

The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Yvette LaPlante

At 7:30 a.m.¹ on the second Thursday of every month, EBA members meet at the Donut Bank on Lincoln Avenue. We arrive a little groggy and a little frazzled from the unpredictability of our individual morning routines. And, as people who are in the course of fueling their bodies with caffeine are prone to do, we often jump from topic to topic. We wax poetic about life, swap war stories, and solve the world's problems. (Ask us how the student loan crisis should be managed; we have answers.)



Because December and the holidays are a reflective time for many, I offer the lessons below from this month's morning mixer.²

On finding the appropriate time to retire:

When you have enough and you have had enough. *—Susan Vollmer, repeating advice she had previously heard from another lawyer*

On life and basketball:

There's only one winner. Everyone else is a loser. And that's okay. Not everyone will be good at basketball. It's about the process. *—Ross Rudolph, attorney, mediator, former basketball coach*

In response to "How are you today, Judge?":

Reminded of Matthew 7:1. *---The Honorable Tom Capshaw³*

This month's mixer wasn't unique. While eating breakfast with my colleagues, I have also heard a myriad of stories about the lawyers of yore, many of whom seemed to love the law, mischief, and booze. I have been roped into a reading of Milton's *Paradise Lost*, which I became aware was a 17th-century epic poem, spanning over ten-thousand lines only after I agreed to read it. I have gotten advice on planning for long-term end of life illness. I also laughed until my sides hurt as Sacha Armstrong explained to me the pains of getting two middle school girls from home to school in the morning.

I could probably share a book full of anecdotes, quotes, and life lessons that I have been privy to through our monthly meetings, but I'm mindful of an important piece of advice I was given during this month's gathering:

Your Summation column should always be less than one page. *—Susan Vollmer*

If you're free the second Thursday of the month, stop in and say hello.

¹ This is a really loose start time. Some people mosey in around 9 a.m. to keep the rest of us from working.

² The quotes are from my memory, and subject to the flaws and constraints thereof. Particular apologies to Ross, who was much more eloquent than my quote would suggest.

³ The mixer's most frequent attendee from the bench often invokes Matthew 7:1: "Judge not, that ye be judged."

50 YEAR MEMBERS LUNCH

JANUARY 16

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LAS VEGAS ROOM

Join us as we recognize those who have been in practice for 50 years and welcome the newly admitted attorneys.

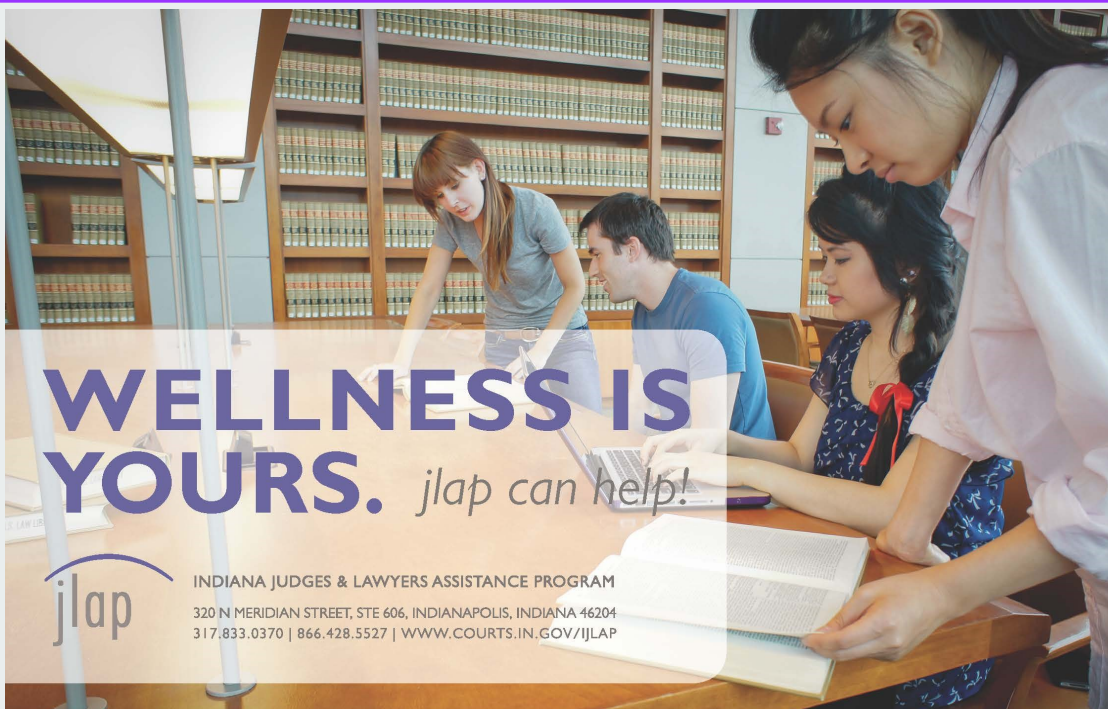
To make your reservation, go to evvbar.org, email Ashley at eba@evvbar.org or call (812) 463-3201.

