

The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Yvette LaPlante

May 1st is the birthday of my law partner and father, Steve LaPlante. (Birthday wishes can be sent to slaplante@laplantellp.com). It is also Law Day. As a child, I thought these things were related. I have come to realize that this is just a happy coincidence. This year, the EBA celebrated Law Day (or my dad's birth, however you want to look at it) with some long-standing traditions and a few exciting changes.



We kicked off with our annual Law Day dinner at the Evansville Country Club. Chaired by Mallory Deckard and Olivia Robinson, the event was a great evening to share beverages and stories with colleagues. We also recognized the significant contributions that Judge William Hussman has made to this bar association by presenting him with the James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award. Having spent twenty-seven years as a federal magistrate before becoming Of Counsel at Kightlinger and Gray, Judge Hussman is frequently recognized for his demeanor and civility. He has taken on numerous roles with the bar association, including chairing the Diversity Committee where he built relationships with incoming lawyers. We also presented the Doran Perdue Award for Outstanding Service to the CLE Committee for their efforts to keep our CLE programs novel and interesting. The committee is comprised of several members, some who joined recently to bring new ideas and some who have been serving on the committee for more than twenty years. I won't be brazen enough to post their e-mails here, but if you have a minute, send a congratulatory e-mail to Judge Hussman or your favorite member of the CLE Committee while you're sending your birthday wishes and Law Day greetings to Steve LaPlante.

Another tradition at the EBA is for the Editorial Board to share an article with the community on the national Law Day theme. The Editorial Board's article on *Free Speech, Free Press, Free Society* will appear in the Courier and Press. Be sure to look for the link on our Facebook or Twitter pages.

One of the traditions that has changed in this year's Law Day festivities is the annual mock trial. Much ado has been made about hosting the national mock trial in 2020. But in preparation for the event, Hannah Dill and Christine Pham chaired Evansville's first regional mock trial in February. The event, a significant change from our former platform, brought in four local schools that were new to the competition and was a success for all those that participated. The Young Lawyers' Section and a motivated group of volunteers, including Charlie Berger and Susan Wilkie, are working diligently to strengthen participation next year. The regional mock trial is for any Indiana school south of Indianapolis and is a fun way to introduce students to the legal process. We would love to bring all the local schools back to the program. If you think your alma mater or your child's school would be interested in the event, talk to Julie or Christine to see how you can help make that happen.

I wish you all a happy Law Day. I'm going to celebrate by eating a piece of birthday cake.

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2019 ANNUAL MEETING



5:00 pm

Monday, June 3

EBA Office

Light refreshments and beverages provided

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To RSVP, call 812-463-3201 or
email eba@evvbar.org,

Please join us for the
Annual Meeting as we celebrate the prior
year and elect new officers and directors
to the Evansville Bar Association
Board of Directors

VLP NEWS

By: Judge Smith and Senior Judge Corcoran

In May of 2017, VLP and the EBA expanded our jointly run Talk to a Lawyer program to offer two monthly hotline sessions instead of just one. Hard to believe it has been two years! Since that time, EBA volunteers have provided brief legal answers to area residents on the first Thursday of the month from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. and again on the third Tuesday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **The local phone number is 812.618.4845** by the way. With our annual Martin Luther King Holiday TTAL, we now provide 25 hotline sessions per year serving hundreds of area residents. This hotline is designed to serve more than just area residents with a simple legal questions, however. It is also designed to assist members of the EBA by providing you with a quick and simple way to offer direction and help to a caller to your office who you aren't able to accept or who cannot afford to pay for help. This also helps the EBA Lawyer Referral Service, the Legal Aid Society, and Indiana Legal Services who can quickly divert callers who aren't appropriate for their services so they can focus their limited resource on helping others. In the end, our delivery system is more efficient and we are able to help members of the public in a timely manner. Please consider volunteering for a Talk to a Lawyer session. To do so, just e-mail Scott Wylie at vlpwylie@sigecom.net.

**GET OUT
AND
MOVE!**

First and third Friday of each month

EBA Office at Noon

Get out of your office, take a walk*
and get to know your colleagues!

*Don't forget your walking shoes



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DID YOU KNOW...

