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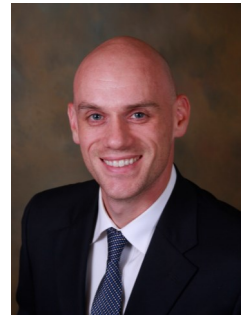
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Max Fiester**

"Moving Forward"

Sound bites are audio gold in radio, and sports talk radio is no exception. One show I listen to regularly plays the following sound bite from its host: "You just gotta move forward." In sports, this sentiment is often expressed after a particularly tough game. In life, however, I submit it is not limited to such "the bear got me" days. We are embarking on what has the makings of a historically significant year. Already there is a sharp divide between people who are looking forward to a radical change in government and others who feel they are "without hope". Issues are lined up that will affect all Americans, including attorneys, as their counsel is sought for help in addressing a client's changing circumstances. So, we should be ready.



I do not make New Year's Resolutions anymore. I think my initial boycott had something to do with not liking that I was "storing up" a change to make at the beginning of a year. Then, my effort to get traction for an "Arbor Day's Resolution" seemed to fall flat.... But making resolutions is (almost) always an effort to improve oneself, whether it's physical health, spiritual/emotional health, or improving the life of someone else. It is a decision to make a change for the better.

Whether you call it a resolution or not, what change can you make in your practice in 2017? Perhaps 2017 is the year you are going to explore a new practice area. Maybe it is a year that you decide to branch out in leadership of a professional or community organization. I have met with a few people over the last month who brought up the topic of growing their business or taking their skills in a new direction. I am a strong believer that asserting your desire to become more involved in organizations sets you apart from the typical member who is asked (or told) to serve on a committee. [Shameless plug: If there is a certain local bar association you are wanting to work with on a deeper level, it is ready to welcome you with open arms with an opportunity].

As 2017 begins, we also have the privilege to celebrate more attorneys reaching the milestone of practicing 50 years. What an accomplishment it is to practice that long! I sincerely hope you are able to join us on January 11, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the Tropicana Hotel to celebrate Phil Hayes, Jeff Lantz, and David Thomason. We will also be welcoming our new members, both new to the practice and new to town. As we begin 2017, it is also appropriate to pause and remember those who the EBA lost in 2016: Wes Bowers, George Porch, Jim Fields, Joe Harrison Sr., and Susan Helfrich. These were notable members of our proud association who will be missed.

As you reflect on 2016 and prepare for 2017, look to those opportunities that surround you, including the opportunity to mentor a younger lawyer or paralegal. Find a new opportunity. Pay attention to national and world events, and try to anticipate those issues that will come before you from that soon-to-be client or that existing keystone of your current practice. The EBA will be here for you with new CLE, but maybe 2017 is the year you come up with your own CLE to present.

Yes, there will be challenges. Some will be exciting, others will be daunting. Use lessons from the past, pay attention to the present, and plan for the future. And when you face difficulty, work through it with assurance that you can't expect everything to be easy. Remember, "You just gotta move forward."

EBA NEWS



The Memorial Service for **Susan Helfrich** will be held
Thursday, January 19, 2017 - Noon
 Randall T. Shepard Courtroom, Old Courthouse

VOLUNTEER LAWYER PROGRAM

Get Your Pro Bono On.... By Beverly Corn

The column usually has the by-line of Judge Smith and Magistrate Corcoran. However, I wanted to write this one. After 12 ½ years, I am stepping down from my position as plan administrator, something I am finding to be bittersweet. I am looking forward to whatever adventures lie ahead for me as a lawyer, woman and creative spirit. I will admit to being proud of the work that has been accomplished, yet I know bigger and better work is yet to take place. I have been privileged and honored to meet and work with so many people, including lawyers, judges, counselors, other service providers and clients. This work is rewarding and frustrating, all at the same time. For someone who has always had a reputation for being a "little unconventional", it has been a near perfect fit.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered, donated time and money, and even those who said no (you made me more determined). The judges who have served as chairs to this organization have been wonderful. The board of directors have been awesome. The Indiana Bar Foundation, who handles the IOLTA money and awards the grants, have been wonderfully generous and great comrades. The staff, who have come and gone, have taught me as much as I hope I taught them about the law and life. Being presented with the Randall T. Shepard Award for Excellence in Pro Bono, last month, was beyond words. Thank you, all. My successor has great plans and I know this organization will flourish. 2017 will be a great year. Get your pro bono on!

