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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Greg Freyberger**

THE MAKINGS OF A GOOD LAWYER: PRIDE IN THE PROFESSION



There are moments in every legal career when the weight of the work, the demands of clients, or the grind of practicing law can blur the deeper purpose behind what we do. In those moments, it is worth pausing to reflect not only on the substance of our work but on the honor of our profession. We are lawyers. We are the guardians of the rule of law because we have a unique understanding of what can happen when the pendulum of politics swings.

To be a lawyer is to be entrusted with the hopes and problems of others. We are called to represent, to resolve, and sometimes to fight—within a framework of ethics and the rules of evidence and trial. The law is not merely a tool for winning arguments; it is the structure by which society holds itself together. When we uphold the law, we do not just serve clients—we protect rights, ensure fairness, and preserve justice itself. We defend an entire branch of government whose job it is to maintain the fundamental rights granted to even the least of us.

This is no small responsibility. And it is one that should give us pride—not in the boastful or sinful sense, but in the quiet, enduring esteem that comes from knowing our work matters. Pride in our profession begins with pride in our conduct. Every time we write with clarity, speak with civility, or advise with integrity, we reinforce the dignity of the legal system.

Of course, pride does not mean complacency and resting on our laurels. The legal profession is not immune from criticism—some of it is warranted. We must always strive to improve. To make legal services more accessible, treat all people with respect, address inequities in the system, and maintain the public trust. But constructive reform should come from a place of deep commitment, not disdain. We reform because we believe in the importance of what we do and the need for adaptation to civilization's advancements.

Taking pride also means investing in the next generation of lawyers. Mentorship, teaching, and engagement with young professionals keep our values alive and ensure that our profession's legacy is one of excellence and ethical leadership. The best lawyers I know are not only skilled—they are generous with their time, humble in their success, and resilient in the face of adversity.

Finally, pride in the profession means remembering that we are part of something far larger than ourselves. Whether we practice in big cities or small towns, in courtrooms or boardrooms, we are part of a shared tradition reaching back through history to the beginnings of our Country. We are officers of the court, guardians of the rule of law, and members of a noble calling whose job it is to defend the principles established by our forefathers, and the inalienable rights given to us by our Creator.

As a 24 year member and, now, past president of this bar association, I have seen the quiet heroism of our membership. In generous pro bono service, in congenial yet fervent advocacy, in principled negotiation, and even in service to our Country—our EBA members embody what is best about our profession. And I know we will continue that course as we continue to take pride in our work, take pride in our example, and take pride in being a lawyer.



**WE ARE
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EBA Listserves Are Now Live! — What You Need to Know

Q: What is a Listserv? A Listserv is an email-based tool that lets members of a section, committee, or group within the EBA stay in touch easily. Send one email and everyone on the list gets it.

Q: Am I subscribed? Possibly! If you're a member of an EBA section or committee, you've been **automatically subscribed** to the relevant Listserv.*

Q: What can I use the Listserv for? It's a great tool for sharing referrals, asking practice questions, exchanging resources, and staying connected with your peers. Think of it as a quick way to tap into the collective knowledge and support of your group.

Q: How do I send a message to the group? Just send an email to your group's Listserv address. For the Listservs available go to <https://evvbar.org/members/eba-member-listservs.aspx>. If you are a member of that group, everyone subscribed to that group will receive the message.

Q: What if I don't want to be on the Listserv? email Ashley@evvbar.org to opt out.

* Not part of a section or committee but want to be? We'd love to have you involved! Just email Ashley@evvbar.org and she'll get you added and subscribed.

VLP News

By: Max Happe (max.happe@probonoindiana.org)

The annual Equal Justice Conference, hosted by the ABA and NLADA, was held last month. The conference convenes legal professionals and leaders to discuss the most recent legal trends and issues of low-income individuals. A primary focus was on the rule of law. The ABA has previously put out statements in defense of the rule of law¹ and echoed sentiments of Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor that any challenges to the rule of law need to be fought against. Justice Sotomayor has stated that now is a time for attorneys to lead and to help².

To have just law, we must initially be able to know what it is and have access to it. This resource³ has tracked many of the recent legal actions that have impacted nonprofits and have created uncertainty for many who try to serve others. This may be helpful for anyone who is trying to keep up with busy news cycles. As legal professionals we are in a unique position to inform and serve others who may be impacted by change. Unfortunately, the costs of change often weigh heaviest on those least equipped to afford its burdens.