In an effort to preserve the legacy and history of the practice of law in Vanderburgh County, the Evansville Bar Association conducts interviews with notable members of the law community.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch these oral histories.

WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Judge Les Shively, Jean Blanton, Judge Richard D'Amour, Judge Robert Pigman and David Kent attended the Inauguration of the fourth president of the University of Southern Indiana, Ronald S. Rochon, on Friday, April 5, 2019.



Barbara Williams was the lucky winner of the Bar Bar this year at Law Day. This year the festivities were held at the Evansville Country Club on Friday, April 26.



Saturday, April 27 Judge Wayne Trockman delivered the commencement address for the University of Southern Indiana Romain College of Business. Following the address, President Ron Rochon presented Judge Trockman with the David L. Rice Alumni Achievement Award.



Bar Updates:

Please welcome new member **Chris Riccio**. Also, please make the following changes and additions to your address book:

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Kelly Jackson,
President

For the 2018/2019 grant cycle of the Evansville Bar Foundation, the Foundation received over \$67,000 in requests from wonderful and deserving organizations. The Foundation, however, was only able to fund \$26,000 in grants. For the 2019/2020 grant cycle, the Foundation's fundraising goal is \$15,000. If each attorney member of the Evansville Bar Association would donate just \$30, the Foundation can reach its goal. To date, in the 2019 Foundation campaign, 32% of our donors are first-time donors. Please join these first-time donors in giving to the Foundation. Your tax deductible gift to the Foundation will ensure that the Foundation can continue to help multiple organizations grow and thrive. AND, under the newly revised Professional Conduct Rule 6.7, you can now report your Foundation donation when you complete your annual attorney registration.

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

SAVVY SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING: WHAT ATTORNEYS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY CLAIMING STRATEGIES

1 CLE

MATTHEW KELLY, SR. REGIONAL VP-RETIREMENT
INCOME SPECIALIST

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

11:30AM—LUNCH PROVIDED BY:



12:00PM—CLE

EBA OFFICE

Probate Section Members \$25

EBA Member \$30

Non-member \$50

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

LAWYERS' WEAPONS AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

4 CLE

Friday, May 10

8:00am—Registration and light breakfast

8:15am—Session begins

EBA Office

AGENDA

EBA Member \$120

Non-member \$200

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eba@evvbar.org or click [HERE](#) to register online.

The Women Attorneys' Section Presents...

Pathways to the Bench

2 CLE/1 Ethics

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Evansville Country Club

3:00pm

Meet & Mingle to follow at 5:00pm

Speakers include:

Sharon Jackson, Joe Heerens, and Cyndi Carrasco, all
General Counsel for the Office of the Governor

Judge Elizabeth Tavitas of the Court of Appeals

Judge Elaine Brown of the Court of Appeals

EBA Member—\$60; Non-Member—\$100

For more information or to register call (812) 463-3201,
email Ashley at eba@evvbar.org or click [HERE](#) to
register online.

Join us as we thank Judge Basil Lorch III for his years of
service and welcome Judge Andrea McCord as the new
US Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Indiana judge

Breakfast with the Judges

1 CLE

Wednesday, May 22

7:30am—Registration and breakfast

8:00am—Session begins

Just Rennie's—100 SE 4th Street, 47708

Business and Commercial Section Member \$25

EBA Member \$30

Non-member \$50

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APPLIED PROFESSIONALISM

FOR THE NEW ATTORNEY

Thursday, September 26

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Evansville Bar Association

6 CLE/6 Applied Professionalism/ 6 Ethics

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Presented by the
Young Lawyers
Section

Free for EBA Member
0-3 Years in Practice

\$100 for Non-member
0-3 Years Practice

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SEPTEMBER 26--8:30 AM-12:30 PM

EBA OFFICE

SPEAKERS:

HON. MELISSA S. MAY, JIM CASEY, SCOTT WYLIE,
MICHELE BRYANT AND TRISHA DUDLO

\$100 FOR EBA-MEMBER

\$150 FOR NON-MEMBER

2019 Consumer Bankruptcy Series

Presented by
Chapter 13 Trustee Office and the EBA

Tuesday, September 10
Case Law Update (1 CLE)

