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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Meagan Brien

The Power of Mentorship in the Evansville Bar Association



In every stage of a legal career – whether as a new graduate, a mid-career practitioner navigating transitions, or a seasoned lawyer seeking to give back – mentorship plays an important role. Within our bar association, the relationships formed through mentoring have strengthened individual attorneys and our entire legal community.

For young lawyers, the leap from law school to practice is daunting. Textbooks and exams rarely capture the full weight of advising clients, balancing courtroom expectations, or managing the realities of a busy practice. Having a trusted mentor to provide practical insight, share stories of their own missteps and successes, and offer encouragement can make all the difference. Mentorship offers new attorneys a safe space to ask questions, test ideas, and develop confidence in their professional identity.

But the benefits of mentorship are not limited to the newest lawyers. Experienced attorneys often discover that the mentoring relationship reinvigorates their own sense of purpose. Guiding a younger lawyer can spark reflection on lessons learned, remind mentors why they chose this profession, and open the door to fresh perspectives from the next generation. Many mentors find that they learn as much from their mentees as they give, making the relationship mutually enriching.

Mentorship also strengthens the fabric of the EBA. It builds bridges across practice areas, connects lawyers in different stages of their careers, and fosters a culture of collaboration over competition. In a profession that can sometimes isolate, these relationships create a network of support and encouragement that extends beyond individual cases or offices. When we mentor each other, we create a stronger, more resilient legal community that is better equipped to serve the community.

We have found that organic, natural mentorship relationships – whether formed through repeat attendance at EBA events or by simply encouraging members to reach out – are one of the most impactful ways we can invest in the future of the profession. We invite you to attend the **New Lawyer Welcome Celebration on November 13 beginning at 5:30 pm at the Old Courthouse** as one of many opportunities to start, manage, or rekindle a mentor relationship.

At its core, mentorship is about generosity through the willingness to share time, knowledge, and experience. By lifting each other up, we continue the tradition of our profession and ensure that the next generation of lawyers enters practice not only with skills, but with guidance, perspective, and community.

PLEASE JOIN THE EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION'S
YOUNG LAWYER SECTION

New Attorney Welcome Celebration

13
NOV

5-7
PM

Old Courthouse - 2nd Floor
Randall T. Shepard Courtroom
201 NW 4th Street, Evansville

Doors open at 5:00pm
Ceremony for attorneys
admitted in 2024 at 5:30pm

Reception to follow

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

Trivia Night

Register your team NOW!

<https://forms.gle/E8zWPG7bnQhCseY4A>

\$25/person teams of 8*

Mulligans \$20

**Smaller teams may be combined*

**\$500
Grand Prize**

Thursday, October 23

Children's Museum of Evansville

Doors open @ 5:30pm

Trivia @ 6:00pm

VLP News

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

This month starts with the Indiana Bar Foundation's 75th Anniversary. There will be a gala on October 3rd that recognizes and supports the work it has done. The IBF works to advance civic literacy and provide support for legal assistance. The IBF has supported the work of civil legal aid agencies across the state including VLP/PBI, the Legal Aid Society of Evansville, and Indiana Legal Services. They have also helped expand our systems by helping us obtain legal kiosks in each county allowing individuals to access valuable legal resources and by supporting our state's self-help website indianalegalhelp.org. The Volunteer Lawyer Program would not be able to provide many of the services it does without the support of the Indiana Bar Foundation. We are grateful to recognize the hard work and care they have provided for 75 years and hope they are able to continue to support our legal systems and civics education for years to come.

On October 23rd there is Trivia Night hosted by the EBA. Funds raised at Trivia Night go to a worthy cause – your local civil legal aid providers! You don't have to be the next Ken Jennings to know that helping those in need address fraud, abuse, dependent care, or risk of homelessness is valuable to us all. Even if you don't know esoteric facts, like that VLP served over 2,000 community members in need at clinics and brief service events last year, we hope that you are still able to support the good work.

