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### March 2018

The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

#### 915 Main Street, Suite 108

Evansville, IN 47708

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### Introducing our new Executive Director

Director of the Evansville Bar Association. Many of you already stopped by the EBA office to introduce yourself to Julie, and I hope many more will be able to meet her over the coming weeks. Julie made it clear that her first priority during the next couple of months is to meet as many of our 562 members as possible. A little more about Julie....

ulie Moore Holtz was recently hired as the next Executive

Born and raised in Evansville, Julie is a 1993 graduate of Mater Dei High School. In 1999, she graduated from the University of Southern Indiana with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications with an emphasis in Public Relations.

Before coming to work for the EBA and Evansville Bar Foundation, Julie spent 5 years at Leadership Evansville as the Director of Operations and Executive Assistant. Prior to her work at Leadership Evansville, Julie spent nearly 12 years as the Executive Administrator for Woodward Commercial Realty, Inc., and Woodward Development & Construction, Inc. Her position included working closely with real estate agents on real estate transactions and development projects in Evansville and Newburgh. And, she was the executive assistant to the president and vice president.

Julie brings with her to the EBA and EBF vast expertise in communications, public and client relations, and event and project management. She likewise is adept at fiscal administration and fund development, oversight of board and executive work, organizational operations, and developing and sustaining community relationships.

Julie lives in Evansville with her husband, Brian, daughters, Ella and Maggie, and son, Nicholas.

#### JUST FOR FUN:

Favorite Food – thin and crispy crust pepperoni pizza (Spankey's Una Pizza, specifically)

Free time – usually spent with friends and family laughing and enjoying the time; watching Fixer Upper or Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives!

- Favorite Sports team St. Louis Cardinals
- Most recent vacation Vermont...and it was FABULOUS!
- Favorite place to visit that she could live someday Brown County, Indiana

I know each of you will do everything possible to make Julie feel welcome over the next few months. The transition she is undertaking was never going to be easy and Julie is the first to admit there are big shoes to fill – but she is up to the challenge and we should do all we can to support her. After all, in my opinion, respect and comradery remain the key strengths of our association.

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EVANSVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION



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#### **Bv: Julie Moore Holtz**

Fourteen business days ago, I walked into the Evansville Bar Association office to begin a new career as the Executive Director.

In these 14 days, I have observed board meetings for EBA and EBF; come to know the significance of Law Day; experienced the Talk to a Lawyer program; learned the difference between a Section and a Committee; met too many people to remember; gone line-by-line through budgets; been welcomed by Directors from Bar Associations throughout the region; and, taken in years of information and history. I even got to listen to a conversation with a former Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court. (I may have gotten goosebumps when I saw the name come across the display on the phone!)

For 14 days, I have left the office exhausted, reflecting on the events of the day, overwhelmingly excited for the opportunities and possibilities that lie ahead.

In these 14 days, I have come to feel pride in an amazing organization that is 107 years old and has over 550 members and a sense of pride that I have been asked to help carry on the mission of EBA – to enhance the practice of law, cultivate professional excellence, promote high ethical standards and uphold the honor of the profession.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve the Evansville Bar Association. I look forward to the many experiences to come!

## **VIP** News

#### By: Judge Smith and Magistrate Corcoran

As we wished Susan Vollmer well last month and thanked her for her long service to the Volunteer Lawyer Program (which luckily she will be continuing in private practice), we want to express a warm welcome to new EBA Executive Director Julie Moore Holtz. The Executive Director of the EBA has been a driving force for pro bono and public service in the legal community statewide for over 25, years and we know Julie will continue that fine tradition. Welcome.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteer attorneys and paralegals from 2017. The list which follows represents our EBA Members and District K Volunteers who contributed 50 or more hours of pro bono service last year. These individuals closed matters or did direct clinical or other services totaling 3,597 hours. In the private market these efforts would be valued at \$629,475. Thank you: BEVERLY CORN, GARLAND CRAVENS, STEVE CULLEY, RAYMOND DUDLO, MARK FOSTER, KEVIN HALTER, TONYA HOSFORD, BRIAN JOHNSON. DAVID JONES, LAUREN JONES, YVETTE KIRCHOFF, JEFF KOLB, KATHRYN KORNBLUM ZELLE, KELLY LONNBERG, MARK MILLER, DAVID ROELLGEN, KATHERINE RYBAK, TRACY THREAD, CHARLES TRAYLOR, KEITH WALLACE, SUSAN WILKIE, and SCOTT WYLIE. All attorneys in District K who volunteer 50 or more hours in a year receive a 20% discount on most EBA and ICLEF CLE trainings as additional thanks for their efforts. For information or to report hours we missed, please contact Scott Wylie at vlpwylie@sigecom.net.

