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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Meagan Brien**

What a Time to be a Member of the Evansville Bar Association - Looking Back and Ahead with Renewed Purpose and Optimism



Last April I informed my 7-year-old son that he would have a babysitter soon so mom and dad could attend Law Day. He had no idea what that was so my husband explained to him that, "Mom would be the president of all the lawyers in Evansville." This sent my otherwise positive son into a tailspin. After calming him down, I asked him what the issue was. He plainly told me, "I don't want to move to the White House!" After assuring him that we would not be moving to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, he said, "It still sounds boring. All you'll do is send emails and tell people what to do." Joke's on him, that's what I do most of the time anyway.

Thankfully, this year was full of so much more than sending emails and telling people what to do. In August, along with members of the Federal Judiciary and other EBA members, I helped welcome over 40 individuals from 23 different countries as new United States citizens at the Southern District of Indiana's Naturalization Ceremony. In October, I joined members of the Young Lawyers Section on a Saturday morning to clean parts of the Evansville greenway as a service project. Also in October I somehow managed to not embarrass myself horribly as a panel member presenting to fellow In-House Counsel EBA members about what keeps many of us up at night. I was happy to attend a packed Give Thanks @ the Bar in November and in December the Holidays @ the Bar happy hour was just that. Scott Wylie once again regaled the female members of the Bar with his boozy recipes and PG-13 stories for February's Chocolate Night. In March I traveled to Indianapolis to partner with leaders of the Allen County, Indy, and St. Joe County bar associations to address universal issues facing Indiana lawyers: gaps in civility, attorney burnout, and the intangibles that we know make our profession one of the greatest. In April, I helped emcee one of the more energetic and collegiate Law Day evenings of my recent memory, all while honoring the EBA's 115 years and a class of 50-year practitioners that included the EBA's first female honoree.

If these memorable events are the bricks of the EBA, then the countless board meetings, game nights, CLEs, happy hours, memorials, lunches, and Clear the Queue sessions, are the grout that holds the EBA together. These gatherings, both mundane and extraordinary, are what the EBA is built upon and what will carry it in the future.

In July 2025 I told you that my year as president of the EBA would focus on community, education, and sustainability and endurance. I felt that those pillars would project the EBA into the future while celebrating its prestigious past. I'm proud to say we have made real progress on all three fronts. Our community feels stronger and more connected. Our educational programming met the moment. And the work the Board has done to position the EBA for its next chapter financially, structurally, and culturally means that this 115-year-old institution will endure.

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I couldn't be more excited for the future of the EBA. Camp Legal Eagle has surpassed all goals for applicants and legal community support. It has all the makings to be a truly foundational initiative of the EBA. The synergy between other organized bars in Indiana is growing. The executive team and board members are recognizing issues that impact the EBA members and devising ways to address matters. This Bar and our profession are in good hands.

None of this happens without the people who show up and do the work. I want to thank the EBA Board of Directors for their dedication, judgment, and hard work on everything from big-picture strategy to the small details that keep an organization running. And I owe a special debt of gratitude to Julie Moore Holtz, whose tireless work behind the scenes made this year possible in ways many members will never fully see; she is an unsung asset to this community.

So, while I wrote many emails and mostly didn't tell people what to do, I was able to have a year filled with more perspective, more friendships, more professional growth, and more reasons to believe that what I said in my first article still holds true: what a time to be a member of the Evansville Bar Association.

Thank you for trusting me with this year. It has truly been a privilege of my career.



VLP News

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

Big News for VLP this month: indianaprobononetwork.org is now live!

This is Indiana's new legal *volunteer* website and we encourage you to sign up and check it out.

You will be able to find available volunteer cases and opportunities, access our developing learning lab, and keep up on volunteer events in your community and in Indiana. We are excited to make this a helpful tool for legal professionals to make volunteering accessible and easier so that you can use your valuable skills to help those in need. We will continue developing this website so check it out regularly for updates. If you have questions or would like to know more about this work or our volunteer opportunities, contact me. We are happy to do trainings for you or your firm. *FOR MORE INFORMATION* go to indianaprobononetwork.org or check out the last page of The Summation!

We also would like to welcome *Will Krowl* to PBI! Will will be helping administer VLP's local programming and volunteer opportunities allowing some of our existing staff to continue the good work we do in other parts of Indiana that need help. We are thrilled to have Will and encourage you to reach and show support or share ideas as to how we can work together to continue to make the community a kind, fair, and welcoming one.



Empower Your Legal Team: **Every Piece Matters**

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.

Every Piece Matters

Paraprofessionals are key to your success - investing in them empowers your entire team.

Sharpened Skills

Members access high-quality continuing legal education tailored to their roles.

Stronger Connections

Networking with peers and legal professionals builds confidence and broadens perspectives.

Retention Through Recognition

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
Tuesdae Suttles, chair, at tuesdae.suttles@usdoj.gov.

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LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: VANDERBURGH LAW LIBRARY FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation will take place **Wednesday, June 10, 2026** 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 10. If you or your firm did not receive your member meeting notice in the mail, please let me know. Thanks so much!

