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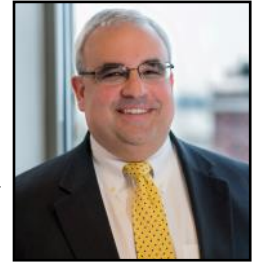
The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Andy Ozete**

BACK TO BUSINESS



Friends, I am writing this message on the Monday following the Law Day celebration. It was so good to see many of you in person for the first time in a long time. I enjoyed the comradery and conversation with everyone. Beyond that, it was great to honor not only our 50 year lawyers but also Susan Wilkie as the recipient of the Doran E. Perdue Service Award and Steve Barber as the recipient of the James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award.

As memorable and enjoyable as the evening was, I think it also marks the time for us to "get back to business" as a Bar. As you know, the real business of the Bar happens at the section and committee level. Many sections and committees continued to meet throughout the pandemic, but others were less able to do so. For example, I know that the Diversity and Inclusion and Access to Justice combined task force has continued to meet to work on the Bar Association's racial equality, equity and justice initiatives. It has been fantastic that they have been able to continue to do so and I appreciate the leadership of **Raymond Dudlo, Amanda Hall, William Krowl, and Cathy Nestrick** on this task force.

Perhaps one of the reasons that this task force has continued to meet and be active is their sense of common mission around these initiatives. Other sections have perhaps felt less of a strong need to get together throughout the pandemic. The exchange of knowledge and ideas through our sections and committees is one of the best things about our Bar Association. I would like to be sure that we get back to the section and committee meetings regularly as soon as possible. If you have not had a section or committee meeting in a while, please feel free to organize one. Starting in June, we kick of the new year with new section committee chairs for all of our sections. Before that handoff, it would be great if every section or committee could meet at least once. I think the social interaction would be great, and I think planning a CLE or sharing practice pointers would be even better. I hope to see you all again soon in a section or committee meeting soon.

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~ Amy Poehler

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2022-2023 EBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Annual Meeting of the Evansville Bar Association was held on Friday, April 22 at the beginning of the Law Day Celebration. Congratulations to the Officers and Board Members that will serve the Evansville Bar Association in the coming year:

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Thank you to the departing Board of Directors Members for their dedicated service:

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Andy Ozete
 Magistrate Krista Weiberg

VLP News

By: Senior Judge Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

As many of you know, VLP is part of Pro Bono Indiana, the statewide pro bono program created in 2020. Evansville was chosen as the headquarters of PBI and Scott Wylie leads both the statewide program as well as our local office. You may also be aware that the Indiana Bar Foundation was recently awarded \$13 million dollars to provide housing stability and eviction prevention legal services. Those funds will begin providing services on May 1st (perfect for Law Day) and PBI will be receiving over \$1.5 million of those dollars over the next two years to help low-income Hoosiers effected by the pandemic and facing the loss of their housing. What does this mean for our office in Evansville? Well, these funds will bring an additional full-time attorney and an additional full-time paraprofessional to our VLP staff – virtually doubling our capabilities in Southwestern Indiana. Keep your eye out for new volunteer opportunities in the coming months with our eviction help desk, housing clinics, and other case acceptances. As always, thanks for your pro bono efforts.

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Spotlight on Equity and Access

*Want a refresher on
Why Diversity Matters?*

Take a look at this article which summarizes many of the detailed studies performed on this topic.

<https://www.catalyst.org/research/why-diversity-and-inclusion-matter/>



EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

Young Lawyer Section Members!
 Enjoy food, fun and axe throwing at

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May 19, 2022 • 5:30PM

Space is limited; RSVP REQUIRED by May 12
 at ashley@evvbar.org

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Heath Tuley
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As I mentioned in the April Summation, many Evansville Bar Foundation board members' terms expire at the end of May. A new board with a new President and Executive Committee will begin their work in June. I would like to thank David Harris and Tanisha Carothers for their service on the board, as their terms are set to expire at the end of May. Thank you both for giving your time and talent during your tenures on the EBF board. I would also like to formally welcome the Hon. Robert Pigman, Mike Mitchell, and Aaron Tuley as new board members whose terms will begin in June. Their appointment to the board—along with the appointment of the new Executive Committee—was approved by the members of the EBF and by the EBA at the Law Day festivities on April 22. Thank you to each of you for agreeing to serve!

