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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE WITHOUT FORGETTING THE PAST

As with every New Year, it's important to look back on 2023 and ask, "What did I get right, what did I get wrong, and how can I improve next year?" Whether it is a hobby you are trying to master (pickleball!), a personal issue you are attempting to overcome (stop re-watching The Office), or a new avenue in your professional life (become a part-time Uber driver?), it's important for each of us to stop and take an assessment of our life.



The EBA is no different! At its monthly meetings, the EBA's Board of Directors regularly looks for ways to improve the EBA, which includes reviewing issues affecting bar associations across the country, issues affecting Indiana attorneys, and concerns at the local level or raised by our membership. As part of that process, each EBA President is permitted to appoint an EBA member—who last served on the Board more than seven years prior—to the current Board to provide a historical perspective. Shout out to Tim Born who is filling that role this year!

To further assist the Board in looking to the future without forgetting the past, on January 4, 2024, more than 25 past presidents of the EBA are coming together to discuss the outlook of the EBA. In doing so, my hope to come to a consensus on:

- The EBA's accomplishments and how it achieved the same;
- The EBA's missteps and how we can prevent repeating such history; and
- The EBA's future.

If you have suggestions or comments that we should discuss, please contact me at (812) 424-7575 or <a href="mailto:cwhitehead@zsws.com">cwhitehead@zsws.com</a> by January 3!

With your help, we can stay focused on the ultimate goal: working together to ensure the EBA continues to prosper by serving its members, as the best bar association in the State.

In the words of Benjamin Button, "Our lives are defined by opportunities, even the ones we miss."

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### **Requesting Paid Public Defender Applicants**

Great news! As of January 1, 2024, Public Defenders in Vanderburgh County are receiving raises (the first pay raise in 16 years). Also, the caseload per Public Defender has dropped. More pay for less cases. It does not get much better.

Vanderburgh County (Circuit and Superior Court and Public Defender's ("PD") Office) still needs Public Defenders. Many local attorneys responded to the critical need this past summer. If you were one of those attorneys, many thanks.

Part-time and full-time PD positions are available with benefits. Attorneys in Vanderburgh and surrounding counties are eligible.

Job vacancies are advertised at the law schools in Bloomington, Indianapolis, South Bend, Carbondale and Louisville as well as advertised through the Evansville Bar Association ("EBA").

Serving as a PD is both personally and financially rewarding. Additionally, all of us have affirmed upon being sworn in as Indiana attorneys (and locally at Law Day) at the end of the Attorney Oath through Rule 22 that "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; so help me God." Ind.R.Att'y Adm. & Discip. 22. In part the reason for requesting your consideration.

If you are interested in a part-time or full-time PD position, please contact:

Steve Owens, Chief Public Defender

Christal Hampton

Thank you for your consideration!

Brian P. Williams, Scott Danks, Nick Iaccarino Vanderburgh County Public Defender Board I.C. 33-40-7-1

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### **VLP** News

By: Senior Judge Sheila Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had pleasant holidays and the new year will be a good one. VLP is happy to introduce Jordan Terrell as its newest Legal Navigator. Jordan will be helping share legal resources in our community and, with the help of Vanderburgh County's law librarian Kathleen Weston, has updated VLP's community resource flyer for legal resources and clinics in our area. The flyer is attached and is a useful resource to share with people in need or who are lost. It has information on several legal clinics that volunteers are welcome to sign up for if they are interested.

Navigation helps guide those who are unfamiliar with, or uneducated in, the legal system to appropriate resources and outcomes. This helps our systems to run smoother and hopefully helps our legal community operate as best as possible. The value and need of legal navigation helped spur the legal kiosk project in which legal kiosks have been placed around the state to help direct people in need to useful resources. You can find a map of where the kiosks are here; https://indianalegalhelp.org/partner-resources/

The Talk to a Lawyer Today CLE will be offered by the Evansville Bar Association Tuesday, January 9th. This will include an opportunity to sign up for a Talk to a Lawyer clinic to answer brief legal questions or to take a pro bono case. For more information on any of VLP's programs or how to volunteer, reach out to Max Happe at max.happe@probonoindiana.org.