VLP NEWS

By: Judge Smith and Magistrate Corcoran

Well, we have just completed our national celebration of thanksgiving and entered the hectic end of the year holiday period. Like many charities, VLP faces the same challenge at this time: many folks looking for help and many volunteers so overwhelmed with holiday activities that providing that help is a challenge. So, for those of you looking for some good Santa karma, please consider taking a case when Scott asks you to do so. Our staff works very hard to find legal resources short of full representation before coming to our volunteers so you know these clients really need the help of an attorney to fully prosecute their case appropriately. And, for those of you who just can't fit a case in this time of year, please consider seeking some future karma by going ahead and signing up for a Talk to a Lawyer Session (or two or three) or an in-person clinic for 2019. A sign-up sheet follows at the end of the Summation again this month.

We also want to congratulate the Evansville Bar Association, recipient of this year's Civic Education Award from the Indiana Bar Foundation. The Association will receive its award in Indianapolis on December 9th.



WELLNESS IS YOURS. *jlap can help!*



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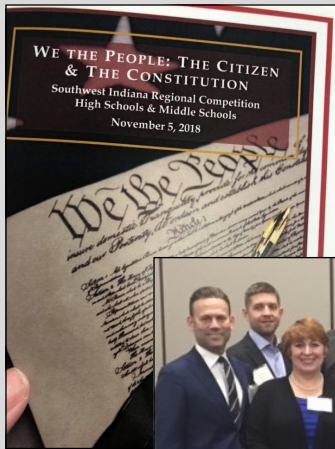
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Any contact you make with JLAP is held in the strictest of confidence under Rule 31 of the Indiana Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys. Whether you are calling because you need help yourself or because you are concerned for a friend or colleague, no one will know about your call unless you give your permission.

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WHO'S DOING WHAT?

Congratulations to **Tom Massey** of Massey Law Offices, LLC who was nominated to serve as a Director of the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum (ICLEF) for the November 2018 to November 2024 term. Tom previously served as a Director for ICLEF from 1999-2005. Tom also serves as a President of the Vanderburgh County Election Board.



EBA Members volunteered for the 2018 We The People: The Citizen & The Constitution competition. The event was held at the University of Southern Indiana on November 5.



Over 80 attorneys, CPA's, CFP's and insurance professionals from the region gathered at Tropicana on November 19 for the 29th Annual EBA Estate & Business Planning Institute. Thank you to the committee for organizing such a wonderful and informative event.

*Pictured: Steven Charles, Lindsay Charles and Lindsay Schmitt.
Not pictured: Katherine Rybak and Beau Dial.*

We want to know WHO'S DOING WHAT!

Email me news, updates and photos of professional achievements about you, your firm or other EBA Members to julie@evvbar.org by the 20th of each month to be included in the next Summation.

NOTE: Due to space constraints not all submissions will be included.

Bar Updates: Welcome new members **John Gaither**, **Carrie Lynn**, and **George Streib**

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Don't forget:
Find a full list of
upcoming CLE on
the website at
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COMMITTEE & SECTION MEETINGS

See PAGE 6 for all Committee and Section Meetings!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Boonville based small general practice firm seeking energetic motivated associate attorney with 0-5 years experience. Position involves courtroom work in a variety of areas of law, primarily criminal defense and family law. Salary commensurate with experience. Potential short track partnership/ownership opportunity for the right candidate. Send resume and cover letter to admin@martinlawyers.net.

