The event honors those who are celebrating their 50th anniversary as EBA members. It is also an opportunity to recognize our newest members.

This year, **Mike Phillips, David Miller, Robert Kinkle, Terry Noffsinger, Hon. Carl Heldt, and Tom Bryan** celebrate fifty years of practice. This group of lawyers has substantially and positively impacted this legal community. Their contributions will be highlighted during the lunch.

This year, **Christine Pham, Hayley Fowler, Kristen Koewler, Jonathon Danks, Shannon King, Julia Dick, Cassee Layne, Nicholas Golding, and John Goth** are new members to the EBA. So that you have an opportunity to get to know them, I sent a list of pressing questions. Based on their answers, I think the future of the EBA and the Oxford comma are both secure.



You're on the EBA softball team. Bases are loaded. Bottom of the seventh. Home run wins it. What song plays as you walk up to the batter's box?

Christine Pham: *Work* by Rhianna
Kristen Koewler: *Thunderstruck* by AC/DC
Nicholas Golding: *Mr. November* by The National

Rank the following bar exam subjects from most to least tolerable: Administrative Law, Con Law, Secured Transactions, Criminal Law, Family Law

Christine: Secured Transactions, Family Law, Criminal Law, Administrative Law, Con Law
Cassee Layne: Con Law, Secured Transactions, Administrative Law, Criminal Law, Family Law
Kristen: Secured transactions, Family law, Criminal law, Con Law, Administrative Law
Nicholas: Family Law, Con Law, Criminal Law, Secured Transactions, Administrative Law

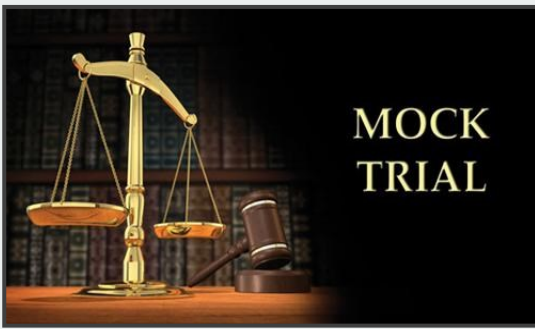
Resolve the Editorial Board's most heated controversy. Oxford Commas: Yes or No.

Christine: As a law review editor/writer, Oxford Commas are a must.
Cassee: Oxford Commas are a must.
Kristen: YES!!!
Nicholas: Oxford commas are a necessity, a requirement, and an essential element of clear legal writing.

Each February, Scott Wylie names two cocktails after two of our members at the Women Attorneys' Section's Chocolate Night. If he named one after you, what would be in it?

Christine: Gin and tonic with three limes.
Kristen: Jameson, cherry liqueur, diet 7up
Nicholas: The Gold Standard

I look forward to seeing you on January 16 to recognize the contributions of our fifty year practitioners. If you're at my table, be prepared to discuss what song would play if you were headed to the batter's box at the bottom of the seventh.



Regional Mock Trial VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday, February 16, 2019

In 2019, the YLS and EBA are teaming up with the Indiana Bar Foundation to host the **first-ever** Evansville Regional Mock Trial Competition on **Saturday, February 16, 2019**.

In order to host the competition, we must secure volunteers to serve as presiding judges (one per court room) and scoring judges (three per court room). **Ideally our local judges and magistrates will serve as the presiding judges and young lawyers will serve as the scoring judges. For more information or to volunteer as a Mock Trial judge, please [REGISTER HERE](#) prior to January 19.**

Please contact Hannah Dill (Hannah.Dill@skofirm.com) if you have any questions about the competition.

VLP NEWS

By: Judge Smith and Magistrate Corcoran

As we prepare to begin a new year, thanks to each and every paralegal, attorney, and judicial officer who volunteered or supported VLP in 2018. We are in the midst of tabulating all of the data that is required for VLP's funding sources and look forward to reporting another excellent year of pro bono leadership for the state of Indiana in the next months. Many of you may not know, but your simple act of reporting your pro bono service to VLP – whether on behalf of a VLP client or an effort you undertook from another source – helps to determine the level of funding received by VLP. Reporting to VLP also allows our staff to identify those of you who contributed fifty or more hours of service. Reaching that goal not only makes our community better but allows you to receive a 20% discount on most CLE offerings from the Evansville Bar Association and ICLEF. Thanks to both for supporting pro bono work in our area.