### **Nominations Now Open for EBA Board of Directors**

The nomination period has begun for the 2024-2025 Board of Directors for the Evansville Bar Association.

Service on the Board of Directors is an invaluable opportunity to play a role in the future of the greater-Evansville legal community. Board service will begin June 1, 2024. Self nominations as well as nominations of colleagues are both encouraged.

The 2024-2025 EBA Board of Directors will be led by Greg Freyberger of Barber & Bauer. Meagan Brien of United Companies will assume the role of Presidentelect.

Submit a letter of interest to the EBA Nominating Committee at julie@evvbar.org by March 1, 2024. Please include your name, number of years in practice, number of years as an EBA Member principal areas of practice, participation in EBA activities, committees, and sections.

### LAWYERS LUNCH CLUB SIGN UP NOW! **Deadline is February 3!**

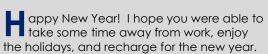
This session of Lawyers Lunch Club will run March through May.\*

> To join the fun, email ashley@evvbar.org 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

As the Foundation plans for 2024, I encourage you to serve the Foundation in one - or more - of the following ways:

- Help plan the Evansville Bar Foundation's 25th Anniversary celebration! Mark your calendars now for this special event taking place on Saturday, October 5, 2024. We are looking for EBA members to round out our planning committee. If you have interest, please contact julie@evvbar.org.
- Join the EBF Board of Directors! We have two at-large seats to fill. Send your letter of interest to serve on the Board to julie@evvbar.org on or before February 14, 2024. Letters should include why you would like to serve the Foundation, your passion for the law and law-related programs, and the number of years you have been a member of the EBA.
- If you have not yet had a chance to donate, I encourage you to support the Foundation by making a donation. It is easy! Mail a check to 501 Main Street, Suite 101, Evansville, IN 47708 or go to <a href="https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx">https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx</a> by clicking the DONATE button below.

As we say goodbye to 2023, I want to thank the EBA members who have already supported the Foundation through monetary donations and/or by volunteering their time. Since sending the yearly ask letter in November, the EBF has received over \$11,500 in donations! Wow! This truly is a great and generous bar association.

Thank you EBA members for your continued support and may your 2024 be filled with good health, happiness, laughter, and love!

Donate

### LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone contributing in response to the Law Library Foundation's annual appeal! Your generous donations and ongoing commitment to the Foundation and the William H. Miller Law Library ensure that the 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 also make it possible for this library to remain one of only two county law libraries in the entire state.

To become a 2024 member of the Law Library Foundation, you may use the envelope enclosed in the November mailing or send your contribution to:

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

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 (<a href="mailto:kweston@vanderburghgov.org">kweston@vanderburghgov.org</a>).



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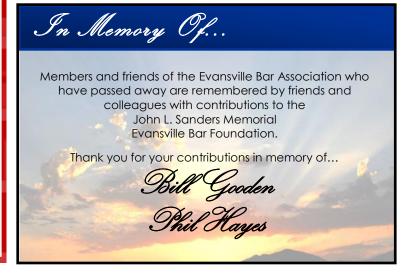
### **Paralegal**

Melissa Alldredge Lauren Gore

# Friends of the Foundation

ulie Moore Holtz

\* 2024 Campaign donations received November 1-December 29, 2023



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.



EBA REPLAY: INDIANA'S NEW CHILD SUPPORT GUIDELINES

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Member \$30 Non-Member \$50

To register call (812) 463-3201, email <u>ashley@evvbar.org</u> or click <u>here</u> to register online.

\*Please indicate at time of registration.

### TALK TO A LAWYER TODAY! ISBA VIDEO REPLAY

6 CLE/1 ETHICS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024 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 <u>ashley@evvbar.org</u> or click <u>here</u> to register online.

