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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Joe Langerak

Effectively Supporting Our Mission: Encourage. Empower. Educate.



Paraprofessionals continue to change the way clients are served and law firms function. At the same time, technology has morphed the role of paralegals and other staff members within the law firm model. The proliferation of electronic research software, full embrace of email as a primary communication, automated dictation software, electronic filing and paperless document management, among others, have fundamentally changed the way law firms do business, top to bottom. Despite the paradigm shift over the last two decades, in this author's opinion, the need and function of paralegal work in the law office remains high. We often see paralegals in court helping with trials, working on real estate matters, preparing estate planning documents, drafting corporate formation documents, and providing general litigation support, among other roles.

Scarcity of qualified paralegals in the current job market is perhaps a testament to the many ways they contribute to the law firm business model and client service – they are not in the market because they are hired so quickly. Attorneys are recognizing the value paralegals bring to their practice as much as ever. Personally, non-lawyers, including paralegals, have materially contributed to any success I had or have as a lawyer. Namely, Linda Schmitt, Amy Satterfield, and Teresa Koch, all of whom I hold in the highest regard.

Recall the Bar Association mission, in part, is to **enhance** to practice of law, **cultivate** professional excellence, and **promote** high ethical standards and uphold the honor of the profession. Paralegals contribute to each of those pillars of our organization.

So, a message to our attorney members.... Encourage your paralegals to become a member if they are not already. Empower those that are members to be active by attending meetings, social events, and Bar events. Educate paralegals and non-paralegals for the betterment of the entire legal profession. In other words, make it easy and feasible for paralegals to participate in not only the paralegal section, but the Bar Association as a whole.

I encourage continued robust participation by non-lawyers in the Evansville Bar Association, and I hope you will join me in empowering them to participate in earnest. We are all better by their continued contributions to our local legal community.

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Thank
you



Thank you to those who prepared, presented and attended the Federal Jury Trial Simulation CLE event! **Judge Richard Young**, presided over this trial simulation featuring attorneys **Jean Blanton**, **Mark Abell**, **Cliff Whitehead**, and **Olivia Robinson** trying the case; **Barbara Williams** as the plaintiff; defendant, **Tim Born**; accident reconstructionist, **Kathryn Sullivan**; and, **Jeff Ahlers**, as the medical expert.

Special thanks to **Magistrate Celia Pauli**, **Magistrate Molly Briles**, and **Lane Siesky** for their leadership in organizing this event. And, Tina Doyle, Courtroom Deputy for Judge Young, for her assistance in making this event a success.

Donation of video recording, jury livestream and all production:

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VLP News

By: Senior Judge Corcoran and Susan Vollmer

All Indiana attorneys are now asked by the Courts to report their pro bono service and donations to civil legal aid groups each year as part of their registration process. Frequently asked questions about reporting can be found here: <https://www.in.gov/judiciary/4423.htm>. While we hope this encourages attorneys to think about supporting access to justice efforts, the primary reason this information is collected is to assist the Court and the civil legal aid system in assessing how to best allocate very scarce resources to help low income Hoosiers with civil legal needs. An important part of understanding what services are (and are not) being delivered is your reporting of pro bono work to the Volunteer Lawyer Program. VLP is charged with encouraging pro bono work and reporting on what is done by local attorneys, paralegals, legal secretaries, and law students. Your reporting to VLP helps determine our program's financial support from IOLTA and other sources and helps keep our area regarded as the strongest program in the state. Please report your hours when you complete a VLP case and thank you for your volunteerism.

Hosted by the EBA Access to Justice Committee

Trivia
Night **LIVE!**

Teams of 8

\$30 per person at the door

\$25 per person in advance

Call 812/463-3201, email julie@evvbar.org or
online at <https://bit.ly/TriviaNightLive2022>

*\$500 cash prize
for 1st place team*

Thursday, October 13

The Ballroom at Sauced

Doors open @ 5:30pm

Trivia @ 6:00pm

All proceeds are split equally between Legal Aid Society of
Evansville and Volunteer Lawyer Program!