Have a happy Halloween! Don't let the season scare you from checking out some volunteer opportunities here: <https://www.vlpwin.org/volunteer-opportunities>

- Celebrating 75 years of the Indiana Bar Foundation
- EBA Trivia Night—Register your team now—<https://forms.gle/E8zWPG7bnQhCseY4A>
- Check out volunteer opportunities here: <https://www.vlpwin.org/volunteer-opportunities>



Join us for
*Breakfast with the
Bench & Bar*

All are invited to attend!

Tuesday, October 14
Drop by anytime 7:00-8:30am
This event is casual with no agenda, no CLE
just breakfast with judges and lawyers!

Evansville Bar Association
501 Main Street, Suite 101



GIVE THANKS
@TheBar

Friday, November 21
Noon-1pm

Join us for lunch filled
with your holiday
favorites!
Come early because
when it's gone, it's gone!

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Bob Carithers
President

Shepherding the fund for the Randall Shepard Lecture Series is one of the tasks of the Evansville Bar Foundation. It funds an annual law-related lecture or similar presentation in Evansville. The last three events have been Lawyers Without Rights in March 2025, Chief Justice Loretta Rush in September 2024, and Professor Laney Silva in September 2023.

The fund originated from donations to honor Justice Randall Shepard, an Evansville Bar Association member, when he retired as the longest-serving Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court. Justice Shepard grew up in Evansville, graduated from Harrison High School, earned Ivy League undergraduate and law degrees, worked in national government and local government, practiced law in Evansville, was appointed to be a Judge of the Vanderburgh Superior Court, and was selected as an Indiana Supreme Court Justice. His resume includes numerous appointments and awards in the nationwide judiciary, as well as decades of personal commitment to beneficial causes, notably in historical preservation.

The Shepard Lecture Series fund is an account separate from the Foundation's primary investment account. It is also invested to generate growth and income for its purpose. The Foundation supervises the account.

October concludes the Foundation's development campaign. If you have not already done so, please donate this month to join your colleagues on the list of donors. Thank you to those who have given gifts.

**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>.

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 *pro se* navigation clinic which meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month in the law library. This support, in conjunction with the work of the 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 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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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

WARRICK COUNTY EDITION
Judge Greg Granger, Judge Krista Weilberg,
Judge Brett Roy, and Mag. Ben Aylsworth

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.



TOOLS OF THE TRADE

USING THE RULES OF EVIDENCE

with
The Honorable William Hughes,
Hamilton County Superior Court

This interactive presentation reviews key Rules of Evidence—focusing on Making a Record, Judicial Notice, Relevance, Hearsay, and Exhibits. It aims to boost practitioners' confidence in using these rules effectively in court and during trial prep, while also deepening their understanding of how skillful application promotes trust in the legal system.

Thursday, October 2
11:30am - Lunch
Noon - 2:15pm - CLE
Civic Center Courts Building - Courtroom 219

To register:
 ☎ call (812) 463-3201
 ✉ ashley@evvbar.org
 🌐 evvbar.org

Member \$75
Non-member \$115




INDIANA COURT OF APPEALS APPEALS ON WHEELS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
BOSSE HIGH SCHOOL
Auditorium and Community Room
1300 Washington Avenue

DOORS OPEN AT 10:00AM
ARGUMENT BEGINS AT 10:30AM
LUNCH AND CLE AT 11:45AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Call (812) 463-3201 or email ashley@evvbar.org

Lunch and CLE - EBA Member \$45; Non-member \$65



THE ROADMAP FOR ADDRESSING ATTORNEY SHORTAGE AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE:

A DISCUSSION ON THE ISBA ATTORNEY SHORTAGE PLAN

Joe Skeel, Executive Director
Indiana State Bar Association

Derrick McDowell
Dentons
ISBA Board of Governors, District 8 Representative

- Rural practice and alternative business models
- Path to licensure and practice readiness
- Allied Legal Professionals

Tuesday, October 14
EBA OFFICE
Noon-1:00pm

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evvbar.org.

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CME REPLAYS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
EBA OFFICE OR ZOOM

- 9:00am-Noon (3 CLE/3 CME)
Mediation Tips: You Can't Always Get What You Want...
- 1:00-2:00pm (1 CLE/1 CME)
Probate and Trust Mediation and Litigation
- 2:05-3:05 pm (1 CLE/1 CME)
Family Law: Mediating in High Conflict Cases
- 3:10-4:10pm (1 CLE/1 CME)
Mental Health and Mediation

Member \$30/hour
Non-member \$50/hour

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ashley@evvbar.org, or evvbar.org.



GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY & ETHICS:

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
THROUGH THE LENS OF PUBLIC ACCESS

1 CLE/1 Ethics

Luke Britt,
Public Information Officer and Legal Counsel,
Marion County Superior Courts

Friday, October 17
Noon-1:00PM

Evansville Bar Association
501 Main Street, Suite 101
Downtown Evansville

To register:

☎ call (812) 463-3201
✉ ashley@evvbar.org
🌐 evvbar.org

Member \$30
Non-Member \$50



LUNCH with the

VANDERBURGH COUNTY
PROSECUTORS OFFICE
Prosecutor Diana Moers and Chief Deputy Winston Lin

Wednesday, October 22

**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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email ashley@evvbar.org,
or go to evvbar.org.



2025 Hot Topics for In-House Corporate Counsel

PENDING IN - 6 CLE/1 Ethics
PENDING KY - 6 CLE

10/24/2025 EBA Office
8:25am-3:30pm 501 Main St., Suite 101, 47708

Section Member \$165
Member \$195
Non-member \$325

Breakfast and lunch
provided by:



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36th annual Evansville Bar Association

Estate & Business Planning Institute

Thursday, November 6, 2025



Thursday, November 6

♦ 8:00 am light breakfast ♦ 8:25 am sessions begin

DoubleTree in Downtown Evansville

601 Walnut Street 47708

Register at (812)463-3201, eba@evvbar.org,
or evvbar.org.

Online registration closes October 23, 2025.
Registration must be prepaid.

Member \$325 | Non-member \$375

- ♦ Indiana Attorneys — 6 General/1 Ethics CLE
- ♦ Kentucky Attorneys* — 6 General/1 Ethics
- ♦ CFP* — 6 hours CE
- ♦ Indiana Insurance Professionals* — 6 CE, may include 1 Ethics
- ♦ Indiana CPA* — 7.2 (50 minute hours)

WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Michele Bryant was recently awarded the 2025 Guiding Star Award by the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (JLAP). Michele's unwavering dedication has touched the lives of countless legal professionals. A JLAP Committee member from 2005 to 2013 and a longtime member of the Evansville Bar Association's Lawyer Assistance Committee, she

has been an amazing pillar of support. Congratulations, and thank you, **Michele!**



A huge thank you to everyone—members and non-members—who generously supported the EBA Paralegal and Legal Staff Section's collection for Little Lambs! On Thursday, September 25, Section Chair **Savannah Stauth** proudly presented the donated items and monetary contributions to the Little Lambs Board of Directors.

Your generosity makes a difference—thank you!

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
Ron Warrum



Bar Updates: Please take a moment to update your contacts! Join us in welcoming our newest **Attorney Members:** **Kaitlyn Coffey**, **Savannah Mundy**, and **Emma Overton**.

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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.

The Law Offices of Steven K. Deig is seeking a legal assistant/paralegal.

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

Ziemer Stayman Weitzel & Shoulders is seeking an attorney for an Employment and Labor Law position.

Best Lawyers

Congratulations to EBA Members recognized as Best Lawyers 2026!

Jeff Ahlers, Bob Becker, Charlie Berger, KAB Brasseale, Beth Burger, John Broadhead, Michele Bryant, Maria Bulkley, Will Cartwright, Jim Casey, Nick Cirignano, Allison Comstock, Jamie Dameron, Marco DeLucio, J. Beau Dial, Michael DiRienzo, Herb Davis, Raymond Dudlo, Monica Edwards, Terry Farmer, Shannon Frank, Jake Fulcher, Jeff Helfrich, Elizabeth Hennessy-Spencer, Jeff Henning, Steve Hoar, Ashley Hollen, Steve Lavallo, Krista Lockyear, Kelly Lonnberg, Mark McNulty, Whitney Mosby, Andy Nestrick, Andy Ozete, Dan Robinson, Carrie Roelle, Mark Samila, Lindsay Schmitt, Mike Schopmeyer, Ryan Schulz, Laura Scott, Pat Shoulders, Dirck Stahl, Steve Theising, Steve Thomas, John Thomason, Chris Wischer, Ted Ziemer IV, and Seth Zirkle.