If you are looking for a way to help or lead, you can volunteer to help those with need in your own community. For those without help, justice can be unobtainable due to an inability to access or successfully navigate our legal systems on their own. Working towards justice helps create healthier communities and improves the lives of all but the unjust. If you are an attorney, jump on Indiana Free Legal Answers⁴ to answer some basic legal questions at any time to help us continue to reduce barriers to access to justice. Or reach out to your local volunteer program and see what cases or opportunities there are to engage with⁵.

- (1) <https://www.americanbar.org/news/abanews/aba-news-archives/2025/04/aba-defends-rule-of-law-amid-threats/>
- (2) <https://www.americanbar.org/news/abanews/aba-news-archives/2025/05/justice-sotomayor-time-to-stand-up/>
- (3) <https://www.councilofnonprofits.org/files/media/documents/2025/chart-executive-orders.pdf>
- (4) <https://indiana.freelegalanswers.org>
- (5) <https://www.vlpwin.org/volunteer-opportunities>

Join us for the
Financial Wellness Series
hosted by and for the Young Lawyer Section



Session IV
Student Loans and
Protecting Your Future Income

Tuesday, June 24

Session V
Building Your Credit Score

Tuesday, July 29

Session VI
Investing Tips You Need to Know Now

Tuesday, September 23

NOON-1pm
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Barbara Coyle Williams
President

One of the highlights of this past year was celebrating the Evansville Bar Foundation's 25th anniversary with our "Party Like It's 1999" event. It was a fun night that raised funds for meaningful community projects and honored the enduring legacy of John Sanders. Over the past 25 years, EBF has awarded more than \$450,000 to local nonprofits—living out our mission of promoting justice and improving lives through the law.

It's been an honor to serve as President, and I'm deeply grateful to the Board for their dedication. EBF is in excellent hands with President Bob Carithers, Vice President Carrie Lynn, Treasurer Laura Scott, and Secretary Aaron Allen. Thanks also to board members Nicholas Golding, Angela Freil, Jillian Hanneken, Aaron Tuley, and Mike Mitchell, and welcome to Bill Hussmann and Jeremy Kemper. A special thank-you to Judge Pigman for his service, and to Julie Moore Holtz and Ashley Martin—your hard work makes all the difference.

Finally, thank you to all who support the Foundation. Your contributions make our grants possible and extend EBF's impact across our community. Donations are tax-deductible and reportable under Rule 6.7(a)(3) of Professional Conduct. If you'd like to include EBF in your estate plans, please reach out to Bob Carithers or any board member.

Thank you for your generosity and continued commitment to our shared mission.

To make a donation to the Foundation **mail a check to:**

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or go to <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx>.

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: VANDERBURGH LAW LIBRARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation will take place Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 12:00 noon in the circuit court conference room (201). At the annual meeting, we will be electing officers and making plans for the upcoming year. All members of the Foundation are welcome to attend and participate as we support the Law Library in meeting the legal information needs of the courts, the bar, and the community at large. We look forward to seeing you on June 18. If you or your firm did not receive your member meeting notice in the mail, please let me know. Thanks so much!

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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Call (812) 463-3201, email Ashley@evvbar.org or go online at evvbar.org.



LUNCH

with the Judges

VANDERBURGH CIRCUIT COURT EDITION
Magistrate Celia Pauli and Magistrate Ryan Reed

Wednesday, June 25

Lunch at 11:30am

CLE Noon-1:00pm

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Member \$45 Non-member \$65

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Minimum there is a minimum number of registrants necessary to proceed
with the event. If this minimum is not reached, refunds will be issued.

TWO TICKETS AVAILABLE!



BREAKFAST

with the Judges

POSEY COUNTY EDITION
Judge Travis Clowers and Judge Craig Goedde

Wednesday, July 23

Breakfast at 8:00am

CLE 8:30-9:30am

Posey County Superior Court
126 East 3rd Street, Mt. Vernon 47620

Member \$45 Non-member \$65

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LUNCH

with the Judges

VANDERBURGH SUPERIOR COURT
Judge Tom Massey and Judge Jillian Kratochvil

Friday, August 1

Lunch at 11:30am

CLE Noon-1:00pm

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LUNCH

with the Judge


JUDGE WAYNE TROCKMAN
Vanderburgh Superior Court

Friday, August 29
Lunch at 11:30am
CLE Noon-1:00pm

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SAVE-DATE

INDIANA COURT OF APPEALS

APPEALS ON WHEELS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
MORE DETAILS TO COME...