Tuesday, September 17
Business Issues in Chapters 7 and 13 (1 CLE)

Tuesday, September 24
Real Estate Issues in Bankruptcy (1 CLE)

Tuesday, October 1
Current Status of Student Loans in Bankruptcy (1 CLE)

Tuesday, October 8
Roundtable Discussion (1 CLE)

Wednesday, October 16
*Bankruptcy Ethics: What Do You Do When Your
Client Is A Crook? (1 CLE/1 Ethics)*

*EBA Office
Noon-1pm*

EBA Commercial Law Section Member \$25/course

EBA Member \$30/course

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Section receive additional \$5 discount/course

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2019: FOR IT'S ONE, TWO...HOURS OF CLE AT THE OLD BALLGAME

CLE PENDING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

BUS WILL DEPART THE EBA OFFICE AT 8AM; GAME TIME IS 12:15PM

EBA Member \$165

Non-member \$240

To register for CLE call (812) 463-3201 or email
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Law Day

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MAY CALENDAR

- 05/02 **Talk To A Lawyer** - 4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
Young Lawyer Happy Hour - 5:00pm, MoJo's Boneyard
- 05/03 **Get Out and Move!** - Noon, EBA Office—Get out of your office, take a walk and get to know your colleagues!
- 05/07 **Family Law Section Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office
- 05/08 **Savvy Social Security Planning: What Attorneys and Other Professionals Need to Know About Social Security Claiming Strategies (1 CLE)** - Lunch provided by Lifetime Financial Growth at 11:30am, session begins at Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER HERE](#)
Access to Justice Committee Meeting - Noon, EBA Office
- 05/09 **Morning Mixer** - 7:30am, Donut Bank (Hwy 41 and Lincoln Avenue)
EBA Board of Directors Meeting - Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon, Acropolis
- 05/10 **Lawyers' Weapons Against Domestic Violence (4 CLE)** - 8:00am-12:30pm, EBA Office—[REGISTER HERE](#)
- 05/14 **Paralegal Section Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office
- 05/16 **EBF Board Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office
Pathways to the Bench (2 CLE/1 Ethics) - 3:00pm; Meet & Mingle beginning at 5:00pm, Evansville Country Club—[REGISTER HERE](#)
- 05/17 **Get Out and Move!** - Noon, EBA Office—Get out of your office, take a walk and get to know your colleagues!
- 05/21 **Talk to a Lawyer** - 11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 05/22 **Breakfast with the Judge: Judge Basil Lorch III and the New Judge (1 CLE)** - Breakfast at 7:30am, session begins at 8:00am, Just Rennie's—[REGISTER HERE](#)
- 05/27 **CLE Committee Meeting** - 11:45 am, EBA Office
EBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 05/30 **Women Attorney Section Meeting** - Noon, EBA Office

SAVE-THE-DATE

- EBA Annual Meeting** Monday, June 3 - 5:00pm, EBA Office
- YLS Offers Night*** Thursday, June 13 - First Pitch at 6:35pm, Bosse Field Party Deck
- Ethics Potpourri** Thursday, September 26 - 8:00am-Noon, EBA Office
- Applied Professionalism** Thursday, September 26 - 8:00am-4:00pm, EBA Office
- Hot Topics for In-House Corporate Counsel** Tuesday, October 22 - 8:00am, Welborn Conference Center
- Trivia Night** Thursday, October 24 -6:00pm, The Ballroom at Sauced
- 30th Annual Estate & Business Planning Institute** Friday, November 15 - 8:00am, DoubleTree Downtown Evansville
- Annual Hot Topics 2019** Friday, December 6 - 8:00am, German American Bank Downtown
- Anatomy of a Jury Trial—EBA Video Replay** Tuesday, December 10 - 8:30am, EBA Office
- *COMING SOON...A NEW EBA FAMILY EVENT!**

ICLEF VIDEO REPLAYS

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

- 05/06 **The Ethics of a Healthy Lawyer: Taking Charge** - 9:00am-12:30pm, EBA Office
- 05/20 **How to Become a Published Author or Represent One** - 9:00 am-4:30 pm, EBA Office