Jimmy Gentry
President

Having sat on the board of the Evansville Bar Foundation ("EBF") now for a handful of years, I often think about the EBF's Statement of Purpose, which is "Promoting Justice and Improving Lives through the Law", and how the EBF is fulfilling that statement. The primary way in which the EBF discharges this obligation is through its annual grants awarded to qualified community organizations. The grant process requires those organizations to promote a public understanding and awareness of the law, improve delivery of legal services to the community and especially to the indigent and most vulnerable citizens, enhance practicing attorneys' qualifications and ethical responsibilities, or advance and promote the administration of justice. Over the past three weeks, the EBF Board members have personally delivered checks to the 2022 grant recipients so we can see firsthand how the EBF's funding assists these organizations in their designated programs that ultimately benefit our community. I am so proud of the EBF and its active members who have donated to make this year's grants possible! In turn, our personal deliveries of the grant checks have also made me aware of the additional work that can be done by these awesome organizations if only additional funding was achieved. And that is where you, as the individual donor, can assist for the 2023 campaign year. Let's do what we can to ensure the EBF can fully fund each qualifying grant application in 2023.

To donate to the Foundation, mail a check to 915 Main Street, Suite 108, Evansville, 47708 or go to <https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx> by clicking the DONATE button below.

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LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: THANK YOU TO THE EVANSVILLE BAR FOUNDATION

Thank you to the John L. Sanders Memorial – Evansville Bar Foundation for your generous grant to the William H. Miller Law Library, making it possible for the people in this community to have access to the daily in-person help desk offered Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and the *pro se* navigation clinic scheduled on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Both take place in the law library. This support, in conjunction with the work of the Pro Bono Indiana/Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, makes it possible for self-represented litigants involved in any civil matter to seek guidance on how to successfully navigate the court system, obtain the appropriate *pro se* pleadings, access self-help materials located in the law library, and take advantage of online legal resource materials. Many thanks again 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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New Attorney (0-3 Years)

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Julie Moore Holtz
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* 2022 Campaign donations received November 1, 2021-September 30, 2022

You can find an up-to-date listing of CLE on the EBA website at evvbar.org

Registration and pre-payment are required by phone at (812) 463-3201, email at Ashley@evvbar.org or online at evvbar.org.

Registrations received less than 24 hours prior to the start of the course cannot be guaranteed. Registrations received two hours prior to start of course will be charged an additional \$5.

Credit will not be reported to the Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Continuing Legal Education (CLE Commission) until payment for the course has been received in full.

SAVVY SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING: SS CLAIMING STRATEGIES

1 CLE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12
NOON
EBA OFFICE

MATTHEW KELLY, LIFETIME FINANCIAL GROWTH

Member \$30

Non-member \$50

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

FUNDAMENTALS OF SMALL CLAIMS: WHAT EVERY ATTORNEY SHOULD KNOW WHETHER PRACTICING SMALL CLAIMS, OR NOT!

1 CLE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25
NOON
EBA OFFICE

DAVID SHAW, GONTERMAN & MEYER LAW

Member \$30

Non-member \$50

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



Family Law Update 2022

6 CLE/1 CME



Friday
October 28
Time
8:25am

To register:

- call (812) 463-3201
- email ashley@evvbar.org
- go to evvbar.org

Light breakfast
and lunch will be
provided

Section Member \$170
EBA Member \$200
Non-member \$320



EBA REPLAYS: OCTOBER

Monday, October 17

10:30—DWI for Dummies (1 CLE)

12:00pm—Ethical Lessons from The Godfather (1 CLE/1 Ethics)

1:30pm—Murder at the Intersection for a Criminal Law Right and a Civil Law Responsibility (1 CLE)

Monday, October 24

10:30—How to Write Ethically (1 CLE/1 Ethics)

12:00pm—Top Ten Takeaways About Indiana's New Advanced Directive (1 CLE)

1:30pm—Lifecycle of an LLC: Creating, Voluntarily Dissolving and Reinstating (1 CLE)

Monday, October 31

10:30—Your Client is Mentally Ill, NOW WHAT? (1 CLE)

12:00pm—Mama Said There'd Be Days Like This (1 CLE/1 Ethics)

1:30pm—Your Practice and Social Media: The How To (1 CLE)

EBA Office or Video Conference*

All courses are one hour, unless noted.
EBA Member \$30/hr or Non-member \$50/hr,

REGISTER @ EVVBAR.ORG

*Please indicate at time of registration.