### **EBA-VLP MEMBERS LUNCH** TROPICANA MARCH 21 WALNUT ROOM A NOON Don't miss the annual awards and support staff appreciation event. Please bring your legal and support staff to enjoy this wonderful event! \$15 Generously underwritten by: LexisNexis

RSVP eba@evvbar.org or 812.463.3201



WHO'S DOING WHAT? Women Attorneys Section Chocolate Night



## Tired of high overhead and endless partners' meetings?

Local experienced attorneys who enjoy practicing law have created a low-cost, lowstress platform for productive attorneys seeking a better practice model. With beautiful offices and the best view in the City, and efficient, experienced staff, we have space for partners or "of counsel" attorneys. Arrangements negotiable and all inquiries kept discreet and confidential.

Contact David Jones

(812) 402-1600

Bar Updates: Welcome new members **Yvonne Carter** Elizabeth Wiegman.

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

#### Elizabeth Wiegman

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#### Committee & Section Meetings

- 03/06 Family Law Section Meeting, Noon EBA Office
- 03/06 Solo/Small Firm Section Meeting, 5 pm Doc's
- 03/13 Paralegal Section Meeting, Noon EBA Office
- 03/15 Young Lawyer Section Lunch, Noon RiRa's Irish Pub
- 03/19 Diversity Committee Meeting, Noon EBA Office
- 03/28 CLE Committee Meeting, 11:45 am EBA Office

#### Lawyers Lunch Club has

**begun!** If you signed up, be on the lookout for an email from your group coordinator.



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

Vanderburgh Superior Court, CHINS Drug Court program is searching for an attorney to join the Drug Court Team. This is a volunteer position and involves approximately 2-3 hours a week. For more information and to submit a letter of interest, contact Heather Woods, CHINS Drug Court Director at <u>hmwoods@vanderburghgov.org</u> or Beverly Corn, at <u>bcorn@evvlo.com</u>.

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#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS?** 

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**EVANSVILLE BAR FOUNDATION** 

Allyson Breeden, President

The mission of the EBF is to promote justice and improve lives through the law. This is done by encouraging and supporting programs designed to promote a public understanding and awareness of the law; supporting an improved delivery of legal services; promoting activities to enhance the performance of the practicing lawyers' professional qualifications and ethical responsibilities; and advancing and promoting the administration of justice primarily through grant awards and volunteer time.

#### If you are interested in serving on the EBF Board of Directors, please submit a letter of interest to:

Evansville Bar Foundation at 915 Main Street, Suite 108, Evansville, Indiana 47708 or e-mail julie@evvbar.org, no later than April 20, 2018

## LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: MOBILE PRINTING

Members of the Vanderburgh Law Library Foundation are now able to print from their smart phones using an app for the copier/ printer. Please see the law librarian for assistance setting up your phone the first time; it does take time to set up. But once set up is complete, members are ready to print using their user codes. This service is available in the Law Library for Foundation members only, and printing costs remain the same as 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 (<u>kweston@vanderburghcounty.in.gov</u>).