ONES TO WATCH

Brandon Curl, Hannah Dill, Nicholas Golding, Kristen Hahn, Joseph Harrison III, Derrick McDowell, Alyssa Ricker, Jordan Saner, Joshua Trockman, and Conner Voegel.


If you have been recognized but not listed above, please let us know at membership@evvbar.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE EBA

OCTOBER 2025

- 10/01 **Membership Dues Renewal mailed!**
CLE—Lunch with the Judges: Warrick County Edition (1 CLE) — Lunch at 11:30am, CLE at Noon, Tin Fish at 707 State Street, Newburgh - To register, call (812) 463-3201 (*Walk-ins will not be accommodated.*)
- 10/02 **CLE—Tools of the Trade: Using the Rules of Evidence** (2 CLE) — Lunch at 11:30am, CLE Noon-2:15pm, Civic Center Courts Building, Courtroom 219—[REGISTER](#)
Talk to a Lawyer—4:30-6:00pm, EBA Office—Contact max.happe@probonoindiana.org to volunteer!
- 10/07 **Appeals On Wheels: Oral Argument, Lunch and CLE** at Bosse High School—[REGISTER](#)
 Case synopsis: <https://events.in.gov/event/appeals-ivan-juhan-jones-v-state-of-indiana-25a-cr-518>
 10:00am—Doors Open
 10:30-11:30am—Argument
 11:45am-1:15pm—Lunch with the Judges and CLE "After the Argument"
- 10/09 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**—Lunch at 11:45am, Meeting at Noon, EBA Office
- 10/14 **Breakfast with the Bench & Bar**— No agenda, no CLE, just judges, lawyers and legal staff having breakfast together! Come by anytime 7:30-8:30am, EBA Office
CLE—The Roadmap for Addressing Attorney Shortage and Access to Justice: A Discussion on the ISBA Attorney Shortage Plan (1 CLE/1 Ethics) — Noon, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
EBA Paralegal and Legal Staff Section Meeting (with The Roadmap CLE) - Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office—[RSVP](#)
- 10/17 **EBA CME REPLAYS**—REGISTER at (812) 463-3201 or ashley@evvbar.org for all or just one! EBA Office or Zoom
 9:00am-Noon – (3 CLE/3 CME) Mediation Tips: You Can't Always Get What You Want...
 1:00-2:00pm – (1 CLE/1 CME) Probate and Trust Mediation and Litigation
 2:05-3:05 pm – (1 CLE/1 CME) Family Law: Mediating in High Conflict Cases
 3:10-4:10pm – (1 CLE/1 CME) Mental Health and Mediation
CLE—Government Transparency and Ethics: Professional Responsibility through the Lens of Public Access (1 CLE/1 Ethics) - Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/21 **Talk to a Lawyer**—11:30am-1:00pm, EBA Office—Contact max.happe@probonoindiana.org to volunteer!
- 10/22 **CLE—Lunch with the Prosecutors: Vanderburgh County Edition** (1 CLE) - Lunch at 11:30am, CLE Noon-1:00pm, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 10/23 **TRIVIA NIGHT!** Doors open at 5:30pm, Trivia at 6:00pm, Children's Museum of Evansville—Register your team HERE—<https://forms.gle/E8zWPG7bnQhCseY4A>
- 10/24 **CLE—Hot Topics for In-House Counsel** (IN and KY: 6 CLE/1 Ethics) - Light breakfast at 8:00am, CLE 8:25am-3:30pm, EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)

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WE ARE LIVE!

→ EBA LISTSERVE

EBA Listserves Are Now Live! — What You Need to Know

Q: What is a Listserve? A Listserve 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. (Please be mindful that all responses to that email will be sent to the entire group.)

Q: Am I subscribed? Possibly! If you're a member of an EBA section or committee, you've been automatically subscribed to the relevant Listserve.*

Q: What can I use the Listserve 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 Listserve address. For the Listserves 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 Listserve? email 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 and she'll get you added and subscribed.