

The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: J. Beau Dial

THIS IS YOUR BAR ASSOCIATION



In May 2025, the EBA Board of Directors gathered at The Rooftop to celebrate Greg Freyberger's upcoming departure as EBA President (yes Greg—I intentionally used the word “celebrate”). It was at this lunch that Max Happe and I struck up a conversation about our love for board games. During our chat, I mentioned that I knew a handful of EBA members who shared our passion. Max (who always has to one-up you) said he knew two handfuls. So, after the lunch meeting, we scurried over to Julie Moore Holtz with our grand idea of having the EBA host a semi-regular game night to bring together attorneys who shared our “geeky” hobby (really??—AI inserted the word “geeky”). A year later, we have had numerous EBA Game Nights that have become a bi-monthly tradition for a number of attorneys who don't normally have the opportunity to connect otherwise. I bring up this story not to peddle EBA Game Night events (which are awesome, by the way—you should come!), but to demonstrate why the EBA is the best damn bar association in the State of Indiana. We're big enough to make a difference and small enough to assist nerds like me with their geeky ideas.

Need another great example? Less than a year ago, an idea was brought to the board about creating a camp for middle school students to introduce them to the legal profession. Out of this idea, Camp Legal Eagle was born. On Monday, July 20, twenty-nine students in 7th-9th grades entered the doors of the EBA for a three-day, immersive camp which culminated in the Mock Trial Showcase presented by the students, the Legal Eagles. Together, EBA members, staff and volunteers brought the idea to life. ([Camp Legal Eagle Photo Album](https://photos.app.goo.gl/XrQvvmboNh5VGrBFA) - <https://photos.app.goo.gl/XrQvvmboNh5VGrBFA>)

I write this article to let you know that the EBA is here for you. So if you have an idea, if you're passionate about something, if you want to breathe new life into the family law section (or any other section or committee), if you want to restart the EBA softball team, if you want to get a group together for Christmas caroling, if you want to put together a pro bono contest, or if you have an idea for a CLE, then feel free to bring it to Julie (julie@evvbar.org) or the board's (beau.dial@dentons.com) attention. Like you, there are more than likely other EBA members who share that same passion or idea. Just like the title of this article says...this is your bar association.

Stay classy, EBA!



FROM THE BOARDROOM

June 11, 2026 Meeting of the EBA Board of Directors

President's Report—J. Beau Dial

- Summer Social attendance: 60+; BBQ @TheBar attendance: 75+
- Naturalization Ceremony is August 6 in Lincoln City; A representative from the EBA will attend and speak

Treasurer's Report—Seth Zirkle for Winston Lin

- INCOME: Foundation 2nd Qtr payment received; Estate and Business Planning CLE sponsorships are strong
- EXPENSES: Insurance premiums and Camp Legal Eagle expenses to be paid August and September

Foundation Report—Kristin McLaughlin

- Grant applications accepted July 1-31, 2026; over \$35,000 to grant in 2026.
- Foundation rep. to the EBA Board will be split between Michael Lonnberg, Kristin McLaughlin, Laura Scott, and Steve Thomas.

Unfinished Business

- Work continues on new database, website, app, and LRS; launch on or before September 1, 2026.
- Fall Memorial Service canceled; not needed.

New Business

- ISBA House of Delegates—Vanderburgh County has four seats; 2025 delegates will be asked to serve in 2026. Will be finalized at the August board meeting.

VLP News

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

There have been ongoing changes to the Temporary Protected Status program resulting in loss of this status for some groups. Those who lose TPS and who have not transitioned to another valid or protected status will likely not be able to maintain employment or access many social services leading to other issues. This group of people would be ineligible for help with most civil issues with many civil legal aid programs and most of the largest legal aid programs across the nation that receive government grants.

If there are people seeking information on common civil legal issues, indianalegalhelp.org is accessible to anyone and has limited Indiana civil legal information and resources for self-represented litigants. Those seeking assistance with status issues may try going to <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/> to see if there are any other available resources. The ABA administers a federal free legal answers platform that allows people to ask immigration or veterans law questions and volunteer attorneys who are familiar with those areas to answer them. If people need guidance with those issues, you may send them to that federal website: <https://abafederal.freelegalanswers.org/>. If you have any experience in those areas and are willing to volunteer to sign up to answer some questions for people, you can do so using the same link.

For those who are not versed in veterans or immigration law, PBI administers Indiana.freelegalanswers.org which lets people ask common general civil legal questions and lets volunteer attorneys provide them advice in a safe and ethical way. You can use the same link to set up an account and try it out. Answering just one question is a huge help in addressing the needs of people in our state.

You can find other ways to assist our communities by checking out legal volunteer opportunities in your area at indianaprobononetwork.org. If you have interests in specific areas or legal causes let us know so we can continue to improve the resources on indianaprobononetwork.org and provide you meaningful opportunities.



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.



Carrie Lynn
President

Hello from the Evansville Bar Foundation!

During the month of August, the Foundation will review applications for grants submitted by 501 (c)(3) organizations, as they relate to the Foundation's areas of interest. The Grants Committee will review the applications in detail and then their recommendations will be presented to and voted on by the EBF Board of Directors. Award announcements will be made later in the month.