At the end of this month's Summation you will find a VLP Self Reporting Form that you can use to report hours you did in 2018. Don't be shy. Every hour reported means we can do more work on behalf of the less fortunate in our area. We've also included the sign-up sheet for 2019 Talk to a Lawyer sessions. Happy New Year.

50 YEAR AND NEW MEMBERS LUNCH

JANUARY 16

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30AM

PROGRAM AND LUNCH AT NOON

TROPICANA
LAS VEGAS ROOM

Join us as we recognize those who have been in practice for 50 years and welcome the newly admitted attorneys.

Generously underwritten by:

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To make your reservation, go to evvbar.org, email Ashley at eba@evvbar.org or call (812) 463-3201.

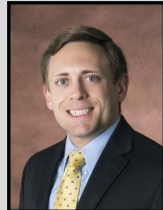
WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Congratulations to Carrie Roelle of KDDK on her selection as one of the six finalists for the 2019 Athena Award! The award recognizes women leaders based on professional accomplishments, community involvement and efforts to support other women.

[Read more...](#)

The Indiana State Bar Association announced Patrick Thomas of KDDK as one of the 25 attorneys selected to participate in the ISBA Leadership Development Academy for 2019. Congratulations! [Read more...](#)



EBA Board President Yvette LaPlante accepts the Law-Related Education Award from Justice Steven David.

On Sunday, December 9 the Evansville Bar Association was awarded the Law-Related Education Award by the Indiana Bar Foundation. The award highlights the support of the EBA in the bid for the 2020 National High School Mock Trial Competition.

Members of the EBA Basketball Team gathered at Deer Head Tavern on December 20. EBA Athletic Director Steve Culley dons his Santa hat and a toast was made to another great year!



Members of the Women's Attorney Section gathered on December 14 at Hacienda to celebrate the holiday season.

RT to LT: Jillian Hanneken, Sacha Armstrong, Kristen Koewler, Magistrate Kelli Fink, Julia Dick, Magistrate Sheila Corcoran and Christine Pham.



Welcome new members **Haley Fowler** and **Amy Meyer!**

Please make the following changes and additions to your address book:

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Paralegal / Legal Assistant - Cox Law Office is currently in search of a Paralegal/Legal Assistant. Two years of experience in a legal or office setting is preferable. The candidate will need to be proficient in Microsoft Word, be organized, have strong communication skills, be able to draft legal documents, and work well with others. Please reply with a resume and a cover letter to: scateslaw1@gmail.com



ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

- * Outstanding Paralegal Award
- * Florence Britzius Award
- * James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award
- * Doran Perdue Service Award

Deadline for nominations is February 15.

Nomination forms will be sent to all members via email January 7.

We want to know WHO'S DOING WHAT!

Email news, updates and photos of professional achievements about you, your firm or other EBA members to julie@evvbar.org by the 20th of each month to be included in the next Summation.

NOTE: Due to space constraints not all submissions will be included.



Happy New Year! On behalf of the Evansville Bar Foundation, **Kelly Jackson, President**

I want to thank all of those Evansville Bar Association members who donated to the Foundation in 2018. We are incredibly grateful for your support. Thank you!

Your contributions help organizations like the Evansville African American Museum, Holly's House, and Vanderburgh County CASA as they strive to provide law related services and programs to members of our community.

The Foundation appreciates your support and looks forward to your continued support in 2019. Best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year!

To donate now click the DONATE button below or go to <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx>

Donate

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: *THANK YOU!*

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the William H. Miller Law Library in response to the Law Library Foundation's annual appeal in 2018. Your generous donations and ongoing commitment to the Foundation and the library ensure that people in this community have "...a quality law library readily accessible to all...at a substantial economic savings to everyone." In addition to this mission, the goals of the Foundation are to preserve, maintain, and enhance the Law Library of Vanderburgh County as a resource center for legal information that serves the courts, bar, and people of Evansville and the surrounding tristate area. You make it possible for our library to remain one of only two county law libraries in the entire state.

