

The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Cliff Whitehead**

FOUR FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!



I want to thank all of the past presidents (20+) who came together in January to discuss the EBA, including where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. The wealth of institutional knowledge in that room was impressive and something I hope each future EBA president taps into. One of the topics that was discussed is the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) provided by the EBA. My message this month is to remind everyone that the only way we can sustain the high-level quality of those programs is for our members to volunteer!

Whether new statutes, opinions, or technologies (e.g., artificial intelligence), the law never sits still. While we each do our best to keep up, our obligation to stay apprised of those changes can be daunting and often involves sifting through listserv emails. Such becomes even more difficult when the day-to-day obligations of our practice takeover. (It reminds me of the show "24." To those younger members, before the days of streaming, if you missed a couple episodes, you would find yourself lost as to why Jack Bauer was so angry that week.)

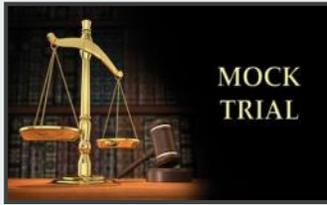
This is where the EBA's CLEs come in! The EBA's CLEs offer the perfect, streamlined approach to keeping up with changes in the law, in the comfort of the conveniently-located EBA office, with free soft drinks and snacks, or from wherever you choose, using our on-demand portal. Through our diverse selection of CLE offerings, our members will find a topic on point for their practice.

With that said, our CLEs are only as good as the presenters. To that end, we are ALWAYS in need of esteemed members of the EBA to volunteer to put on CLEs. Regardless of your motives—maybe you have a passion about a new law, maybe you enjoy teaching, maybe you want an excuse to interact with members of the EBA—we need you! (Or, maybe you know that CLE presenters get FOUR-for-one CLE credit hours!) Lastly and selfishly as the EBA President, CLEs provide a much-needed revenue to the EBA.

So, how about it? Who will be the first to contact Julie Moore Holtz to volunteer to share their legal knowledge and further help the EBA?

"She helped me learn how to read, and I showed her how to swing."

~ Forrest Gump



Regional Mock Trial **VOLUNTEER JUDGES NEEDED**

Saturday, February 24, 2024
Civic Center Courts Building

Once again, the Young Lawyers Section and Evansville Bar Association is teaming up with the Indiana Bar Foundation to host the Evansville Regional Mock Trial Competition **on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at the Courts Building.**

In order to host the competition, we must secure volunteers to serve as presiding judges and scoring judges. **Ideally our local judges and magistrates will serve as presiding judges with lawyers and other volunteers serving as scoring judges. For more information or to volunteer on February 24 as a Mock Trial judge, please sign up on the Indiana Bar Foundation using the VOLUNTEER FORM—<https://www.jotform.com/233303741898159>**

Please contact Julie Moore Holtz (julie@evvbar.org) if you have any questions about the competition.

VLP News

By: Senior Judge Sheila Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

Last month we shared information on legal navigation and we'd like to follow that up with some information on legal clinics, like our Talk to a Lawyer Program. A legal clinic is a set event where volunteer attorneys can provide brief advice or services. Often times this is focused on providing guidance to people with legal issues and does not include any representation beyond the clinic.

A legal clinic is like legal urgent care. People in need who don't have an attorney can get needed information on where to go or what to do. The people we see at clinics often fall into two broad areas. The first are those who don't know a thing about the legal system and need help understanding what their issue actually is and possible assurance that finding an attorney for further help is right for them. The second are those who have tried to get help, are unable, and need info to empower them to get an appropriate outcome for their matter. Everyone who uses our clinics would undoubtedly be better off with an attorney representing them, but because of the demand for need and our limited resources we offer clinics as urgent care to try to help all those who would otherwise get no help at all.

In addition to Talk to a Lawyer, VLP administers several other clinics to address common legal needs for those unable to afford legal help and need legal outcomes to lead healthy lives. VLP offers general civil law clinics, family law clinics, housing and eviction clinics, second chance clinics, and more. We provide volunteers with information and support to assist their service. Clinics are great ways to connect with the community or experience other areas of law. For more information on any of VLP's programs or how to volunteer, reach out to Max Happe at max.happe@probonoindiana.org. Thank you for volunteering!

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 President-elect.

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

The Evansville Bar Foundation Board of Directors would like to give a big shout-out to the Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office! In late December 2023 the Prosecutors office made a \$1,000 donation to the Foundation.



Then, at our January Board meeting Prosecutor Diana Moers surprised the Board with an additional donation of \$6,000! That's a total of \$7,000 in donations from the Prosecutor's office drug forfeiture funds in less than a month. Thank you!

Would you like to help the EBF select the grant recipients that will benefit from this generous donation and the donations of your fellow Bar members? If so, join the EBF Board of Directors! We have two at-large seats to fill beginning in June 2024. Send your letter of interest to serve on the Board to Julie@evvbar.org on or before February 14, 2024.

Letters of interest to join the EBF Board 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.

Thank you EBA members for your continued support. If you have not yet had a chance to donate since receiving the ask letter in November, don't let another month go by without contributing.

To donate:
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.



LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who has contributed thus far to the William H. Miller Law Library in response to the Law Library Foundation's annual appeal for 2024! You still have plenty of time to become a 2024 member of the Law Library Foundation. Please feel free to 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 (kweston@vanderburghgov.org).



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WE WANT YOU ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

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Or, email Julie@evvbar.org



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* 2024 Campaign donations received November 1-January 31, 2024

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.

Save-the-Date

Presented by the EBA Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

NAVIGATING THE MAZE

(CLE Pending)

Friday, May 3, 2024

11:30am-4:30pm

Doors Open at 11:00am; Lunch at 11:30am
The Welborn Community Room



(CLE Pending)



MEDIATION

BE PREPARED

Friday, August 23, 2024

8:30am-Noon

Check-in and Breakfast at 8:00am

EBA Office
501 Main Street, Suite 101

*More details to come
but mark your calendar to save the date!*

(CLE/CME Pending)



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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.



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
(812) 463-3201 or Julie@evvbar.org.**

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Various Positions Available

Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office

Deputy Prosecutor

Vanderburgh County Public Defender Agency

Full-time and Part-Time Attorneys



Bar Updates:

Please welcome attorney member **Leanne Garbers**, law student member **Cody Smith**, and non-attorney members **Jennifer Savage** and **Amy DeVries**. Please make these additions and updates to

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

FEBRUARY 2024

- 02/01 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 02/06 **EBA Family Law Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 02/08 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 02/12 **DEI Committee Meeting**, Planning for Spring Event—Noon, EBA Office or Zoom
- 02/15 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am; Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 02/20 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 02/23 **Investiture Ceremony for Magistrate Judge Crystal Wildeman**— 1:00pm, Federal Building—**RSVP REQUIRED for Ceremony by February 9 to (317) 229-3716 or rsvp@insd.uscourts.gov**
- Reception for Magistrate Judge Crystal Wildeman**—2:30-5:30pm, Old Courthouse 2nd Floor—No RSVP required to attend the reception



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the investiture of*

The Honorable Crystal S. Wildeman

*as United States Magistrate Judge
on Friday, the twenty-third of February
Two thousand twenty-four
at one o'clock in the afternoon central time*

*The ceremony will be held in
Courtroom 301
Winfield K. Denton Federal Building & U. S. Courthouse
101 Northwest Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Evansville, Indiana*

*A reception will immediately follow at the
Old Vanderburgh County Courthouse
Randall T. Shepard Courtroom, 2nd Floor
201 NW 4th Street
Evansville, Indiana*

*Due to limited seating, we request the favor of a reply
by February 9, 2024
(317) 229-3716 or rsvp@insd.uscourts.gov*

*Guests attending the ceremony will undergo
airport-style security screening
Please plan accordingly*