THANK YOU FROM KIGHTLINGER & GRAY - by Sacha Armstrong

At 9:30 Tuesday morning, Kightlinger sent out a call for help to the Women Attorneys and Diversity Sections of the EBA for a group of EVSC kids who had fallen through the system and would not be receiving Christmas presents or assistance over the holidays. We had few details other than ages and gender and only a few hours. The response that we received was instantaneous and absolutely amazing!



Your fellow members donated more than \$1000 in cash and 200 wrapped and un-wrapped toys and gifts. Berry Plastics, Gayle Gerling, Kahn Dees Donovan Kahn attorneys, BKD, Laura Nowinski and Magistrate Corcoran immediately donated both cash and checks. Kelly Jackson, with donations from Ziemer Staymen Weitzel & Shoulders, Erin Berger, Beth Burger (with her daughter), Charles and Elissa Hewins, Trisha Dudlo, Katrina Perkins, Krystal and Lou Lechner, Yvette LaPlante, Ross Rudolph, Greg Freyberger, Magistrate Fink shopped and delivered toys, blankets, and clothes. Legal Aid, the Parenting Time Center and Young and Established donated gifts that they collected. My sincere apologies to anyone who was left out. If anyone wanted to be kept anonymous ... well you know where to find me. I will apologize later.

The generosity and movement continued through the weekend. Laura Hiester shopped for an entire family that had not made previous lists on Thursday and included gifts for the mother who cried when they were delivered and could not believe that anyone would care enough to include a gift for her. Gifts were also delivered to a mother of three children under the age of five who lost her husband just a few weeks ago. The mother cried and asked, "Who would do this for me? They don't even know me?" Donations to the family included groceries and necessities to get them through the holiday break.

What an amazing community we have! You responded to a call for help immediately and we were able to reach more than 120 kids and families. Just think what we could do next year with a little planning!



WHO'S DOING WHAT?

Congratulations **Travis Clowers**, who was awarded "Law Enforcement Officer of the Year" by the Humane Society of the United States.

Congratulations to **Michele Bryant**, who will become the 50th president of Defense Trial Counsel of Indiana, and to DTCL board members **Gregory Freyberger & Christopher Lee**.

Congratulations to **Ryan Schulz** and **Joshua Gessling** on being named partner at Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP.

Congratulations to **Judge Keith Meier** for becoming a registered private judge in Indiana.

Scott Wylie Named New Staff Director/Plan Administrator of The Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana.

Scott has been involved with the VLP since 2007. This will be the first time the VLP will have a full time administrator. Scott will follow retiring plan administrator Beverly Corn, who recently received the Randall T. Shepard Award for Pro Bono Service for her years of service to the agency.

Established attorney seeking an office sharing arrangement with another attorney. Please direct all inquiries to Michelle Agostino Cox at michelle@michellecoxlaw.com.

Copier for Sale - Fast and reliable Kyocera 5501i copier purchased about 3 years ago for over \$8,000. It is a top of the line machine that wirelessly copies, scans, and prints in several different formats. It has been under a maintenance agreement and has had average use by 2 attorneys. Asking \$4,000. Business Equipment will move the copier for \$110 an hour and will be willing to continue its maintenance agreement. Contact **Katharine Jones** for more information. kjones@courtbldg.com

Bar Updates: Welcome new attorney members **Ryan Reed, Robin Craig, April Edwards** and **Kristi Blankenberger** to the Evansville Bar Association. Also, welcome back **Barry Blackard** and **Robert Rock**.

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Committee/Section Meetings

- 01/03 **Family Law Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 01/10 **EBF Finance Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBF Office
- 01/16 **Shepard Lecture Planning Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 01/18 **Membership Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 01/25 **CLE Committee Meeting**, 11:45 am - Lic's Deli
- 01/26 **EBF Development Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBF Office
- 01/31 **Communications Committee Meeting**, 8:15 am - EBA Office



Javier Lugo,
President



I want to take this moment to thank everyone who recently donated to the Evansville Bar Foundation in Susan Helfrich's memory. Susan served our community through her role as the Executive Director of the Evansville Bar Association and by assisting in the formation of the Evansville Bar Foundation. Through your donations in her name, you are ensuring that Susan's efforts with the Foundation won't be forgotten and will be felt for generations to come.

