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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's nomination time!

There were few dull moments during the month of January for the EBA. We started with our annual member's lunch honoring those who have practiced law for 50 years and introducing the EBA's new members. Then, we moved into the EBA's new office, which was followed by the bittersweet news that we must replace our steward and friend, Susan Vollmer.



By: Clay Havill

The EBA open house was the perfect opportunity to thank Susan for her service and highlight the great work that she and Jeana Walker did to make our new office look exceptional. We had a great turnout for the open house – a special thanks to each of you who attended.

Looking forward, the EBA will continue its time-honored tradition by holding the annual awards luncheon on March 21, 2018. Each year the EBA recognizes four individuals for their outstanding service during the preceding year. It is important that we continue to nominate candidates worthy of selection, and the following is a brief summary of each award:

James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award. Named in honor of the Evansville native believed to be the first American soldier to have given his life in combat during World War I. The award recognizes those individuals who have elevated respect for the law, promoted freedom, or otherwise furthered the ideals espoused by Law Day.

Doran Perdue EBA Service Award. This award was established to honor an EBA member who provided outstanding service on an EBA project, section or committee. It is named in honor of former EBA President, Doran Perdue, who helped transform the EBA into what it is today.

EBA Outstanding Paralegal. Established in 2009, the award honors a current member of the Paralegal Section, who actively participates in the section and provides outstanding legal service to the Evansville legal community. Additional selection standards include the candidate's efforts to promote and enhance the profession and in helping others through his/her work in the community.

The Florence Britzius Award. Named in honor of Florence Britzius, who served as John Sanders' legal secretary for 52 of her 60 years of service. Ms. Britzius was the first president of the Evansville Legal Secretaries Association and Indiana Legal Secretaries Association, both of which she established. Requirements for the award include a minimum of ten years of service and distinguished service as a legal secretary.

Nominations for each award are due by **February 15, 2018**. Please nominate an individual you believe to be qualified and deserving of the honor. We all know someone that is worthy of a nomination. Nominations forms can be found <u>Here.</u>

EVANSVILLE RAR ASSOCIATION

Thank You to the Best Bar in the State!

By Susan Vollmer

This is my last Summation as executive director of the EBA. I am truly proud to have served you for the past almost 10 years. The EBA ended 2017 with the highest membership ever (562) at a time when associations across the country have seen their numbers dropping for the past several years. During my tenure, I have been lucky enough to serve 10 different presidents and boards of both the EBA and EBF and been amazed at their dedication to the betterment of the EBA, the legal profession and our community as a whole. I have been able to be a part of the creation of and dedicated work of the access to justice, communication and membership committees. I have been able to participate in the progress of the diversity committee and watched the quality and quantity of EBA CLE increase significantly. While I may not miss planning another law day or formatting another Summation, I will miss you all very much. Never doubt how special and unique this organization is. I feel lucky to call many of you my friends and look forward to watching how the EBA continues to surpass itself, as it will always be the best damn bar association in the state!

VLP News

By: Judge Smith and Magistrate Corcoran

As the members of the Evansville Bar Association celebrate the extraordinary work that Susan Vollmer has done during her time as EBA Executive Director, the Board and volunteers of VLP want to recognize a part of her job many may not know. Since her first day as Executive Director, Susan has served as a board member and officer of VLP, for many years serving as our treasurer. Her commitment to access to justice for all continued a long tradition of the EBA's Executive Director being a statewide leader of the pro bono movement, and Susan has helped take our local program to new heights. So, if you are looking for a way to honor Susan's tenure with the finest bar association in Indiana, consider some of the following options. Volunteer for our twice monthly Talk To A Lawyer program or our thrice monthly family law clinics at the Law Library. Maybe consider helping at a VITA session at the Legal Aid Society or joining our friends at Indiana Legal Services at Homeless Connect. Of course, the greatest need for volunteers is actually accepting a case into your practice on a pro bono basis. Reach out to Scott Wylie at vlpwylie@sigecom.net or 812.402.6303 to join our work.

Save the Date/ Call for Volunteers:

The Young Lawyers Section is hosting the **annual High School Mock Trial Competition** on **Thursday**, **April 19, 2018**, from 8:00 a.m. until noon at the Vanderburgh County Courthouse.

The YLS is in need of 20 attorneys to volunteer to serve as coaches/mentors for the mock trial teams. Volunteers will be expected to review the mock trial packet and then meet with their teams1-2 times (generally during normal school hours) prior to the competition. Volunteers also will "coach" their teams on the day of the competition and are encouraged to attend the student luncheon afterwards.

Please email Hannah Dill (<u>Hannah.dill@skofirm.com</u>) if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions.

LAWYERS LUNCH CLUB

The next Lawyers Lunch Club will run March - May. If you would like to join in on the fun, let us know at eba@evvbar.org or 812.463.3201,

by February 21.

*Even if you have participated before please re-sign up so we only include those who still want to be a part of the club.



WHO'S DOING WHAT?

Congratulations to **Steven M. Theising** for being named a partner at Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn.