You can still join or renew your membership by contacting Kathleen Weston at the law library via phone (812) 435-5175 or email (kweston@vanderburghgov.org).

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.



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THE CRIMINAL RULE 4 PLAYBOOK: TIMING, STRATEGY, AND SUCCESS

Scott Danks and Chris Bjerke
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June **12** @ Noon

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Member \$40
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To register, call (812) 463-3201,
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SUMMER SESSIONS

Replays & Refreshers

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| 15 JUNE Up to 3 CLE | 8:30 – 9:30 AM | 1031 Exchanges: Legal And Practical Considerations |
| | 9:45 – 10:45 AM | Fundamentals of Family Law: What Every Attorney Should Know |
| | 11:00 AM – NOON | Passing the Torch: Succession Transition and Estate Planning |
| 22 JUNE Up to 3 CLE | 8:30 – 9:30 AM | Fundamentals of Small Claims: What Every Attorney Should Know |
| | 9:45 – 10:45 AM | Saving Your Clients Money While Still Earning Your Fee |
| | 11:00 AM – NOON | Murder at the Intersection of a Criminal Law Right and A Civil Law Responsibility |
| 29 JUNE Up to 3 CLE/ 3 Ethics | 8:30 – 9:30 AM | Best Benchslaps: Learn From Someone Else's Mistake |
| | 9:45 – 10:45 AM | Government Transparency and Ethics: Professional Responsibility through the Lens of Public Access |
| | 11:00 AM – NOON | The Intersection of Legal Services and Social Justice Issues |




Member \$40/hour | Non-Member \$60/hour

To register for one hour, two hours or all nine,
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Please join us for this special event featuring:

- Economic Outlook Presentation
- Roundtable Discussion About Banking and The Economy
- Feedback Session with the Fed
- Q&A Session

Tuesday, June 23, 2026
11:30am – 1:30pm (lunch included)

Kahn, Dees, Donovan, & Kahn Conference Center
501 Main Street, Lower Level
Evansville, IN

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Bar Updates:

Please take a moment to update your contacts!
Join us in welcoming our newest attorney member:
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DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA?

Do you have an idea for a CLE course? Is there a topic you would like to learn more about and/or speak about?

Contact Julie Moore Holtz at (812) 463-3201 or julie@evvbar.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For more information, go to evvbar.org,
click the MEMBERS tab.

Department of Child Services is currently hiring attorneys.

OneMain Financial Services, Inc., has an opening or a Regulatory & Advocate Complaint Specialist.

Regency Properties is hiring a Leasing Administrator.

Vanderburgh County Prosecutor's Office is looking for a Deputy Prosecutor to join the team!

Vanderburgh County Public Defender Agency has an opening for a full-time attorney.

Ziemer Stayman Weitzel & Shoulders is seeking

- an experienced Civil Litigation Paralegal with strong eDiscovery skills.
- an experienced and detail-oriented Real Estate Paralegal.

Join the Young Lawyer Section of the Evansville Bar Association for a

SUMMER SOCIAL

All EBA members, summer associates, clerks, and interns are invited to make new professional connections and enjoy a relaxed summer gathering with colleagues and friends.

JUNE 25TH | 5:00-7:00PM

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

JUNE 2026

- 06/04 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office—Contact max.happe@probonoindiana.org to volunteer!
- 06/09 **EBA Paralegal and Legal Staff Section Meeting**—Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office (Zoom by request—julie@evvbar.org)
- 06/11 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 06/12 **CLE—The Criminal Rule 4 Playbook: Timing, Strategy, and Success** (1 CLE)—Scott Danks and Chris Bjerke, Danks & Danks—Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office or Zoom—[REGISTER](#)
- 06/15 **CLE—Summer Session I: CLE Replays and Refreshers** (Up to 3 CLE) - 8:30am-Noon, EBA Office or Zoom—[REGISTER](#)
- 06/16 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office—Contact max.happe@probonoindiana.org to volunteer!
- 06/18 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon, EBA/EBF Office
- 06/22 **CLE—Summer Session II: CLE Replays and Refreshers** (Up to 3 CLE) - 8:30am-Noon, EBA Office or Zoom—[REGISTER](#)
- 06/23 **CLE—2026 Economic Roundtable with Seema Sheth, Senior Vice President & Regional Executive, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis** (1.5 CLE) in partnership with the River Valley Chapter of the Risk Management Association- 11:30am-1:30pm, KDDK Conference Center (Lower Level) - REGISTER at <https://rivervalley-ecoroundtableseema.afrogs.org/#/index>
- 06/25 **Summer Social** sponsored by Jackson Kelly—**All EBA members, summer associates, clerks, and interns are invited to make new professional connections and enjoy a relaxed summer gathering with colleagues and friends.** 4:30-6:30pm, Jackson Kelly Office—RSVP REQUESTED to ashley@evvbar.org
- 06/29 **CLE—Summer Session III: CLE Replays, Refreshers & Ethics** (Up to 3 CLE/3 Ethics) - 8:30am-Noon, EBA Office or Zoom—[REGISTER](#)



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