

The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Meagan Brien

The Power of Networking in Our Legal Community

As a member of the Evansville Bar Association for over 15 years, I've had the privilege of connecting with attorneys from all walks of the profession. One theme always stands out: the unique value of social networking within our legal community.

In our fast-paced, digital world, real connection still matters, especially in our profession. At the EBA, networking goes beyond receptions and handshakes. It's about building meaningful relationships that enrich our careers, expand our knowledge, and strengthen the core of our legal community.



Why It Matters

Law is not a solitary activity. It is deeply embedded in social interactions, long-standing institutions, and broader society. To practice law, you must work for and with people. Nonetheless, legal practice can be isolating, especially for solo practitioners, newer attorneys, or those navigating unfamiliar practice areas. Networking combats that isolation. When you attend an EBA function – Breakfast with the Judges, Law Day, Trivia Night, BBQ at the Bar, and any number of CLEs, happy hours, section events, and formal and informal offerings – you place yourself in a dynamic environment for mentorship, collaboration, and support.

For new lawyers, this is an opportunity to find mentors who can offer guidance not just on substantive law, but on ethics, business development, and career advancement. For experienced attorneys, networking presents a chance to give back, to identify new business partnerships, and to stay engaged with the evolving landscape of our chosen profession.

At EBA events, you may interact with former and current Indiana Supreme Court Justices (even the Chief ones), and other jurists and practitioners that will reiterate why you became a lawyer. You might meet future partners or associates. You may gain a new client or referral source. You will learn of opportunities to make your practice better. You could find a running buddy, book club member, sounding board, editor, or therapist. You could have lunch with opposing counsel and the next time you need an extension, or you make a mistake (it will happen), it won't be as dire because you've taken the time to be a civil member of a very civil bar.

Referrals, Resources, and Relationships and How to Get Involved

Strong relationships lead to strong referrals. None of us can do it all and knowing who to call when a client needs help in another practice area or because of a conflict is invaluable. Networking unlocks insider knowledge and recommendations related to local court procedures, office management tips, or even a co-counsel for a complex case. And let's face it, sometimes the only one who understands you or what you're doing is another lawyer.

Whether you're new or looking to reconnect, there's a place for you here. Attend a CLE or social event or reach out if you have ideas. Each interaction is an opportunity to grow your network and deepen your ties to the legal profession.

Not an Empty Promise

I've watched EBA members become lifelong friends, mentors, and collaborators. I've seen them honor one another at 50-year dinners and grieve at memorials. The practice of law is a profession rooted in people – clients, colleagues, and community. For over a century, the EBA has built a strong, supportive network of professionals committed to justice and to one another.

I encourage you to embrace this part of the EBA. The connections you make will enrich your career, broaden your perspective, and remind you why you chose this profession in the first place.



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 Savannah Stauth, chair, at ssauth@zsws.com, or Tuesdae Suttles, vice chair, at tuesdae.suttles@usdoj.gov.

VLP News

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

Indiana's eviction sealing law (IC 32-31-11) has been updated. Previously, an eviction should have been sealed if the eviction action was dismissed, judgment in favor of the tenant was entered, or if a judgment against a tenant was vacated or overturned.

The updated law provides that, in addition to the previous instances listed above, that a court shall also seal evictions in which 1. a money judgment related to the eviction was entered and the tenant has satisfied the money judgment, or 2. if the final judgment against the tenant does not include a money judgment and it has been seven years since the entry of the final judgment.

This update can help reduce barriers to appropriate housing that many of our community members currently face. A pro se form to assist with this process can be found on indianalegalhelp.org under the topic of Rent and Eviction. Feel free to share this with clients or community members who may benefit from it. If you are interested in volunteering with VLP to assist at an eviction sealing clinic to help people with these issues and to spread the word, reach out!

UPDATE:

Indiana's eviction sealing law has been updated effective July 1, 2025.

Memorial Service

The Fall EBA Memorial Service will be held
Tuesday, September 30 at Noon
at the Old Courthouse
Randall T. Shepard Courtroom
We will honor



Timothy Klingler

A memorial service is held to honor an Evansville Bar Association member who has died. This is said to be one of the most important and special events we hold as a Bar.

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

T r i v i a

Thursday, October 23

Children's Museum of Evansville

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

Register your team NOW!

<https://forms.gle/E8zWPG7bnQhCseY4A>



Bob Carithers
President

After receiving 11 applications for grants, the Evansville Bar Foundation in August will review the requests through its Grants Committee and approve amounts of grants by a Board of Directors vote. As every year it is expected that worthy requests will exceed the amount of funds which the Foundation can award, even though that amount is the largest in its history partly due to the largest amount of donations it has ever received. One special reason and opportunity for a donation to the EBF is to manifest your respect and appreciation for a deceased sister or brother at the bar through a memorial gift honoring the attorney who has passed. The Foundation has received nine such memorial donations in 2025. In the past month the committees of the EBF have been populated with the following Board members in addition to me:

GRANTS: Jamie Dameron, Angela Freel, Nick Golding, Aaron Tuley

DEVELOPMENT: Aaron Allen, Carrie Lynn, Mike Mitchell

FINANCE: Jillian Hanneken, Bill Hussmann, Jeremy Kemper, Laura Scott

**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>.



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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

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIANS (AALL) CONFERENCE

In July, I attended the AALL 2025 Annual Meeting and Conference in Portland, Oregon. The conference theme was "Be Bold," and many of the conference presentations focused on civic education, post-incarceration success, and making connections with a wide variety of organizations through library tours and outreach. I especially enjoyed the session entitled, "Beyond 'School House Rock!': Librarians as Civic Educators."