To become a 2019 member of the Law Library Foundation, you may use the envelope enclosed in the December mailing or send your contribution to:

Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation
207 City County Courts Building
825 Sycamore Street
Evansville, Indiana 47708

As always, I welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions. Please feel free to call me at (812) 435-5175 or send me an email kweston@vanderburghcounty.in.gov.



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Tanisha Carothers

Frank Mattingly

Kristin McLaughlin

Other Donation

VanStone & Kornblum, Kathryn L. Kornblum

* As of December 31, 2018

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

A wonderful article was published in the December 26 edition of The Indiana Lawyer about our very own William H. Miller Law Library. [Read more...](#)

You can find an up-to-date listing of CLE on the EBA website at evvbar.org

TALK TO A LAWYER TODAY PREP 6 CLE/2 ETHICS VIDEO REPLAY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 09
9 AM-4 PM - EBA OFFICE

Attendees who agree to take **one** VLP case in the first 1/2 of 2019 or agree to volunteer for **two** Talk to a Lawyer sessions can attend for FREE.

EBA Member \$180; Non-member \$300

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

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 01
NOON - EBA OFFICE

Real Property Section Member \$25

EBA Member \$30

Non-member \$50

To register call (812)463-3201 or email eba@evvbar.org.

**NEED
SOME
HELP?**

Have you had problems logging into the EBA website?

If so, please let us know!

Call the office at (812) 463-3201 to speak with Ashley or email her at ashley@evvbar.org

NEW LAWYER BOOTCAMP

3 CLE

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY COURTHOUSE
COURTROOM 101**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019

1:25 pm	Welcome
1:30 pm	Circuit Court Procedure and Treatment Courts
1:50 pm	William H. Miller Law Library
2:00 pm	Civil Filing Procedure
2:15 pm	Family Law and Civil Law Practice
2:45 pm	Criminal Law Practice
3:05 pm	Break
3:15 pm	Small Claims
3:35 pm	Recorder's Office
3:55 pm	Probate Court
4:15 pm	Break - Walk to Federal Building
4:30 pm	Federal Court Practice, Proceedings and Filings
5:00 PM	Adjourn to The Rooftop

FREE for all EBA members 0-3 years in practice
EBA members \$90 (more than 3 years)
Non-members \$150

To register call (812) 463-3201, online [HERE](#), or email eba@evvbar.org.

WHY **EBA** CLE?
EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

CURRENT AVERAGE PRICE OF 6 CLE HOURS

ICLEF - \$375

NBI - \$359

EBA - \$180

OTHER ADVANTAGES OF EBA CLE

- Local Issues
- No Travel Expenses
- Great Speakers
- Lunch hour CLE

Did you know? Attorneys who speak at EBA CLE events get **FREE CLE** & generally receive 4x the speaking time in CLE credits.

Is there a topic you would like to learn about and/or speak about? If so, contact Julie at the EBA Office at (812) 463-3201 or julie@evvbar.org.

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 01/01 **EBA Office Closed** - Happy New Year!
- 01/03 **Talk To A Lawyer** - 4:30-6:00 pm, EBA Office
- 01/08 **Paralegal Section Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office
- 01/09 **Talk to a Lawyer TODAY Prep (6 CLE/2 Ethics)** - 9:00 am-4:00 pm, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
Attendees who agree to take **one** VLP case in the first 1/2 of 2019 or agree to volunteer for **two** Talk to a Lawyer sessions can attend for FREE.
- 01/10 **Morning Mixer** - 7:30 am, Donut Bank (Hwy 41 and Lincoln Avenue)
EBA Board of Directors Meeting - 11:45 am lunch, Noon meeting, EBA Office
- 01/15 **Talk To A Lawyer** - 11:30 am-1:00 pm, EBA Office
- 01/16 **50 Year Practitioner and New Member Lunch** - Doors open at 11:30 am, Program and Lunch at Noon, *Tropicana Las Vegas Room*—[REGISTER](#)
New Lawyer Bootcamp (3 CLE) - 1:25-5:00 pm, Vanderburgh County Courthouse, Courtroom 101—[REGISTER](#)
Young Lawyer Happy Hour - 5:00 pm, The Rooftop
- 01/17 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office
- 01/21 **Talk to a Lawyer—Special Edition** - 11:30 am-1:00 pm, EBA Office
- 01/23 **CLE Committee Meeting** - 11:45 am-12:45 pm, EBA Office
- 01/24 **Women's Attorney Section Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office