With that being said, I'd like to request that you keep the Evansville Bar Foundation in mind when considering your future estate planning. Every year, the Evansville Bar Foundation awards grants to local organizations who aim to promote justice and improve lives through the law. Grants to these organizations would not have been possible without the generosity of Evelyn Sanders, widow of John Sanders, when she decided to give generously to what became the Evansville Bar Foundation in 1999.

Our Bar has so many wonderful attorneys who look forward to doing good every day that they step into a Courtroom or meet with a client. If you're looking for another way of doing good, please consider the Foundation in your estate planning just like The Sanders and Susan Helfrich did.

Special Thanks to the following for donations made in memory of Susan Helfrich

Diane Bender	Garland Cravens	Hon. Randall T. Shepard
Marjorie Blalock	EBA	Pat Shoulders
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Community Foundation Alliance	William Hussmann	John Whinrey
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Thank You

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LAW LIBRARY NEWS JANUARY 2017

Thanks to everyone who supported the William H. Miller Law Library during 2016. Thanks to you, Vanderburgh County still has a law library which serves the courts, bar, and public of Evansville and the surrounding tri-state area.

I look forward to serving you in 2017. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, please call 812-435-5175 or email evvlaw@evansville.net (the Law Library's email address for the past twenty years!)

Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous 2017,

Helen Reed, Law Librarian

WHAT'S COMING UP

Register online at www.evvbar.org, email eba@evvbar.org or call Jeana at 812-463-3201

MEMBERS LUNCH

JANUARY 11, 2017

NOON

TROPICANA HOTEL

Join us in honoring our 50 year practitioners Phil Hayes, Jeff Lantz, and David Thomason. We will also be welcoming all members admitted in 2016.

Cost is \$15 for EBA Members
Free for 50+ years &
2016 admitted members

Underwritten by:



New Lawyer Boot Camp - 3 CLE

Wednesday, January 11

1:30 pm - Vanderburgh County Courts

Free for EBA Members 0-3 years in practice

Register online at www.evvbar.org; email

eba@evvbar.org or call 812-463-3201

3 WAYS TO LEARN ABOUT E-FILING

Nuts & Bolts of E-filing in Indiana (with Doxpop)

1.50 CLE

Friday, February 3, 2017, Noon

Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn Lower Level Conference Room.

Paralegals/Support Staff \$35, EBA Members \$45, Non-members \$75.

E-filing Training with the State Court Administration

1 CLE

Friday, February 10, 2017, Noon

Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn Lower Level Conference Room.

Paralegals/Support Staff \$25, EBA Members \$30, Non-members \$50.

In addition to the above, there will be a section on E-filing during the Dialogue Between the Bench and Bar CLE to be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 8:30 pm - 4: 15pm at the Evansville Country Club. There will also be several vendors on hand to offer demos and answer questions at this event.

Women Attorneys Chocolate Night

5:00 pm

February 8

Evansville

Country Club



Mingling starts at 5:00pm; Drink demonstration with Scott Wylie and goodies served at 5:30pm

AND thanks to the generosity of Julie Weyer of Lifetime Financial Growth, Chocolate Dessert and a signature drink are FREE!

We do need RSVP's - RSVP to eba@evvbar.org or 463.3201



JUSTICE SLAUGHTER

March 14, 2017

Evansville Country Club

\$200 for members

\$325 for non-members

Register [here](#) or at eba@evvbar.org

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2017 Dialogue Between the Bench and Bar

6.5 CLE/2 Ethics/ 1 CME

8:00 am Registration

8:30 am **Criminal Law Update:** Hon. Robert Pigman and Mark Foster**Civil Law Update:** SSI/SSD - Administrative Law Judge and Workman's Comp - Andy Ward9:30 am **Federal Court Update:** Hon. Richard Young and Magistrate Matthew Brookman**Family Law Custody Evaluations:** Kathryn Kornblum and Amy Brandsasse