Henderson, KY Public Defender Office - The Henderson KY Public Defender Office is in search of an entry-level Staff Attorney to join the criminal defense team in the Henderson Trial Office. *NOTE: Out-of-State attorneys may practice in Kentucky with a Limited License up to 18 months during which time, they must take and pass the Kentucky Bar Exam.*

To apply click on the title below:

[Staff Attorney I](#)

Application
Deadline: Dec 3
7:00 pm EST

Henderson, KY



Kelly Jackson,
President

Thus far, we have had a fabulous number of members of the Evansville Bar Association contribute to the Evansville Bar Foundation in 2018. Thank you! This is fantastic but we can do better. The more dollars contributed by EBA members equates to more dollars granted to organizations that support the mission of the EBF. Please strongly consider the EBF as part of your year-end giving. Happy Holidays!

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<https://evvbar.org/foundation.aspx>
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Other Donation

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New Attorney (0-3 Years)

Frank Mattingly
Olivia Robinson

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: VANDERBURGH LAW LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation that has been invaluable in keeping our high-quality legal research facility open to serve the courts, the bar, and the general public. Founded in 1982 under the leadership of the late Vanderburgh Circuit Court Judge William H. Miller, the Law Library Foundation has a dedicated board of directors constantly searching for new ways to enhance library services. This month the current Law Library Foundation President Erin Bauer will send a letter highlighting the many valuable benefits offered to members of the Law Library Foundation.

As one of only two county law libraries in the state of Indiana and the first to offer the services of a *pro se* coordinator, the Law Library provides access to legal resources to members of the public looking for help in dealing with a legal issue or concern for their family. Please respond generously to this opportunity to support the Law Library's work! Your membership contribution benefits not only your practice but also our community as a whole.

As always, I welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions. Please feel free to call me at (812)435-5175 or send me an email kweston@vanderburghcounty.in.gov.

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

HOW TO EFFICIENTLY HANDLE YOUR SMALL CLAIMS CASELOAD IN THE DIGITAL ERA - 1 CLE

STEVE HOAR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 04
NOON - EBA OFFICE

EBA Member \$30

Non-member \$50

To register call (812)463-3201, email eba@evvbar.org or click [here](#) to register online.

UNDERSTANDING AND WORKING WITH THE 2018 ELECTRONIC WILLS, TRUSTS AND POAs ACT - 1 CLE

JEFF DIBLE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 06
NOON - EBA OFFICE

EBA Member \$30

Non-member \$50

To register call (812)463-3201, email eba@evvbar.org or click [here](#) to register online.

DOES TRANSFERRING TITLE TRANSFER TROUBLE TO YOU? ETHICAL CONSIDERATION IN REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS - 1 ETHICS

SETH ZIRKLE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18
NOON - EBA OFFICE

EBA Member \$30

Non-member \$50

To register call (812) 463-3201, email eba@evvbar.org or click [here](#) to register online.

NEW LAWYER BOOTCAMP

3 CLE

VANDEBURGH COUNTY COURTHOUSE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019

1:25 pm	Welcome
1:30 pm	Circuit Court Procedure and Treatment Courts
1:50 pm	William H. Miller Law Library
2:00 pm	Civil Filing Procedure
2:15 pm	Family Law and Civil Law Practice
2:45 pm	Criminal Law Practice
3:05 pm	Break
3:15 pm	Small Claims
3:35 pm	Recorder's Office
3:55 pm	Probate Court
4:15 pm	Break - Walk to Federal Building
4:30 pm	Federal Court Practice, Proceedings and Filings
5:00 PM	Adjourn to The Rooftop

FREE for all EBA members 0-3 years in practice

EBA members \$90 (more than 3 years)

Non-members \$150

To register for CLE call (812) 463-3201 or email eba@evvbar.org.

WHY **EBA** CLE?
EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

CURRENT AVERAGE PRICE OF 6 CLE HOURS

ICLEF - \$375

NBI - \$359

EBA - \$180

OTHER ADVANTAGES OF EBA CLE

- Local Issues
- No Travel Expenses
- Great Speakers
- Lunch hour CLE

Did you know? Attorneys who speak at EBA CLE events get FREE CLE & generally receive 4x the speaking time in CLE credits.