LUNCH

with the Judges

WARRICK COUNTY EDITION
Judge Greg Granger, Judge Krista Weiberg
and Judge Brett Roy

Wednesday, October 1
Lunch at 11:30am
CLE Noon-1:00pm

Tin Fish, 2nd Floor
707 State Street, Newburgh 47630

Member \$45 Non-member \$65

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WHO'S DOING WHAT?



On May 7, **David Jones** was honored with a Quilt of Valor. A Quilt of Valor® is a high-quality, handmade quilt—either machine or hand-quilted—presented to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. It is a tangible expression of gratitude that says, unequivocally, "Thank you for your service and sacrifice in defense of our nation."

Congratulations, **David**, and thank you for your service. Pictured above, it to rt: **David Jones**, John Bryant, and Donna Fischer, group leader with the Quilt of Valor Foundation.



David Jones is pictured with **Joe Harrison, Jr.** and Donna Fischer after the presentation of the Quilt of Valor®

Lee Veazey, Joseph Harrison III, and Craig Emig join **David Jones** for the presentation,



Bar Updates: Please take a moment to update your contacts!

Join us in welcoming our newest members!

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In Memory Of...

Members and friends 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...

Timothy Klingler

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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Your legal team is a puzzle—each piece critical to the big picture. The EBA's Paralegal and Legal Staff Section supports paralegals, legal assistants, and court staff, helping them grow so your whole practice thrives.

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Supporting their growth signals that they're valued, increasing job satisfaction and loyalty.


Encouraging your team to join the EBA is more than a professional courtesy—it's a strategic advantage. Let's complete the puzzle by ensuring all members of your legal team are supported, engaged, and connected.

For more information, contact Savannah Stauth, chair, at [sstauth@zsws.com](mailto:ssstauth@zsws.com), or Tuesdae Suttles, vice chair, at tuesdae.suttles@usdoj.gov.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

JUNE 2025

- 06/04 **EBA Paralegal and Legal Staff Section Meeting**—Noon-1:00pm, Lunch provided, EBA Office—[RSVP](#)
- 06/05 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office—Contact max.happe@probonoindiana.org to volunteer!
- 06/09 **CLE—Summer School Series (EBA Replays)**
 9am - To TOD or Not TOD: A Pros and Cons Approach to Beneficiary Assets at Death (1 CLE)
 10am - Passing the Torch: Succession Transition and Estate Planning (1 CLE)
 11am - Show Me the Money: Documenting the Seller Financing Agreement (1 CLE)
 EBA Office or Zoom—Register at (812) 463-3201 or ashley@evvbar.org.
- 06/12 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon—EBA Office
- 06/16 **CLE—Summer School Series (EBA Replays)**
 9am - Holly's House Perspective (1 CLE)
 10am - Fundamentals of Family Law: What Every Attorney Should Know (1 CLE)
 11am - Family Law Update (2023): Juvenile and Family Law Interplays (1 CLE)
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- 06/17 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office—Contact max.happe@probonoindiana.org to volunteer!
- 06/19 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon—EBA/EBF Office
- 06/23 **CLE—Summer School Series (EBA Replays)**
 9am - Ethical Lessons from The God Father (1 CLE/1 Ethics)
 10am - Atticus Finch and the Rules of Professional Conduct (1 CLE/1 Ethics)
 11am - Be an Access to Justice Hero: Tips for Successful Pro Bono Representation (1 CLE/1 Ethics)
 EBA Office or Zoom—Register at (812) 463-3201 or ashley@evvbar.org.
- 06/24 **Young Lawyers Financial Wellness Series Session IV: Student Loans and Protecting Your Future Income**—
 Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office—[RSVP](#)
- 06/25 **CLE—Lunch with the Judges: Vanderburgh Circuit Court Edition** (1 CLE) - Lunch at 11:30am, CLE at Noon, EBA office—[REGISTER](#)
- 06/26 **CLE—Bases are Loaded and You're Up to Bat!** (2 CLE/1 Ethics) - Depart EBA 8:30am
- 06/30 **CLE—Summer School Series (EBA Replays)**
 9:00-11am - Immigration Law: What Every Attorney Should Know in 2025 (2 CLE)
 11:00am - My Client is Mentally Ill...Now What? (1 CLE)
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