Regarding the EBF's grant cycle, please remember to mark your calendars: beginning July 1 and lasting through July 31, the EBF will be accepting applications for grants that encourage public understanding and awareness of the law, support improved delivery of legal services to the community, promote activities that enhance the performance of lawyers' professional qualifications and ethical responsibilities, and/or advance the administration of justice. Applications and information regarding the grant policy can be found at:

<https://www.evvbar.org/foundation.aspx>.

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LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

As you may remember, **the** goals of the Foundation are to preserve, maintain, and enhance the William H. Miller 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. These goals are ongoing as is the opportunity to support the Foundation through additional contributions. The Foundation can accept donations that recognize someone special, commemorate a milestone, or honor a lost loved one through a special gift made in their name. This additional donation celebrates the important people in your life and makes a lasting impact on the law library.

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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* 2022 Campaign donations received November 1, 2021-March 31, 2022

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

Registration and pre-payment are required by phone at (812) 463-3201, email at Ashley@evvbar.org or online at evvbar.org.

Registrations received less than 24 hours prior to the start of the course cannot be guaranteed. Registrations received two hours prior to start of course will be charged an additional \$5.

Credit will not be reported to the Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE Commission) until payment for the course has been received in full.

The Diversity Committee and Women In Law Section
present...

unraveling PAIN

Solutions for Gender Inequality

3 CLE/3 Ethics

Keynote Speaker:

**The Honorable
Justice Steven David**

Friday, May 6, 2022
City View at Sterling Square
12:00-4:30pm

Doors open - 11:30am; Introductions - 11:50am; Lunch - Noon
Reception to follow program

Member \$110

Non-member \$170

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In Memory Of...

Members of the Evansville Bar Association who have passed away are remembered by friends and colleagues with contributions to the John L. Sanders Memorial Evansville Bar Foundation.

Thank you for your contributions in memory of...

Steve Haas

Ret. Magistrate Ralph E. Moore

Don't forget:
Find a full list of
upcoming CLE on
the website at
evvbar.org

WHO'S DOING WHAT?

LAW DAY CELEBRATION

Congratulations to the 2022 James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award recipient **Steven T. Barber** and to **Susan Wilkie** for receiving the Doran E. Perdue Service Award for her work on the Regional Mock Trial. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for the legal community.



In Case You Missed It...

The theme for 2022 is "Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change." Read the article by the EBA Editorial Board here: <https://tinyurl.com/EBALawDay2022>



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Department of Child Services (DCS) is seeking attorneys for our multi-attorney Knox County Office; apply and see how DCS is growing and changing!

The Evansville, Indiana office of **Jackson Kelly PLLC** has an opening in each of our real estate and corporate transactional practice for an attorney looking for the opportunity to work with great clients on challenging matters.

Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP, a regional, full-service law firm located in Evansville, Indiana with 30 attorneys, seeks to hire an associate attorney in litigation.

The Law Offices of Steven K. Deig, LLC is seeking a trial attorney primarily in the area of domestic relations.

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WE ARE THE EBA



David Harris, Fifth Third Bank, Senior Trust Advisor

26 years in practice which includes five at Fifth Third and 21 at Frick Powell where practice was primarily estate planning, probate and trust administration, and business, corporate, and real estate transactions.

Why did you become an attorney? I was originally a professional pilot major in undergrad but came to realize that flying an airplane day in and day out was not as exciting as it originally seemed. I decided to go to law school during my junior year after I took an aviation law class and several business classes that I really enjoyed. My plan was to pursue a career in business and transactional work rather than in litigation.

What is the most valuable asset the EBA has to offer? Why? The opportunities it provides to help you establish connections with other attorneys and with the legal community.

What song would you sing at Karaoke night? None. I am the worst singer on the planet.

What was your first job? I mowed lawns and had a newspaper route when I was 13, and I got my first "real job" as a busboy at a fancy restaurant when I was 15. During high school I worked at several factories during the summers, which provided a really strong incentive to pursue a higher education.

If you could live anywhere, where would that be? One of the Nordic countries. Probably Iceland, although Denmark would be great too. I would love to move there when I retire.