Is there a topic you would like to learn about and/or speak about? If so, contact Julie at the EBA Office at (812) 463-3201 or julie@evvbar.org.

HOT TOPICS

Always fast and fun

3 CLE

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 07

GERMAN AMERICAN BANK

21 SE THIRD STREET

LOWER LEVEL

8:00AM

8:30AM

8:35AM

9:05AM

9:35AM

10:05AM

10:20AM

10:50AM

11:20AM

12:00PM

Registration and light breakfast

Introductions - Hon. R. Jeff Tornatta, Seminar Chair

Family Law Update - Molly Briles

Civil Law Update - Shawn Sullivan

Criminal Law Update - Shaunda Lynch

Break

What You Need To Know About The 2017 Tax Cut and Jobs Act - Mark Samila

Recent Changes in Collections Law: Point/Counterpoint Creditors' and Debtors' Perspective

Katherine Rybak and Steve Hoar

ABC's of Diversity and Inclusion - Tanisha Carothers

ADJOURN

EBA MEMBER \$100

NON-MEMBER \$150

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LAST CHANCE EBA REPLAYS

EBA Office at 915 Main Street, Suite 108

EBA Member \$30/hr or Non-member \$50/hr, unless noted

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Wednesday, December 5

Mediation Tips: You Can't Always Get What You Want, But With These Tips You Might Get What You Need (3 CLE/3 CME) - 9:00 AM

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Mediation (3 CLE/3 CME) - 12:30 PM

Tuesday, December 11

Anatomy of a Jury Trial (7 CLE) - 8:30 AM

Wednesday, December 12

Basics of Accounting for Lawyers: What Every Practicing Lawyer Needs to Know (1 CLE) - 8:30 AM

Small Claims Court for Those Who Don't Do Collections (1 CLE) - 10:00 AM

Appearing in Misdemeanor Court for Those Who Don't Practice Criminal Law (1 CLE) - 11:30 AM

Dealing With Bankruptcy Notices for Those Who Don't Practice Bankruptcy (1 CLE) - 1:00 PM

What You Need to Know About Immigration Law (if you are not an immigration attorney) (1 CLE) - 2:30 PM

Monday, December 17

Preparing Exhibits for Support, Education and Other Expenses (1 CLE) - 8:30 AM

Preparing Exhibits for Asset Divorces (1 CLE) - 10:00 AM

Preparing Exhibits for Custody Cases (1 CLE) - 11:30 AM

How to Obtain Confidential Records Concerning Mental Health, DCS and Education (1 CLE) - 1:00 PM

Wednesday, December 19

Special Considerations When Dealing with Military or Veteran Clients Estate Transactions (2 CLE) - 8:30 AM

Ethical Considerations for Solo/Small Firm Practitioners (1 ETHICS) - 11:00 AM

Fostering Civility in an Uncivil World (1 CLE) - 12:30 PM

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 12/04 **Family Law Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
How to Efficiently Handle Your Small Claims Caseload in the Digital Era (1 CLE),
 Noon - EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 12/06 **Business and Commercial Law Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
Understanding and Working with the 2018 Electronic Will, Trusts and POA's Act (1 CLE),
 Noon - EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
Talk To A Lawyer, 4:30-6:00 PM - EBA Office
Paralegal Section Holiday Party, 6 PM - Hacienda (First Avenue)
- 12/07 **Hot Topics (3 CLE)**, 8:00 AM registration; 8:30 AM start -
 German American Bank, Lower Level (Downtown) - [REGISTER](#)
- 12/13 **Morning Mixer**, 7:30 AM - Donut Bank (Hwy 41 and Lincoln Avenue)
- 12/14 **Women Attorneys Section Holiday Party**, 4:00 PM - Hacienda (First Avenue)
- 12/18 **Talk To A Lawyer**, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM - EBA Office
**Does Transferring Title Transfer Trouble To You? Ethical Considerations in
 Real Estate Transactions (1 ETHICS)**, Noon - EBA Office—[REGISTER](#)
- 12/24, 25 & 28 **EBA Office Closed** - Have a safe and happy holiday!

The Evansville Bar Association Office will not offer any CLE December 24, 2018 through January 4, 2019.

