

# The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Yvette LaPlante

Please don't judge the nerdiness of my next statement: Lately, I have been thinking about libraries. February was National Library Lovers Month.<sup>1</sup> Local news revolved around new programming offered at the EVPL. But libraries have been in my thoughts for personal reasons. March will mark the second anniversary of the passing of Helen Reed, who devoted her career to the William H. Miller Law Library, located in the Vanderburgh County Courthouse.



Helen was an excellent resource, a gentle spirit, and a sharp mind. Her sudden death left a void for me personally and the Evansville legal community as a whole. In her absence, the Law Library Board was tasked with educating itself about Helen's work and the library's role in the community. Two years later, the library and Helen's legacy are thriving.

The library's success is due in large part to the efforts of the new librarian and pro se coordinator, Kathleen Weston, who was hired in October of 2017. She has brought new energy and insight to the role and is expanding the library's services.

Kathleen has embraced the library's mission of providing resources and services for lawyers and the public. In the last two years, Kathleen and the board have added additional online resources. The library also houses print collections that are not available with some West and Lexus subscriptions. With the help of the Volunteer Lawyer Program and Scott Wylie, Kathleen has also added a pro se clinic, which assists people who have elected to represent themselves and cannot afford to obtain a lawyer. Ideally, litigants leave the clinic better prepared, which eases the congestion on court dockets. Kathleen and Scott also continue to operate the family law clinic, which provides similar services for parties in domestic relations cases. Additionally, Kathleen refers parties to legal aid, the volunteer lawyer program, or the EBA's lawyer referral service. Through these efforts, the library helped approximately 350 individuals navigate the legal system last year.

The library also provides services tangential to legal practice. Kathleen is now a notary public. Litigants can notarize documents without leaving the courthouse. Books like the Attorney's Dictionary of Medicine will soon be added to the library's collections.

Evansville should be proud of its library. As research becomes electronic, many law libraries are shutting down. Yet, our library continues to flourish. While Kathleen has brought new energy and vision, a key component of the library's success is the support EBA members provide, financially and through their service. The effort continues to get attention around the state, and the library was recently featured in the [Indiana Lawyer](#).

I'd venture to guess few of you celebrated National Library Lovers Month. In belated celebration, next time you're in the courthouse, walk to the second floor and say "hi" to Kathleen. See what the library has to offer. I anticipate that it will continue to evolve to match the changing needs of its users, which is something we should all be proud of.

<sup>1</sup> This apparently differs from National Library month, which is celebrated in April.

## INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE EBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

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.

The primary role of the EBA's Board of Directors is to set policy, oversee finances and determine the viability of programs and projects. To do this, a member of the Board of Directors is expected to:

- Attend Board meetings regularly and miss a Board meeting only for a very compelling reason.
- Attend with regularity EBA and Evansville Bar Foundation activities and social functions and positively consider donation or financial requests in keeping with personal capabilities.
- Promote the involvement of members of their firms/companies/agencies in EBA activities and functions.
- Serve as a "Board Liaison" to at least one committee, section or program, providing leadership, direction and communication for and between the Board of Directors and the relevant group.
- Conscientiously review written material presented to them in their capacity as members of the Board of Directors.
- Be active in the affairs of the Evansville Bar Association and diligent in the performance of all duties during the term of office.

Submit a letter of interest to the EBA Nominating Committee at e-mail [julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org) by **March 14, 2019**. 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.



## VLP NEWS

By: Judge Smith and Senior Judge Corcoran

Pro bono volunteerism comes in many forms and not all of the work VLP reports to the Courts involves the representation of indigent clients. Sometimes that work involves helping a nonprofit organization with a legal issue involving employment law or a lease. Sometimes it is assisting juvenile offenders through Teen Court or low income tax payers through VITA. Our clinics and Talk to a Lawyer serve hundreds of area residents facing legal issues each year without ever entering a court appearance. So, if taking a case is not your cup of tea (although, if you can take a case please do when asked) talk to Scott Wylie at our office about other opportunities. In the next month we will be recognizing the work of our busiest volunteers, including giving the Helfrich Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service at our EBA luncheon. Remember that all attorneys in District K who volunteer 50 or more hours in a year receive a 20% discount on most EBA and ICLEF CLE trainings as additional thanks for their efforts. For information or to report hours we may have missed before we issue the list this year, please contact Scott Wylie at [vlpwylie@sigecom.net](mailto:vlpwylie@sigecom.net).