SAVE-THE-DATE

Chocolate Night - Women's Attorney Section

Wednesday, February 6 - 5:00 pm, Evansville Country Club

2019 Regional High School Mock Trial Competition

Saturday, February 16 - 8:30 am, Vanderburgh County Courthouse

EBA Members Lunch

Wednesday, March 20 - Doors open 11:30 am; Program and lunch at Noon, Tropicana Walnut Room

Bench and Bar Conference

Thursday, March 21 - Registration at 8:00 am; Sessions begin at 8:30 am, Evansville Country Club

Law Day Celebration

Friday, April 26 - 5:45 pm, Evansville Country Club

ICLEF VIDEO REPLAYS

For reservations, pricing, or to verify credits or content for the ICLEF video replays, please contact ICLEF at 317.637.9102

- 01/07 **How to Use Litigation Technology to Prepare and Present Your Case at Trial** - 9:00 am-4:00 pm, EBA Office
- 01/14 **The Top 10 Objections at Trial** - 9:00 am-Noon, EBA Office
- 01/28 & 29 **Elder Law Institute** - 9:00 am-4:00 pm, EBA Office
- 02/04 **DWI@Trial** - 9:00 am-4:00 pm, EBA Office
- 02/11 & 12 **Year in Review** - 9:00 am-4:00 pm, EBA Office

Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc.

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

ATTORNEY/PARALEGAL NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

(E-mail to vlpwylie@sigecom.net, fax to 812.402.6304, 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 3, 2019 4:30 to 6:00	_____	February 7, 2019 4:30 to 6:00
_____	March 7, 2019 4:30 to 6:00	_____	April 4, 2019 4:30 to 6:00
_____	May 2, 2019 4:30 to 6:00	_____	June 6, 2019 4:30 to 6:00
_____	No July Session in 2019 (July 4 th)	_____	August 1, 2019 4:30 to 6:00
_____	September 5, 2019 4:30 to 6:00	_____	October 3, 2019 4:30 to 6:00
_____	November 7, 2019 4:30 to 6:00	_____	December 5, 2019 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 15, 2019 11:30 to 1:00	_____	February 19, 2019 11:30 to 1:00
_____	March 19, 2019 11:30 to 1:00	_____	April 16, 2019 11:30 to 1:00
_____	May 21, 2019 11:30 to 1:00	_____	June 18, 2019 11:30 to 1:00
_____	July 16, 2019 11:30 to 1:00	_____	August 20, 2019 11:30 to 1:00
_____	September 17, 2019 11:30 to 1:00	_____	October 15, 2019 11:30 to 1:00
_____	November 19, 2019 11:30 to 1:00	_____	December 17, 2019 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 21st – we need both attorneys and paralegals. Sign-up to help below:

_____ January 21, 2019 (Monday) from 11:30 to 1:00

- Please send me information on VLP's 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 Clinics operated in partnership with the Law Library and typically held on the Second and Fourth Thursday of each month from 11:00 to 1:00.
- I'm interested in participating in Homeless Connect, typically held in March. Please contact me with volunteer times when scheduled.

As always, thank you!

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SELF DIRECTED PRO BONO ACTIVITY REPORT

In addition to facilitating the placement of eligible clients through its pro bono referral program, the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana (VLP) serves as a depository for information regarding the legal needs of District K's indigent and nonprofit community. Please use this form to report hours of service that you provide to clients obtained from sources other than VLP. *This form should not be used to report hours served through VLP's referral program; to report VLP service, please use the Case Closing Report provided with your referral package.* Thank you very much for your service and for reporting your hours to our office.

Your Name: _____ Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Type of Client: _____ Individual _____ Not-for-Profit (please describe):

Client's County of Residence: _____

Type of Service Provided: _____

Date Representation Commenced: _____ Date Representation Terminated: _____

(If applicable)

Outcome: _____

No. of pro bono hours served

by attorneys: _____ by paralegals: _____ by other staff: _____

YOUR COMMENTS: