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# The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Meagan Brien

### WHAT A TIME TO BE A MEMBER OF THE EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION — LOOKING AHEAD WITH PURPOSE AND OPTIMISM

As I begin my year as President of the Evansville Bar Association, I'm filled with excitement, energy, and—true to form for an attorney—a healthy dose of cautious optimism. It's an honor to serve in this role, and I want to start by sincerely thanking each of you for your continued support, your dedication to the legal profession, and your daily work in pursuit of justice and service to our community.



I also want to express my gratitude to outgoing President Greg Freyberger. Greg has brought outstanding leadership, vision, and integrity to the EBA. His work has deepened engagement across our membership and strengthened our community's appreciation for the practice of law. We are all better for his leadership, and I know Greg's presence and contributions will remain a constant as we look to the future.

Though we may be a small (okay, maybe medium!) bar association, our strength lies in our deep commitment, professional excellence, and sense of community. We've built something special here—grounded in collegiality, mutual respect, and service—and that's worth celebrating and protecting as we face the opportunities and challenges ahead.

The legal landscape is still evolving. Courts and practices continue to adjust in a post-pandemic world. Technology is reshaping how we work. Client expectations are shifting. Work-life balance is elusive for many. Add to that a growing shortage of attorneys in Indiana's "legal deserts," and it's clear our profession is in a time of flux. Political polarization and economic uncertainty further shape the world in which we practice. And yet, with change comes opportunity.

The EBA is uniquely positioned to offer connection, education, and support—three pillars that will guide our focus this year:

#### 1. Strengthening Community

One of our greatest assets is each other. Whether you've been part of the EBA for years or joined recently, I invite you to fully engage. We're planning events that make it easier—and more enjoyable—to connect and collaborate. The practice of law doesn't have to be isolating. Let's continue to foster a bar that is civil, collegial, and connected.

#### 2. Promoting Practical Education

This year's CLE programs will focus on both foundational legal skills and cutting-edge issues. We want to bring you timely, useful content that helps you thrive. Have a topic idea? Want to present? Let us know! Our strongest CLEs often come from partnerships, and we're excited to keep growing in that space.

#### 3. Ensuring a Sustainable Future

The EBA just celebrated 114 years, but even a long-standing institution must evolve. Like many organizations, we face generational shifts, financial pressures, and increased competition. It's our responsibility to build a bar that supports today's members and endures for generations to come. Fortunately, we have the people and the passion to do just that.

Each month, I'll explore these three themes—why they matter and how EBA membership can enrich your practice and your community. I look forward to a year of engaging conversations, meaningful progress, and shared success.

***Here's to a strong, connected, and forward-looking year at the EBA.***

Let's get all fired up  
**IT'S  
BBQ @THEBAR  
TIME!**

Enjoy pulled pork, pulled chicken, and all the sides!

**JULY 2 | 12-1PM**  
EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION  
501 MAIN STREET, SUITE 101  
DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE

When it's gone, it's gone!



## VLP News

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

VLP was fortunate to receive COVID relief funds to assist individuals with housing stability matters. The funding for this programming was ended slightly earlier than anticipated which ended our ability to continue judicare support to volunteers in these housing stability matters. These funds helped VLP run its morning Eviction Help Desk which operates almost every morning that the Court is open from 8am-9am.

Approximately only 1.2% of tenants have representation at eviction hearings, where loss of housing and risk of homelessness is at stake (according to 2022 civil court data). Under the aforementioned grant, VLP, along with other Pro Bono Indiana offices, assisted in serving 5,000 individuals with eviction related issues at its housing clinics across the state. PBI navigators and staff assisted in navigating and wrap-around services to another 5,278 individuals with eviction related issues. PBI staff and volunteer attorneys directly served 1,425 of those individuals outside of clinics.

Thank you to the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, the Indiana Bar Foundation, fellow legal aid programs, community partners, and volunteers who helped make this programming possible and valuable. VLP continues to try to help people in need with these matters, with the assistance of volunteers, with services like our Eviction Help Desk. If you are interested in volunteering to help us at this clinic, let us know.

Hosted by the EBA to benefit Legal Aid Society  
of Evansville, Indiana Legal Services, and  
Pro Bono Indiana!

## Trivia Night

Thursday, October 23

Children's Museum of Evansville

Doors open @ 5:30pm; Trivia @ 6:00pm

Register your team NOW!

<https://forms.gle/E8zWPG7bnQhCseY4A>

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

### Session V

**Building Your Credit Score**  
Tuesday, July 29

### Session VI

**Investing Tips You Need to Know Now**  
Tuesday, September 23



NOON-1pm  
Lunch provided  
RSVP requested to  
[julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org)

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Downtown Evansville

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**Bob Carithers**  
President

**J**uly is the month for the Evansville Bar

Foundation to receive grant applications from other 501(c)(3) organizations. Your Foundation board is excited that an amount exceeding \$30,000.00—the greatest in our history—is available for grants, after applying the formula in our grant-making policy. The factors which produced that sum are the largest amount of donations received in our history and the great United States economy in 2024. The latter factor enabled the amount available for grants to again surpass the amount of donations.

Thank you to all reading this who donated to the Foundation in its last donation cycle, November 1, 2023–October 31, 2024 or in the current cycle. If you have not donated, please consider some amount which will aid our Foundation in pursuing its stated purpose, “Promoting Justice and Improving Lives Through the Law.”

Applications for grants will be considered as they pertain to the Foundation’s four areas of primary interest:

- Encouraging and supporting programs designed to promote a public understanding and awareness of the law.
- Supporting an improved delivery of legal services to the community as a whole, as well as the indigent and our most vulnerable citizens.
- Promoting activities to enhance the performance of the practicing lawyers’ professional qualifications and ethical responsibilities.

--Advancing and promoting the administration of justice. The deadline for 2025 grant applications is July 31, 2025.

Please contact our Executive Director, Julie Moore-Holtz, for more details regarding applications and the Foundation’s policy.

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

**501 Main Street, Suite 101, Evansville, IN 47708**

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

The John L Sanders Memorial  
**EVANSVILLE BAR  
FOUNDATION**  
is now  
accepting grant  
applications

**JULY 1-JULY 31**

Please forward the information to organizations that align with the Grant Policy of the EBF.

More information can be found on the EBA website at [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org) under the **FOUNDATION tab**.

Questions?

Contact Julie Moore Holtz at [julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org) or call (812) 463-3201.

## LIBRARIAN’S CORNER: LAW LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Thank you for your support of the William H. Miller Law Library and the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation. At the annual meeting of the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation, the following board members and officers were elected:

### Officers

President	Mag. Celia Pauli, Vanderburgh Circuit Court
Vice President	Kevin Gibson, Legal Aid Society
Secretary	Kathryn Kornblum, Vanstone & Kornblum
Treasurer	Craig Emig, Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn

### Board Membership for the 2025-2026 Term:

Charles Berger,	Berger & Berger, LLP
Mag. Molly Briles	Vanderburgh Superior Court
Heather Burton	Carroll Law Office, LLC
Hon. Sheila Corcoran	Vanderburgh Superior Court (VLP Rep.)
Hon. Ryan Hatfield	Vanderburgh Circuit Court (Circuit Court Rep.)
Steven Hoar	Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn
Hon. Thomas Massey	Vanderburgh Superior Court (Superior Court Rep.)
Diana Moers	Vanderburgh County Prosecutors Office (EBA Rep.)
Yvette LaPlante	LaPlante Legal
Scott Stratman	Stone & Stratman, LLP
Malcolm Wickware	Vanderburgh County Public Defender

Congratulations to the board members and officers that will serve the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation in the coming year. 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](mailto: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](mailto:Ashley@evvbar.org) or go online at [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org).

## INTEGRITY & ACCOUNTABILITY DEVELOPMENT:

### Help When Your Client Is Into Power and Control

1 CLE

Speaker:  
Dana Ogle,  
A Heart for Change



Attorneys will gain valuable insights into the program's structure, including the types of cases not accepted, the distinction between anger management and BIP groups, and the operational guidelines for participants.

Tuesday, July 22, 2025  
Noon-1:00PM  
EBA Office  
501 Main Street, Suite 101  
Downtown Evansville



To register, call (812) 463-3201,  
email [ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org),  
or go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org).



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Mt. Vernon 47620

Member \$45      Non-member \$65

To register, call (812) 463-3201,  
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or go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org).



## LUNCH with the Judges

VANDEBURGH SUPERIOR COURT  
Judge Tom Massey and Judge Jillian Kratochvil

**Friday, August 1**

**Lunch at 11:30am**

**CLE Noon-1:00pm**

Evansville Bar Association  
501 Main Street, Suite 101 - Downtown Evansville

Member \$45      Non-member \$65

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or go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org).



## Our Family Wizard: Improving Outcomes for Families (and Practitioners) Using AI and Other Tools

1 CLE

**Tuesday, August 5  
Noon**

Evansville Bar Association  
501 Main Street, Suite 101  
Downtown Evansville

Member \$30  
Non-Member \$50

To register,  
call (812) 463-3201,  
email [ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org),  
or go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org)





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**NEW DATE**

## LUNCH with the Judge

JUDGE WAYNE TROCKMAN  
Vanderburgh Superior Court

**Friday, August 22**

**Lunch at 11:30am**

**CLE Noon-1:00pm**

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The Young Lawyer Section Presents

## APPLIED PROFESSIONALISM *for the New Attorney*

6 CLE/6 Applied Professionalism/6 Ethics

**Friday, September 26, 2025**  
**8:30am-4:00pm**

501 MAIN STREET, SUITE 101  
Downtown Evansville

EBA Member 0-3 Years in Practice - FREE

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

EBA Member - \$190

To register, call (812) 463-3201 or email  
[ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org).