## ANNUAL AWARDS MEMBER LUNCH

MARCH 20

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30AM

PROGRAM AND LUNCH AT NOON

\$15

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Don't miss the annual awards and support staff appreciation event. Please bring your legal and support staff to enjoy this wonderful event!

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## SAVE-THE-DATE

The Women Attorneys' Section Presents...

*Pathways to the Bench*

Thursday, May 16, 2019

# WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Bingham Greenebaum Doll elected **Trisha Dudlo** to Partner at the Annual Partners Meeting on February 8, 2019. Trisha is the first woman of color to be selected to partnership in a major or mid-sized firm in Evansville.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...**Todd Barsumian, Charlie Berger, Kyle Biesecker, Tim Born, Michele Bryant, Robert Burkart, Brian Carroll, Randall K. Craig, Max Fiester, Mark Foster, Greg Freyberger, Jacob Fulcher, Richard Hawley, Jim Johnson, Michael Keating, Timothy Klingler, Chris Lee, Nathan Maudlin, Andy Ozete, David Robinson, Ross Rudolph, G. Michael Schopmeyer, Patrick Shoulders, Lane Siesky, Dirck Stahl, Stephen Thomas** and **Brent Weil** who have been recognized as [2019 Super Lawyers](#).

...**Benjamin Aylsworth, Lauren Berger, Meagan Brien, Molly Briles, Mallory Deckard, Lauren Dimmitt, Royal Gearhart, Clay Havill, William Krowl, Matt Malcolm, Laura Nowinski, Lori Sherman, Lindsay Schmitt, Ryan Schulz, Patrick Thomas, Crystal Wildeman** and **Jonathan Young** who have been recognized as [2019 Rising Stars](#).



**Don Vowels** was sworn in as a Magistrate of Vanderburgh Superior Court on Monday, February 4.



Pictured with Magistrate Vowels are daughter Olivia Vowels, wife Kalah, daughters Calry and Lee Jerstad.



**Bar Updates:** Please welcome new member **Nicholas Gartner**. Please make the following addition to your address book:

### Nicholas Gartner

Old National Wealth Management

One Main Street

Evansville, IN 47708

(812) 465-7239

[nick.gartner@oldnational.com](mailto:nick.gartner@oldnational.com)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Stone & Stratman, LLP** is seeking an attorney with 5+ years of litigation experience to represent clients in diverse civil litigation matters. Although not required, the position will also offer opportunities for exposure to estate planning and business law matters, if desired. Candidates who are interested in the opportunities and challenges of a career in a small law firm should contact either of the Scotts or forward a resume to [angie@sslawevv.com](mailto:angie@sslawevv.com).

**Berry Global** - The Legal Team is seeking an Associate General Counsel as a member of the Commercial Legal Team to be located in Evansville, Indiana. The selected candidate will play a key role in supporting Berry Sales, Procurement, IMS, Finance, Operations, and other Berry team in their ongoing commercial matters. Apply at [www.berryglobal.com](http://www.berryglobal.com)

## Night of Chocolate

Thank you to **Stewart Richardson** for sponsoring this event!

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**Kelly Jackson,**  
President

For those of you looking to be more involved in the Evansville legal community, there are a variety of events you should attend this spring. On March 20 at noon at Tropicana, you can attend the EBA Members' Lunch where the EBA Outstanding Paralegal Award and the Florence Britzius Award will be given. Please plan to attend this Members' Lunch to celebrate the award recipients. Also, the Bench and Bar Conference will be held March 21 at Evansville Country Club. Register for this event at [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org) or by calling (812)463-3201. Finally, Law Day is fast approaching and the Law Day Dinner will be held on April 26 at 6:00 at Evansville Country Club. Please plan to attend these events to enjoy the camaraderie of our Evansville legal community.

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

**Donate**

## LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: PRO SE CLINICS IN LAW LIBRARY

This year, the law library increased the number of *pro se* clinics offered each month, operated by the Volunteer Lawyer Program. Two clinics focus on family law matters and are available to participants by appointment on the first and third Thursday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. On the second and fourth Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the *pro se* clinics assist walk-in litigants with questions about general legal needs: small claims matters, evictions, debt collections, BMV fee waivers, guardianships, etc.

The partnership between the VLP attorney and the law librarian help make it possible for self-represented litigants involved in any civil matter to seek guidance on how to successfully navigate the court system, obtain appropriate *pro se* pleadings, access self-help materials located in the library, and take advantage of online legal resource materials.