An Immigration Series:

Don't Get Lost In Translation

Tuesday, October 11

Working with Non-English Speaking Clients
and Court Interpreters

Laura Tomes, Language Access Coordinator,
Vanderburgh Superior Court

Wednesday, October 19

I Want To Immigrate to Evansville. HELP!
What To Do When You Get The Call*

Wednesday, November 16

What the Family Law Practitioner Should Know
About Immigration and Representing Non-Citizens
in Family Court*

Wednesday, December 21

What the Employment Law Practitioner Should Know
About Immigration and Representing
Employers of Non-Citizens*

*David Guarrettaz, Ziemer Stayman Weitzel & Shoulders

All courses will be held at the
EBA Office at Noon

EBA Member \$30/course
Non-Member \$50/course

TO REGISTER

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

33rd Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute

Friday, November 4, 2022

Check in begins at 8:00am

*DoubleTree in Downtown Evansville
or Live Webcast!**

All speakers will present live at the DoubleTree

EBA Member \$295
Non-Member \$345

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

**Please indicate at time of registration.*

ANNUAL HOT TOPICS

3 CLE (PENDING)

Always fast; always fun!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30AM (Check-in begins at 8:00AM)

Light Breakfast
EBA Office

EBA Members \$100
Non-Members \$160

TO REGISTER

Call (812) 463-3201 or email
Ashley@evvbar.org.

SHEPARD LECTURE SERIES

THE EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION AND FOUNDATION PRESENTED

An Evening with the Appellate Judges



This year's Shepard Lecture Series held on September 20 featured four of the Court of Appeals of Indiana judges: *Sr. Judge Randall Shepard, Judge Melissa S. May, Judge Elaine Brown, and Judge Leanna K. Weissmann.*

The judges had the opportunity to spend the morning with Shepard Leadership and Law Academy students answering questions and telling stories about the Court of Appeals; Recorded an episode of Two Main Street with David James in the early afternoon; Ending the evening with members of the Evansville Bar Association and the public for a presentation titled "What has the Court of Appeals brought to the system of justice in Indiana?" and reception.

Thank you to the judges for spending the day in Evansville. And, thank you to Anne Fuchs, Director of Communications for the Court of Appeals of Indiana, for her assistance in coordinating such a wonderful event.

WHO'S DOING WHAT?

CONGRATULATIONS TO...



...J.R. Trockman on being named to the Rotary Club of Evansville's 20 Under 40 Class of 2022.

Best Lawyers

Have you or been recognized in the 2023 edition of Best Lawyers?

Please let us know at julie@evvbar.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

For all opportunities, go to evvbar.org, click the MEMBERS tab.



Bar Updates:

Welcome new attorney member **Heather Migdon**, and paralegal member **Amy Rees**. Please make the following additions and updates to your contacts:

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WE ARE THE EBA



Cindy Effinger, Paralegal, Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn

Thirty-two total years as a paralegal and 40 years in the legal field; I have been with KDDK twice - almost eight years the first time and most recently five years; I currently work primarily in litigation, but worked many years in estate planning and probate.

What is the most valuable asset the EBA has to offer? Why? Even though I have not been a paralegal member of the EBA for very long, the CLE that the EBA offers has always interested me. I want to learn.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Everyone is going through something. If you see someone with a need, try to meet it. If you see something that needs to be done, do it.

What always makes you laugh? My mom's laugh. People tell her jokes just so they can hear her laugh. You can't keep from laughing with her.

What's your favorite family tradition? "Today's surprises" started at Christmastime when Alex was very young. I would wrap 24 small gifts and let him open one gift/surprise every morning beginning on December 1st as a countdown to Christmas.

What are your hobbies? Music, cooking and baking, cake decorating, genealogy

What is your favorite movie? The Sound of Music and The Wizard of Oz

What celebrity would you like most to meet for a cup of coffee? Ryne Sandberg former Chicago Cubs second baseman

If you could share a meal with four individuals, living or dead, who would they be? My brother "Pete" passed away in 2013. He was my best friend and like a father to my son. I would love to share another meal with him, our parents, and my son.

If you could not work for 1 year, what would you do? Help people. I would volunteer at hospitals and nursing homes and schools, take people to doctor's appointments and run errands, cook/bake for others, and babysit for friends. If money were no object, I would travel with my family and do genealogy research on my family and for others.



Nick Geelhood, Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn

One year of practice; Business, Real Estate, Finance & Banking, Business Litigation, Debt Collection

Why did you become an attorney? I grew a passion for counseling others through difficult scenarios when considering many career pathways. Once I was near completing a degree in finance, law presented itself as the best opportunity to advance those same desires, but allowing me to provide a much greater breadth of assistance to prospective clients and the community.

What are your hobbies? Biking, hiking, climbing, skiing, woodworking, photography, audio . . . if anything I need to curate a list that keeps wanting to grow!

What was your first job? Rock climbing instructor

If you could brush up on a skill or work on a new one, what would it be? I'd like to get back into playing an instrument. I've played the guitar (to a mediocre degree) and the trumpet (with much greater skill) in the

years past, and creating music can sometimes be more enjoyable than consuming it—provided I get past the growing pains of hearing the terrible sounds produced from my lapse in practice.