This year, the EBF will award more than **\$35,417.87** in grants to worthy organizations in our community. These grant awards provide vital support for community programs, as they allow organizations to expand services, launch new projects, and help address pressing social, educational, and economic needs.

We want to thank everyone that has already donated to the Evansville Bar Foundation. Your gift will have a positive impact on someone's life and bring about meaningful change in your community. And stay tuned as we highlight some of this year's grant recipients and the incredible work they are doing.

We know that "he who wishes to secure the good of others has already secured his own." (Thank you, Confucius.) Please consider contributing to the Evansville Bar Foundation today!

**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>.

LAW LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: FAMILY LAW AND PRO SE CLINICS

As you know, the law library hosts legal clinics operated by the Volunteer Lawyer Program/Pro Bono Indiana (VLP/PBI). The Family Law Clinic meets on the first and third Thursday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for scheduled appointments. The *Pro Se* Clinic meets on the second and fourth Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and offers walk-in litigants assistance with questions about their legal needs. In addition, self-represented litigants may stop by the daily in-person help desk from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. in the William H. Miller Law Library.

This partnership between VLP/PBI and the law library helps make it possible for self-represented litigants involved in civil matters to receive guidance on how to successfully navigate the court system, obtain appropriate *pro se* pleadings, access self-help materials, and take advantage of online legal resources. Your generous donations and ongoing commitment to the Law Library Foundation and the law library ensure that the people in this community have access to these legal services and *pro se* clinics. Thanks for your ongoing support!

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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1 CLE

CURRENT FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FACING CLIENTS: WHAT EVERY ATTORNEY SHOULD KNOW

Sue Kling, Managing Director, IntraFi

This program will provide attorneys with an overview of the financial challenges facing clients today, the varying needs of different client groups, and the complexities of current cash management and investment options. Attendees will gain practical insights into solutions designed to help clients achieve an appropriate balance of safety, returns, and convenience.

Tuesday, August 25, 2026
11:30am - Lunch | Noon - CLE

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501 Main Street, Suite 101
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Presented by:



Member \$40
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Register at (812) 463-3201,
ashley@evvbar.org,
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Estate & Business Planning Institute

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2026

DoubleTree - Downtown Evansville
Check in and light breakfast at 8:00am
8:30am to 4:00pm

EBA Member \$325
Non-member \$375



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IN and KY Attorneys: 6 CLE/1 Ethics
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ANNUAL HOT TOPICS

3 CLE

DECEMBER 4 | 8:30AM - NOON

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MEMBER \$100
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WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Congratulations to **Heather Lobermann** for having been selected for inclusion in the Rotary Club of Evansville's 20 Under 40 Class of 2026. The program recognizes Evansville-area leaders under 40 and have

exhibited leadership qualities and characteristics in their various roles throughout the Evansville community.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Beacons of Freedom: In tending to worn flags, **Mike Schopmeyer** puts his patriotism to practice.

<https://www.evansvilleliving.com/america-at-250-flags-anthem/>



Bar Updates:

Please take a moment to update your contacts!

Erika Taylor
Vice President, YWCA USA

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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.

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Indiana Legal Services (ILS) seeks a Chief Executive Officer to lead this statewide provider of civil legal aid to low-income Hoosiers.

Jackson Kelly seeks a Litigation Paralegal.

Kinkade & Associates is seeking to fill a Paralegal/ Client Intake position.

Salmon & Hewins is seeking to expand by adding one or two law partners who have established civil practices.

The Law Offices of Steven K. Deig LLC is seeking a qualified applicant to fill the position of Part-time Administrative Assistant.

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

Vanderburgh County Public Defender Agency has openings for a full-time attorneys.

Woods & Woods is seeking an Associate Attorney.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

AUGUST 2026

- 08/06 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office—Contact max.happe@probonoindiana.org to volunteer!
- 08/11 **EBA Paralegal and Legal Staff Section Meeting**—Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office (Zoom by request!)
- 08/13 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 08/18 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office—Contact max.happe@probonoindiana.org to volunteer!
- 08/20 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 08/21 **Clerk and Court Staff Appreciate Day**—Noon-1:00pm, fenced lot at Sycamore and 9th. Enter through the court building.
- Join us for a sweet treat from JB's Barnyard as we show our appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our clerk and court staff. Hosted by the EBA for its members and the clerk and court staff of Vanderburgh County and the U.S. Federal Courts!*
- 08/24 **Youth Resources Teen Court Social**—6:00-8:00pm—RSVP at ashley@evvbar.org
- 08/25 **CLE - Current Financial Challenges Facing Clients: What Every Attorney Should Know** (1 CLE) sponsored by Banterra Bank—Lunch at 11:30am, CLE at Noon—RSVP at ashley@evvbar.org

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Join us for a sweet treat from JB's Barnyard as we show our appreciation for the hard work and dedication of our clerk and court staff. You keep everything running—now let us treat you!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
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Hosted by the EBA for its members and the clerk and court staff of the Vanderburgh County and the U.S. Federal Courts

For more information, contact julie@evvbar.org or (812) 463-3201



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