Your generous donations and ongoing commitment to the Law Library Foundation and the law library ensure that the people in this community have access to these legal services and *pro se* clinics. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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

## Regional Mock Trial

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Regional Mock Trial Competition held on Saturday, February 16.

Congratulations to the teams that participated in the first-ever competition in Evansville—*Team Green* and *Team Purple* from Early College High School; *All Deliberate Speed* from Evansville Day School; and, *Wisconsinite Glacier* from Signature School.

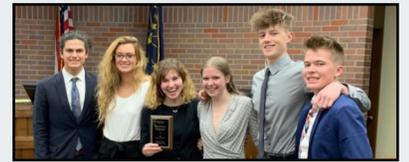
All Deliberate Speed and Wisconsinite Glacier will compete in the State Competition on March 9 and 10 in Indianapolis!



*Team Green* and *Team Purple*—Early College High School



*All Deliberate Speed*  
Evansville Day School



*Wisconsinite Glacier*  
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You can find an up-to-date listing of CLE on the EBA website at [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org)

## AN APPELLATE SURVIVAL GUIDE - 1 CLE

### KATIE BOREN

TUESDAY, MARCH 19  
NOON - EBA OFFICE

EBA Member \$30  
Non-member \$50  
To register call (812) 463-3201, email [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org) or click [here](#) to register online.

## PROBATE 30 FOR 30: 30 LESSONS I'VE LEARNED IN 30 YEARS OF PRACTICE

### 1 CLE

### BILL BUSSING

TUESDAY, APRIL 9  
NOON - EBA OFFICE

Probate Section Members \$25  
EBA Member \$30  
Non-member \$50  
To register call (812) 463-3201, email [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org) or click [here](#) to register online.

## ALL ABOARD!

Parking Lot Chat: Parking Regulations and Ordinances on West Franklin Street  
Chris Wischer and Dirck Stahl

Thursday, April 4

**Board the TED Trolley at Lamasco for the CLE promptly at 4:30pm**

Corner of West Franklin and Sixth Avenue

Member \$35  
Non-member \$55

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You're invited to the  
**ALL ABOARD\* After Party!**

Thursday, April 4  
Karaoke begins at 6:00pm  
Lamasco Bar

\*All Aboard CLE begins at 4:30pm  
from Lamasco on the TED Trolley

# 2019 Bench & Bar conference

Thursday, March 21  
Evansville Country Club  
8:00am Registration and light breakfast  
8:30am Sessions begin

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| 8:00 am  | Registration  | 6 CLE/2 Ethics/1 CME  |
| 8:30 am  | Criminal Law Update<br>Rules on Bail Bond 2020<br>Hon. Robert Pigman  | Civil Law Update<br>Civil Jury Instructions<br>Hon. Les Shively             |
| 9:30 am  | Existing and Proposed Pilot Programs<br>Commercial Court (9:30-10:00 am)<br>Hon. Richard D'Amour<br>Cameras in the Courtroom (10-10:30am)<br>Hon. Les Shively | Family Law Update<br>Tax Exemptions<br>Katherine Rybak                      |
| 10:30 am | Break   |   |
| 10:45 am | E-Writing and E-Reading in the Digital Age - Hon. Margret Robb  |   |
| 11:45 am | Vendor Break and Lunch<br>12:15 - 12:45 pm - Christopher Pietruszkiewicz, President, University of Evansville   |   |
| 1:00 pm  | The Lawyer Well-Being Movement: Is There Really Such a Thing? (1 Ethics)<br>Terry Harrell   |   |
| 2:00 pm  | Immigration<br>David Guerrettaz   | Ethics and Tips for Mediation (1 CME/1 Ethics)<br>Ross Rudolph and Tim Born |
| 3:00 pm  | Break   |   |
| 3:15 pm  | The Data Iceberg: How to Navigate in the Digital World - Jim Boyers, Rob Simmons, John Babione  |   |
| 4:15 pm  | Adjourn   |   |