If you were to describe yourself by a music genre, what would you be and why? Jazz. I like to move to a rhythm in my day to day, but sometimes, if I wish to or am provoked to do so, a little improvisation and dynamics come out of nowhere: a spark of excitement before blending back in to the back-beat.

Who inspires you? I don't often find inspiration from any one person, but by observation of the world around me: seeing those who have undergone adversity and nonetheless persevere and not only succeed, but encourage those around them with a sense of humility.

If you could not work for 1 year, what would you do? It may be cliché to say that I would travel, but perhaps less so to say that I'd like to spend a good deal of that travel in landscapes rather than in stereotypically ventured to destinations. I am more impressed by the awe of a vista untouched by humanity than I am of historic architecture.



Nick Golding, Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn

Five years of practice; My primary areas of practice are labor and employment.

Why did you become an attorney? I wanted to put to good use my writing and research skills from majoring in English and History at IU, which the practice of law allows me to do. I also love the variety of work in private practice, it keeps me invested since no two days are ever the same.

What is the most valuable asset the EBA has to offer? Why? The CLE opportunities are great, but I think the EBA's best asset is that it brings the legal community together and helps foster good will between its members.

What are your hobbies? Running, IU basketball, live music

What always makes you laugh? The sketch comedy show "I Think You Should Leave" on Netflix

What song would you sing at Karaoke night? "Heroes" by David Bowie

What's your favorite family tradition? Frying turkeys on Thanksgiving morning.

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? Pizza King stromboli, bag of Grippos, and a can of Ski

When you're not working, what are you most likely to be doing? Sitting on my porch listening to music with my wife and our beagle.

If you could brush up on a skill or work on a new one, what would it be? I always wished I had learned an instrument when I was younger. Never made it past beginning guitar and beginning piano.

If you were to describe yourself by a music genre, what would you be and why? Indie. I am a snob when it comes to popular media and am quick to judge people based on their tastes in movies, TV shows, music, books, etc.

OCTOBER 2022 CALENDAR

- 10/04 **EBA Family Law Section Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 10/06 **Talk to a Lawyer**—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office
Young Lawyers Section—Scavenger Hunt at the Fall Festival—Starting at 5:00pm,
- 10/11 **CLE—Working with Non-English Speaking Clients and Court Interpreters** (1 CLE)—Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/12 **CLE—Savvy Social Security Planning: SS Claiming Strategies** (1 CLE) - Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/13 **Evansville Bar Association Board of Directors Meeting**—lunch at 11:45am, meeting at Noon, EBA Office
Trivia Night LIVE! - Doors open at 5:30pm, Trivia at 6:00pm, The Ballroom at Sauced—
 appetizers and cash bar—[REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW](#)
- 10/18 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office
- 10/19 **Planning Meeting—EBA Health and Well-Being CLE Event**—9:00am, EBA office or Video Conference
CLE—I Want to Immigrate to Evansville. HELP!: What You Do When You Get The Call (1 CLE) - Noon, EBA
 Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/20 **Evansville Bar Foundation Board of Directors Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 10/25 **CLE—Fundamentals of Small Claims: What EVERY Attorney Should Know Whether Practicing Small Claims, or Not!** - Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/26 **EBA CLE Committee Meeting**—Noon, EBA Office
- 10/28 **CLE—Family Law Update 2022** (6 CLE/1 Ethics/1 CME) - Registration and light breakfast at 8:30am, Intros at 8:55am, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)

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SAVE-THE-DATE

33rd Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute (6 CLE/1 Ethics)—Friday, November 4, 8:30am-4:00pm; DoubleTree
New Lawyer Welcome hosted by EBA Young Lawyer Section—Thursday, November 10, 5:00-7:00pm; location TBD
Annual Hot Topics (3 CLE/.5 Ethics)—Friday, December 9, Registration and light breakfast at 8:00am, Intros at 8:30am; EBA Office

Medical Consultant

Doctor with 40 years of experience in cardiology and internal medicine available to assist attorneys with the medical aspects of their case. I have worked with lawyers and Administrative Law judges for 20 plus years in medical record analysis and case preparation.

I can provide advice and evaluation of the medical record for claims, injuries, treatments, prognosis and future care needs. I can also educate you and your team to understand the medical issues and terms presented. I do not offer depositions nor court testimony.

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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

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Thank you for your contributions in memory of...

Michael Keating

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