10:30 am Break

10:45 am **Hollywood Ethics** - Hon. Gary Miller11:45 am **Vendor Break and Lunch**

Justice Slaughter will speak 12:25 - 12:55

1:00 pm **E-Filing** - Hon. William Hughes and Hon. Mary Margaret Lloyd2:00 pm **Criminal Psych Evaluations:** (competency) - Dr. David Cerling and Hon. Robert Pigman**Civil Mediation: (CME Credit)** Dealing with Difficult People, Personalities and Predicaments - Ross Rudolph

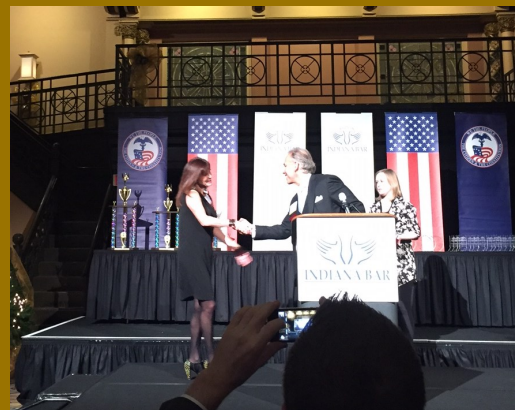
3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm **The Ethics of Wrongful Convictions** - Professor Fran Watson

4:15 pm Adjourn



Scott Wiley & Max Fiester after being inducted as "Life Fellows" by the Indiana Bar Foundation



Beverly Corn being awarded the Randall T. Shepard Excellence in Pro Bono Award by the Indiana Bar Foundation

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 01/03 **Family Law Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 01/05 **Talk to a Lawyer**, 4:30 pm - EBA Office
- 01/10 **EBF Finance Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBF Office
- 01/10 **Young Lawyer Section Give Back Day** - Evansville Rescue Mission
- 01/11 **EBA 50 Year Practitioner Recognition & New Members Luncheon**, Noon - Tropicana Hotel
- 01/11 **New Lawyer Boot Camp 3 CLE**, 1:30 pm - Vanderburgh County Court
- 01/12 **Morning Mixer**, 7:30ish am - Donut Bank Hwy 41 and Lincoln Ave.
- 01/12 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**, 11:30 am - EBA Office
- 01/16 **Shepard Lecture Planning Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 01/16 **MLK Diversity Committee Talk to a Lawyer**, 4:30 pm - EBA Office
- 01/18 **Membership Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 01/19 **Susan Helfrich Memorial Service**, Noon - Old Courthouse, Randall T Shepard Courtroom
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ICLEF VIDEO REPLAYS

For reservations, pricing, or to verify credits or content for the ICLEF video replays, please contact ICLEF at 317.637.9102

- 01/09 **9 Ancillary Issues in Personal Injury Litigation**, 9 am - EBA Office
- 01/16 **MBA Concepts for Lawyers**, 9 am - EBA Office
- 01/23 & 24 **2016 Year in Review**, 9 am - EBA Office

TALK TO A LAWYER - 2017

Co-sponsored by the Volunteer Lawyer Program of Southwestern Indiana, Inc.
and the Evansville Bar Foundation

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Talk to A Lawyer takes place the first Thursday of every month (with a couple exceptions). Participating lawyers are asked to donate two and a half hours to answer general questions posed by the general public about legal issues. The call-in site is located at the Evansville Bar Association, 401 SE 6th Street, Suite 101, Evansville, Indiana. Please let us know that you will volunteer!

2 Paralegal volunteers are needed every month, too!

Name and Attorney I.D. No.: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

_____ January 5, 2017, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

_____ August 3, 2017, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

_____ February 2, 2017, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

_____ September 7, 2017, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

_____ March 2, 2017, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

_____ October 5, 2017, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

_____ April 6, 2017, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

_____ November 2, 2017, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

_____ May 4, 2017, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

_____ December 7, 2017, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

_____ June 1, 2017, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

_____ July 6, 2017, 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Please return complete form to VLP, 915 Main Street, Suite 208 Evansville, Indiana, fax to (812) 402-6304 or email to vlpwyllie@sigecom.net, as soon as possible.

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