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).

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.



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

To register, call (812) 463-3201,
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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

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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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Member \$45 Non-member \$65

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PREPARING FOR YOUR FIRST CIVIL JURY TRIAL

1 CLE

PRESENTERS:

TODD BARSUMIAN, BARSUMIAN ARMIGER
CHRIS LEE, DINSMORE

Thursday, September 4
CLE at 4:00pm
Social to follow

EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION
501 MAIN STREET, SUITE 101
DOWNTOWN EVANSVILLE

Member \$35
Non-member \$55

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2 CLE/.5 Ethics

The Federal Court Playbook

Writing Well, Filing Right, and Giving Back

Wednesday, September 17

8:30am – Light Breakfast
9:00am – Effective Writing for Federal Court
10:00am – CM/ECF Filing for Lawyers and Paralegals
10:45am – Federal Court Pro Bono Representation

Judge Matthew Brookman
Anne Kaiser, Staff Attorney
Rebekah Farrington, USDC Clerk
Will Osborn, Term Clerk

Federal Courthouse
101 NW MLK Jr. Blvd. | Law Library (3rd Floor)

Register:
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ashley@evvbar.org
evvbar.org

Member \$75
Non-member \$115



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.



LUNCH

with the Judge

JUDGE MARY MARGARET LLOYD
Vanderburgh Superior Court

Wednesday, September 24

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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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

To register, call (812) 463-3201,
email ashley@evvbar.org,
or go to evvbar.org.

WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Congratulations to **David Sanders** who passed the Florida bar and is now licensed to practice law in Florida.



Congratulations to **John Whinrey** on having been named a Paul Harris Fellow in 2025 by Evansville Rotary.

Congratulations **Laura Scott** and **Lee Veazey** who have been named in the [Indiana Business Journal Indiana 250!](#)



Bar Updates: Please take a moment to update your contacts! Join us in welcoming our newest member, **Attorney Member: Anjuli Alameddine.**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For more information,
 go to 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.

The Law Offices of Steven K. Deig LLC is seeking a qualified applicant to fill the position of Legal Assistant/Paralegal.

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

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

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

A VETERANS COLISEUM PRESERVATION FOUNDATION EVENT

IN THE MOOD



6 - 10PM ★ NOVEMBER 1, 2025
 OLD NATIONAL EVENTS PLAZA

A USO-STYLE CELEBRATION!

HELP US HONOR OUR VETERANS AND SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM.

★ BIG BAND &
 SWING MUSIC

★ GOURMET FOOD &
 COCKTAILS

★ SILENT
 AUCTION



SCAN OR VISIT WEBSITE FOR
 SPONSORSHIP INFO & TICKETS



★ VETERANSCOLISEUM.ORG

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

AUGUST 2025

- 08/01 **CLE—Lunch with the Judges: Judge Tom Massey and Judge Jillian Kratochvil** (1 CLE) — Lunch at 11:30am, CLE at Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 08/05 **CLE—Our Family Wizard: Improving Outcomes for Families (and Practitioners) Using AI and Other Tools** (1 CLE) — Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 08/07 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office—Contact max.happe@probonoindiana.org to volunteer!
- 08/11 **Deadline to drop-off items at EBA for donation to Little Lambs!** (See below for more information!)
- 08/12 **EBA Paralegal and Legal Staff Section Meeting** — Noon, EBA Office or Zoom (request link from Julie@evvbar.org)
- 08/14 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 08/19 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office—Contact max.happe@probonoindiana.org to volunteer!
- 08/21 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon, EBA/EBF Office
- 08/22 **CLE—Lunch with the Judge: Judge Wayne Trockman** (1 CLE) — Lunch at 11:30am, CLE at Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)



The Paralegal and Legal Staff Section is collecting items for Little Lambs
littlelambsevanville.com

WISHLIST*

- Diapers (all sizes and brands)
- Wipes (any brand)
- Safety items - Drawer locks door, knobs, toilet seat locks
- Sippy cups (any brand and style)
- Bath wash, baby shampoo, lavender body lotion (any brand)
- Digital thermometers
- Teething toys
- Baby gates
- Strollers
- Convertible car seats and booster seats
- Pack-N-Plays
- Highchairs

**All items should be new*

Drop-off at the EBA through August 11.
 Questions? Contact Savannah Stauth, chair, at ssstauth@zsws.com




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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