\*Please indicate at time of registration.



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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.



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
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Congratulations to EBA members **Caroline Brinster** and **Max Happe** for having been selected for the 2024 ISBA Leadership Development Academy!

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#### **Bar Updates:**

Please extend a warm welcome to Attorney **Andrew Haughey**, **Carri Keating**, Paralegal, and **Jordan Terrell**, non-attorney. Please make these additions and updates to your contacts:

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

### JANUARY 2024

- 01/01 **EBA Office Closed**—HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 01/04 EBA Past Presidents' Luncheon—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
  - Talk to a Lawyer—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 01/08 CLE—EBA Replay Indiana's New Child Support Guidelines 2023 (1 CLE) Noon, EBA Office or Zoom—REGISTER
- 01/09 CLE—ISBA Replay: Talk to a Lawyer TODAY 2023 (6 CLE/1 Ethics) 9:00am-4:00pm, EBA Office or Zoom—REGISTER

  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.
  - EBA Paralegal Section Meeting—Noon, EBA Office or Zoom
- 01/10 EBF Finance Committee Meeting—Noon, MS Office
- 01/11 EBA Board of Directors Meeting—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 01/15 **EBA Office Closed**—Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- 01/16 Talk to a Lawyer—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 01/18 EBF Board of Directors Meeting—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBF Office
- 01/24 DEI Committee Meeting—Planning for Spring 2024 event—Noon, EBA Office

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1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY
11AM-1PM CST

Family Law Clinic staff can assist with basic divorce, custody, and child support issues for low-income residents. Clinic participants must meet strict financial eligibility standards established by the federal government, own minimal assets, and have no interest in a pension.

January 4th & 18th February 1st & 15th March 7th & 21st April 4th & 18th May 2nd & 16th June 6th & 20th

July 18th
August 1st & 15th
September 5th & 19th
October 3rd & 17th
November 7th & 21st
December 5th & 19th

### **EVICTION HELP DESK**

WALK IN: Monday-Friday 8am-9am

A Pro Bono (Free) Attorney will be at the small claims court help desk in the Law Library to assist self-represented litigants facing eviction and housing stability issues.

No appointment needed.

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### 2ND CHANCE/DEBT CLINIC

WALK IN: 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY 11AM-12PM CST

Walk-in clinic where attorneys provide basic information about general civil issues, including debt collection, expungement, and driver's license reinstatement.

January 11th & 25th February 8th & 22nd March 14th & 28th April 11th & 25th May 9th & 23rd June 13th & 27th July 11th & 25th
August 8th & 22nd
September 12th & 26th
October 10th & 24th
November 14th
December 12th & 26th

### **EVICTION CLINIC**

WALK IN: 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAY 12PM-1PM CST

Walk-in clinic to provide tenants with information about residential evictions, potential defenses, rental assistance, damages hearings, and sealing evictions

January 11th & 25th February 8th & 22nd March 14th & 28th April 11th & 25th May 9th & 23rd June 13th & 27th July 11th & 25th August 8th & 22nd September 12th & 26th October 10th & 24th November 14th December 12th & 26th

Family Law Clinics are funded by the Indiana State Supreme Court and its Family Court Project. The Clinics are under the supervision of Judge Mary Margaret Lloyd of the Vanderburgh County Superior Court. Services are provided in partnership with the Volunteer Lawyer Program and volunteers from the Evansville Bar Association.

Eviction Clinics are funded by the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority via the Indiana Bar Foundation.

Second Chance/Debt Clinic services are provided as a service of VLP and the William H. Miller Law Library. Funding is also provided by the Indiana Bar Foundation and the Evansville Bar Foundation.







### **NEED CIVIL LEGAL AID ASSISTANCE?**

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 This website contains valuable information, court forms, and various resources for people who represent themselves in court or need general guidance

### **NEED LEGAL NAVIGATION HELP?**



#### William H. Miller Law Library

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