## 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
707 State Street, Newburgh 47630

Member \$45

Non-member \$65

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email [ashley@evvbar.org](mailto:ashley@evvbar.org),  
or go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org).

## SAVE-THE-DATE



INDIANA COURT OF APPEALS

## APPEALS ON WHEELS

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
MORE DETAILS TO COME...

## WHO'S DOING WHAT?

**Congratulations, Tim!**

Tim Born received the 2025 Interscholastic Athletic Official Association Award for excellence in baseball, presented during the IHSAA Baseball State Finals. Chosen by a committee from Indiana's 24 officials associations, Tim has been a licensed baseball official for 20 years. His résumé includes 19 sectionals, 10 regionals, five semi-states, five State Championship Games, and five Indiana All-Star Games—three of them behind the plate. From 1981 to 1997, he also officiated Division I and II college baseball, calling games in the Big Ten, Missouri Valley, Great Lakes Valley, and more.



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

Join us in welcoming our newest members!

**Non-Attorney Member:** Sara Wells, Court Administrator

**Buddy Lobermann  
Hinshaw & Culbertson**

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Schererville, Indiana 46375  
(219) 864-5051

[blobermann@hinshawlaw.com](mailto:blobermann@hinshawlaw.com)

**Sara Wells  
Court Administrator  
Vanderburgh Superior Court**

825 Sycamore Street  
Evansville, Indiana 47708  
(812) 435-5469

[smwells@vanderburghgov.org](mailto:smwells@vanderburghgov.org)

Legal Aid Society of Evansville has  
two EBA composite photos that need a  
home!

- 2001
- 2008-09

If you are interested, please contact  
Kevin Gibson at (812) 435-5174 or  
[kgibson@vanderburghgov.org](mailto:kgibson@vanderburghgov.org)

*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**

For more information,

go to [evvbar.org](http://evvbar.org), click the MEMBERS tab.

**Department of Child Services** is currently hiring attorneys.

**Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn** seeks to hire an associate attorney to its litigation practice group.

**Reminger CO., LPA** is looking to hire an associate attorney.

**Salmon & Hewins** has an immediate opening for an associate attorney in their Evansville office.



**WE ARE  
LIVE!**

**→ EBA  
LISTSERVE**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Ashley@evvbar.org) and she'll get you added and subscribed.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

## JULY 2025

- 07/02 **BBQ @TheBar**—Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office—BBQ pork, chicken, sides, desserts PROVIDED!
- 07/03 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office—Contact [max.happe@probonoindiana.org](mailto:max.happe@probonoindiana.org) to volunteer!
- 07/04 **EBA Office CLOSED**—Happy 4th of July!
- 07/09 **Summer Social hosted by the EBA Young Lawyer Section**—5:30-7:30pm, Birdie's just behind The Rooftop; All EBA members, summer associates, clerks and interns are welcome to attend; **RSVP REQUESTED to** [julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org)
- 07/10 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon—EBA Office
- 07/15 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office—Contact [max.happe@probonoindiana.org](mailto:max.happe@probonoindiana.org) to volunteer!
- 07/22 **CLE—Integrity and Accountability Development: Help When Your Client Is Into Power and Control** (1 CLE) — Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 07/23 **CLE—Breakfast with the Judges: Posey County Edition** (1 CLE) - 8am light breakfast, CLE at 8:30am, Posey County Superior Court, 126 E 3rd St, Mt Vernon, IN 47620—[REGISTER](#)
- 07/29 **Young Lawyers Financial Wellness Series Session V: Building Your Credit Score and Using Different Bank Vehicles**—Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office, Lunch Provided!—[RSVP](#)
- 08/01 **CLE—Lunch with the Judges: Hon. Tom Massey and Hon. Jillian Kratochvil** (1 CLE) - Lunch at 11:30am, CLE at Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)

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

# SUMMER SOCIAL

*All young lawyers, summer associates,  
clerks, and interns are invited to attend!*

**JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> | 5:30-7:30PM**

**BIRDIE'S AT 120 NW MLK JR. BLVD.**

**Refreshments and fun provided!**

RSVP REQUESTED  
[julie@evvbar.org](mailto:julie@evvbar.org)

**EBA**  
EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

YOU'RE INVITED TO GATHER FOR A TIME OF  
CELEBRATION, REMINISCING, AND STORYTELLING AT THE

## LEGACY LAWYER Social

WITH GOOD FOOD AND DRINK

**09**  
SEPTEMBER  
4-6 PM

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