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# MARCH CALENDAR

- 03/05 **Family Law Section Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office
- 03/07 **Talk To A Lawyer** - 4:30-6:00 pm, EBA Office
- 03/11 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting** - Lunch at 11:45 am, Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 03/12 **EBA Paralegal Section Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office
- 03/14 **Deadline for EBA Board of Directors Letter of Interest**  
**Morning Mixer** - 7:30 am, Donut Bank (Hwy 41 and Lincoln Avenue)
- 03/18 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office
- 03/19 **An Appellate Survival Guide (1 CLE)** - Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)  
 Talk To A Lawyer - 11:30 am-1:00 pm, EBA Office
- 03/20 **EBA-VLP Awards Member Lunch** - Doors open at 11:30 am, Lunch and Program at Noon, Tropicana Conference Center, Walnut Room—[RSVP](#)
- 03/21 **Deadline for EBF Board of Directors Letter of Interest**  
**Bench & Bar Conference (6 CLE/2 Ethics/1 CME)** - Registration begins at 8:00 am, Session begins at 8:30 am, Evansville Country Club—[REGISTER](#)  
**Young Lawyer Happy Hour - MARCH MADNESS**—4:30 pm, Myriad Brewing Co., 101 SE First St.
- 03/22 **EBA Showing of RBG** - 3:30 pm, EBA Office
- 03/27 **EBA CLE Committee Meeting** - 11:45 am, EBA Office
- 03/28 **Women Attorneys' Section Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office

# SAVE-THE-DATE

- Law Day Celebration** Friday, April 26 - 5:30 pm, Evansville Country Club—[RSVP](#)
- Women Attorneys' Section Presents—Pathways to the Bench** - Thursday, May 16
- Ethics Potpourri** Thursday, September 26 - 8:00 am-Noon, EBA Office
- Applied Professionalism** Thursday, September 26 - 8:00 am-4:00 pm, EBA Office
- Trivia Night** Thursday, October 24 - 6:00 pm, The Ballroom at Sauced

## ICLEF VIDEO REPLAYS

**For reservations, pricing, or to verify credits or content for the ICLEF video replays, please contact ICLEF at (317) 637-9102**

- 03/04 **2018 Practical Tax Law for the Non-Tax Attorney** - 9:00am-Noon, EBA Office
- 03/25 **2018 Effective Corporate Compliance Programs: Prevent, Detect, Respond** - 9:00 am-4:00 pm, EBA Office



*Law Day*  
celebration

Friday, April 26  
Evansville Country Club

5:30pm Cocktail Reception  
6:15pm Silent Auction Opens  
6:30pm Program

Call (812)463-3201 or email [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org)

# A CELEBRATION OF VISIONARY WOMEN

Sacha Armstrong, Co-Chair Diversity Committee

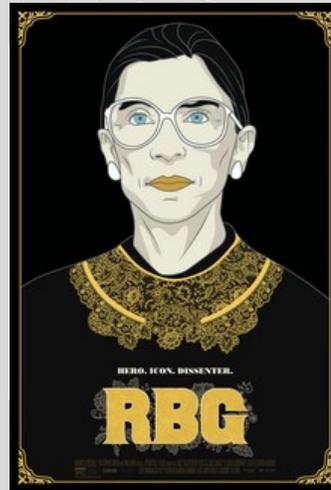
March is Women's History Month. For centuries the roles of women in history were overlooked or downplayed. International Women's Day, a global celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women, took place for the first time on March 8, 1911. National Women's History Week was first recognized by Presidential Proclamation in 1980. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity and every year a special Presidential Proclamation is issued to honor the extraordinary achievements of American women.

This year the theme for Women's History month is "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace and Nonviolence" in honor of women who have pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society and led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice." From legal defense and public education to direct action and civil disobedience, women have expanded the American tradition of using inclusive, democratic and active means to reduce violence, achieve peace, and promote the common good. (National Women's History Alliance, <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/>.)

In its 200 year history, Indiana has recognized the contributions of its own "bad-ass" women that include suffragettes, social activists and aviators. (See 10 Bad-Ass Women in Indiana History, <https://www.indystar.com/story/life/2014/03/04/bad-ass-women-in-indiana/6012755/>; and Five Idol-worthy Women of Hoosier History, <https://www.indianamuseum.org/connect/posts/five-idol-worthy-women-of-hoosier-history>.) Although these women were not alone and surely not the only women who contributed to the history of Indiana, they do serve as a reminder of the shoulders on which women stand. Last year, we highlighted the history of women attorneys and in the Evansville Bar. This month is a time to recognize the contributions of women in history and all the bad-ass women we know right here in Southern Indi-

ana. It is up to us to create awareness of role models that girls and women can look up to and emulate.

In Celebration of Women's History Month, you are invited to a showing of RBG about the life and career of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg on March 22 at the EBA office.



**Friday, March 22**

**3:30pm**

**EBA Office**

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