Committee & Section Meetings

02/06 Solo/Small Firm Section Meeting, 5:00 pm -Bru Burger

02/07 Women Attorneys Section Meeting, 5:00pm -Evansville Country Club

02/08 EBF Finance Committee Meeting, Noon -Morgan Stanley Offices

02/21 **Probate Section Meeting**, Noon pm - EBA

Office

02/28 **CLE Committee Meeting**, 11:45am - EBA

Office

Bar Updates: Welcome new attorney member Seth Zirkle.

Please make the following changes and additions to your address book:

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Be sure to get your award nominations in for all the deserving attorneys, paralegals and legal secretaries by February 15!

BAR @ the Bar

5:00 pm

FFBRUARY 15 PEEPHOLE BAR & GRILL

First Round hosted by Patrick Duff









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Allyson Breeden,

President

he EBF reviewed the investment performance of our endowment at our most recent board meeting. We are happy to report that our investments returned a 13.88% percent profit in 2017 – the largest percent return in several years. That, along with your generous donations, will allow the EBF board to award more dollars in grant money this grant cycle. Please continue to include the EBF in your 2018 giving plan. You can donate online Here.

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: NEW ONLINE RESOURCE

As of January 11, 2018, the Law Library has two public computers that offer online access to legal research for members of our legal community and the public through the Lexis Advance platform. The available resources include federal and state agency and administrative materials such as administrative code, cases, directories, secondary materials, and statutes and legislation. This service is available in the Law Library only. There is no charge to search, though printouts will be charged at current photocopier rates.

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).



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New Attorney (0-3 Years)

Carrie Roelle

Frank Mattingly

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Night of Chocolate

Wed, February 07

5:00 pm Mingling

5:30 pm Chocolates served

Evansville Country Club

Thanks to the generosity of **Lifetime Financial Growth and Julie Weyer**, Chocolate Dessert and a signature chocolate drink are **FREE!!**

12/1010 at eba@evvbar.org



Be sure to also SAVE the DATE for the May 2 Women Attorney Section Professional Development Program:
The Grit Project. More information to come.

THE NEW TAX LEGISLATION & HOW IT WILL AFFECT YOUR CLIENTS - 1 CLE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 06

NOON - EBA OFFICE

Family Law or Real Property Section Members \$25

EBA Members \$30

Non-members \$50

To register for CLE call 812-463-3201, email eba@evvbar.org or click here to register online.

SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA BANKRUPTCY CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, MARCH 1

EBA OFFICE

4 CLE

Creditor session (No CLE) 9:00am -12:00pm

Attorney session (4 CLE) 1-5:15 pm

Business & Commercial Law Section Members for attorney session \$100

EBA Members for attorney session \$120

Non-members for attorney session \$200

Creditor Session an Additional \$25

To register call 812-463-3201, email eba@evvbar.org or click here to register online.

Agenda

- 1:00 **Update from the Court and the Clerk**. Hon. Robin Moberly, Chief Judge, Bankruptcy Court and Kevin Dempsey, Clerk for Southern District
- 2:00 **Really Big Chapter 7s: ITT and Integra Bank** Deb Caruso, Chapter 7 Trustee
- 2:45 On the Cusp: Agricultural Bankruptcies in 2018
 Karen Lobring, Lobring and Associates
- 3:15 Break
- 3:30 **Judicial Estoppel in Bankruptcy Court**William Harbison
- 4:00 Ten Years From Now: The Future of Consumer Bankruptcy Panel Discussion

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER - 1 CLE

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

NOON - FBA OFFICE

EBA Members \$30

Non-members \$50

To register for CLE call 812-463-3201, email eba@evvbar.org or click here to register online.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

02/01	Special Meeting of the EBA Board of Directors, Noon - EBA Office
02/01	Talk to a Lawyer, 4:30 pm - EBA Office
02/06	The New Tax Legislation and How it Will Affect Your Clients 1 CLE, Noon - EBA Office
02/06	Solo/Small Firm Section Meeting, 5:00 pm - Bru Burger
02/07	Women Attorneys Section Chocolate Night, 5:00pm - Evansville Country Club
02/08	Morning Mixer, 7:30am - Donut Bank
02/08	EBF Finance Committee Meeting, Noon - Morgan Stanley Offices
02/12	Estate Planning Institute Planning Meeting, 8:00am - EBA Office
02/12	Shepard Lecture Series Planning Meeting, Noon - EBA Office
02/13	EBA Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 am - EBA Office
02/15	EBF Board of Directors Meeting, Noon - EBF Office
02/15	Bar @ The Bar Social Gathering, 5:00 pm - Peephole
02/20	Talk to a Lawyer, 11:30 am - EBA Office
02/21	Probate, Elder Law & Guardianship Section Meeting, Noon - EBA Office
02/28	CLE Committee Meeting, 11:45am - EBA Office

ICLEF VIDEO REPLAYS

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

- 02/05 Worker's Compensation, 9:00 am EBA Office
- 02/12 Midwest IP Summit, 9:00 am EBA Office
- 02/26 Mergers & Acquisitions, 9:00 am EBA Office