If you could brush up on a skill or work on a new one, what would it be? I really enjoy computer programming and would like to become more proficient at it. Programming requires a mix of analytical thinking, puzzle solving, and creativity that I really like.



Derrick McDowell, Dentons Bingham Greenebaum

Practicing since October 2019.

Why did you become an attorney? As my Mother would tell it, I've always wanted to be an attorney since I was little and watched Liar Liar with the great Jim Carry. As I tell it, I have always had a strong pull toward social justice and giving back to the community and becoming a lawyer was a natural result of those innate desires.

Why is it important to be a member of the EBA? During my time with the Indiana Bar Association Leadership Academy I have heard time and time again that Evansville has such a unique and special bar association. Unlike other Bar Associations we are active, open, engaged, and offer an collegial environment where we are not out "to get" one another. The EBA fosters not only

professional relationships but genuine friendships between its members. I believe that membership in the EBA is a keystone for enriching a practice for any attorney in the area, be it attorneys in private practice, state attorneys, or federal attorneys.

Tell me a bit about your immediate family. My mother is a hilarious woman, a gifted poet, and a killer baker. My brother is two years younger than me and has an affinity for sports cars and going on mission trips. My sister is thirteen years old, is much smarter than myself, has killer playlists on Spotify, and is overall much cooler than I ever was in middle school.

What are three fun or interesting facts about you people may not know? 1.) I've run a Dungeon and Dragons game for my law school classmates and a law professor since 2017; 2.) I am an avid cook and baker and will often bring food into the office for everyone to eat; 3.) I was given the nickname "Teddy" from my fellow ISBA Leadership Academy members and it caught on so much that some of them struggle when they see my real name on emails or Zoom calls.

What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given? Live your life so that you do not have regret for past actions or lost opportunities.



Jillian Reed, Member, Stoll Keenon Ogden

I've been practicing since October 2014. I primarily focus on family law, but have been doing more zoning and variance work.

Why did you become an attorney? I wish I had an altruistic reason. But in reality, I didn't know I was going to attend law school until the day I graduated from college – when I received my first acceptance letter. I had only applied to law school as a bet with my dad. Only when I began practicing law and interacting with clients did I realize how great this profession can be.

Why is it important to be a member of the EBA? Community. It's so important for attorneys and judges to have a strong community and support – especially as we dig our way out of Covid.

What is the most valuable asset the EBA has to offer? Why? It offers a support system and networking opportunities to young attorneys, social events, and a great practice specific sections.

What are three fun or interesting facts about you that people may not know? 1.) My law school friends only call me Kennedy; 2.) I'm a sucker for a bet but hate gambling; 3.) My favorite dessert is lemon cake.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? "No" is a full sentence.

How would your friends describe you? I was once described as a caramel covered sea urchin. It's my favorite description and makes me laugh every time I think about it.

What's your favorite item in your office and why? An iron rose made by my friend for my 21st birthday. He designed it so that it slowly oxidizes, turning redder each year.

Who inspires you? Mr. Rogers – he showed the power of gentleness and the importance of acknowledgement. That no matter your contribution to this world, you matter.

MAY 2022 CALENDAR

- 05/03 **EBA Family Law Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 05/05 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
- 05/06 **CLE—Unraveling Parity: Solutions for Gender Inequality; Keynote speaker The Honorable Justice Steven David**
(3 CLE/3 Ethics) - Doors open at 11:30am with introductions at 11:50am, lunch at Noon, City View by Sterling Square at 210 North Fulton Avenue, 47710—[REGISTER](#)
- 05/10 **EBA Paralegal Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
EBA Communications Committee Meeting—3:30pm, EBA Office
- 05/12 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Noon, Arcademie at 22 NW 6th Street, 47708
- 05/17 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 05/19 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
EBA Young Lawyers at Plaid & Timber sponsored by Jessica Engel with Edward Jones—arrive 5:00-5:25pm, Plaid & Timber at 2710 East Side Park Drive, 47715—[RSVP REQUIRED BY MAY 12](#) to Ashley@evvbar.org
- 05/25 **EBA CLE Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 05/26 **EBA Women In Law Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office or Video Conference
- 05/30 **EBA OFFICE CLOSE**—Memorial Day

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Trivia Night—Thursday, October 13, Doors open at 5:30pm with trivia at 6:00pm

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