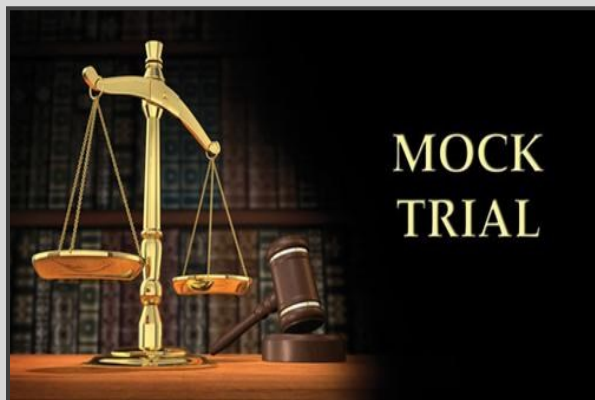
SAVE-THE-DATE

Regional Mock Trial

Saturday, February 16, 2019

In the past, the Young Lawyers Section of the Evansville Bar Association planned, organized, and hosted a local Mock Trial.

In 2019, the YLS and EBA are teaming up with the Indiana Bar Foundation to host the **first-ever** Evansville Regional Mock Trial Competition on **Saturday, February 16, 2019**.



In order to host the competition, we will need to secure volunteers to serve as presiding judges (one per court room) and scoring judges (three per court room). **Ideally we would like our local judges and magistrates to serve as the presiding judges and young lawyers to serve as the scoring judges.** At this point we do not know how many volunteers we will need, as team registration is still open.

Please contact Hannah Dill (Hannah.Dill@skofirm.com) if you are interested in serving as either a presiding judge or a scoring judge, or if you have any questions about the competition.

Stay tuned for more information!

ICLEF VIDEO REPLAYS

Go to the EBA [Calendar of Events](#) for 2019 ICLEF Video Replays

Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc.

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Volunteer for the EBA/VLP Talk-to-a-Lawyer Program

ATTORNEY/PARALEGAL NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

(E-mail to vlpwylie@sigecom.net, fax to 812.402.6304, or mail to the address above.)

Afternoon Talk-to-a-Lawyer on the First THURSDAY of the month – We need both attorneys and paralegals. Sign-up to help below:

_____ January 3, 2019 4:30 to 6:00	_____ February 7, 2019 4:30 to 6:00
_____ March 7, 2019 4:30 to 6:00	_____ April 4, 2019 4:30 to 6:00
_____ May 2, 2019 4:30 to 6:00	_____ June 6, 2019 4:30 to 6:00
_____ <u>XXXXXX</u> No July Session in 2019 (July 4 th)	_____ August 1, 2019 4:30 to 6:00
_____ September 5, 2019 4:30 to 6:00	_____ October 3, 2019 4:30 to 6:00
_____ November 7, 2019 4:30 to 6:00	_____ December 5, 2019 4:30 to 6:00

My firm would be interested in staffing one of these dates – please contact me to discuss.

Lunch-Time Talk-to-a-Lawyer on the Third TUESDAY of the month – We need both attorneys and paralegals. Sign-up to help below:

_____ January 15, 2019 11:30 to 1:00	_____ February 19, 2019 11:30 to 1:00
_____ March 19, 2019 11:30 to 1:00	_____ April 16, 2019 11:30 to 1:00
_____ May 21, 2019 11:30 to 1:00	_____ June 18, 2019 11:30 to 1:00
_____ July 16, 2019 11:30 to 1:00	_____ August 20, 2019 11:30 to 1:00
_____ September 17, 2019 11:30 to 1:00	_____ October 15, 2019 11:30 to 1:00
_____ November 19, 2019 11:30 to 1:00	_____ December 17, 2019 11:30 to 1:00

My firm would be interested in staffing one of these dates – please contact me to discuss.

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Talk to a Lawyer Session on January 21st – we need both attorneys and paralegals. Sign-up to help below:

_____ January 21, 2019 (Monday) from 11:30 to 1:00

- Please send me information on VLP's Family Law Clinics operated in partnership with the Law Library and typically held on the First and Third Thursday of each month from 11:00 to 1:00.
- Please send me information on VLP's In-Person Talk to a Lawyer Clinics operated in partnership with the Law Library and typically held on the Second and Fourth Thursday of each month from 11:00 to 1:00.
- I'm interested in participating in Homeless Connect, typically held in March. Please contact me with volunteer times when scheduled.

As always, thank you!