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#### New Attorney (0-3 Years)

Frank Mattingly

#### Other Donation

Max Fiester Kathryn Kornblum

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ANNUAL "BREAKFAST WITH THE JUDGE" THURSDAY, MAY 17 7:30AM - BREAKFAST 8:00AM - START YWCA PARLOR ROOM 1 CLE

## The annual "Breakfast with the Judge," featuring the Honorable Basil Lorch, III

Business and Commercial Law Section Members - \$30

EBA Members - \$35

Non-members - \$50

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

#### SAVE the DATE

May 2 Women Attorney Section Professional Development Program: The Grit Project. More information to come.

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY FOR THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER - 1 CLE

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

NOON - EBA OFFICE

EBA Members \$30

Non-members \$50

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

## SO YOUR CLIENT THINKS THEY ARE BUYING A House? Leases VS. Rent to own VS. Contract Purchase

TUESDAY, APRIL 24 NOON

EBA OFFICE

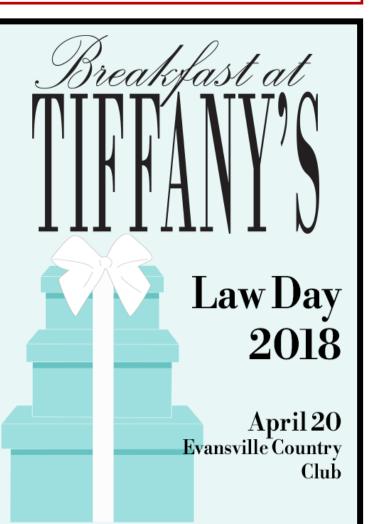
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Real Estate Section Member - \$25

EBA Members - \$30

Non-members - \$50

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## EVANSVILLE WOMEN IN LAW - SACHA ARMSTRONG

March is Women's History Month. This year's theme is "Nevertheless, She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women." (National Women's History Project, http://www.nwhp.org.) National Women's History Week was first recognized in February 1980 by Presidential Proclamation declaring the Week of March 8th 1980 as National Women's History Week. States soon began to recognize Women's History Week and Month. In 1987, Congress declared March as National Women's History Month in perpetuity. A special Presidential Proclamation is issued every year which honors the extraordinary achievements of American women. To learn more about Women's History Month, visit <a href="http://www.nwhp.org/womens-history-month/womens-history-month-history/">http://www.nwhp.org/womens-history-month/womens-history-month/womens-history-month-history/</a>

Many of us take women in the practice of law for granted. Today, women are graduating from law schools at nearly the same rate as men. However, barring women from practicing law was not actually prohibited in the U.S. until 1971. Before that, states could prohibit women from the practice even if they graduated from law school and passed the bar. In 1980, only 20 percent of the attorneys in the U.S. were female, and there were 12 women that practiced in Evansville. (Marilou Berry, City's 12 female jurists typify trend, The Sunday Courier and Press, Mar. 23, 1980.) Today, women make up almost one-third of the attorneys practicing in our Bar.

In honor of some of the women who have left their mark on the EBA and opened the doors for the rest of us, below is a history of Women in the Law in Evansville.

**1893** - Tamar Althouse Scholz graduated from IU and became the first woman to practice law in Evansville.

1928 -Ruth Rosenthal became the first woman admitted to membership in the Evansville Bar Association.

**1938** - Jane Walden became the first woman to have an established solo practice in Evansville. She opened her private practice after working for one week for a firm that expected her to answer the phones, take shorthand and type their forms.

**1967** -Donna R. Hagedorn was hired as the director of the Legal Aid Society of Evansville, Inc., making her the first woman LAS attorney in the state of Indiana.

**1979** - Sue Ann Hartig was appointed Commissioner of the Vanderburgh Circuit Court, becoming the first woman in Vanderburgh County to serve as a judicial officer.

**1982** - Autumn Newsome was the first African American woman to practice in Evansville.

**1983** -Michelle Link was appointed as the first full time referee in Vanderburgh Superior Court, Misdemeanor Division.

**1984** -Sheila Corcoran become a partner at the law firm of Berger and Berger and was the first woman to become a partner in an Evansville law firm.

**1992** -Diane Bender was elected President of the Evansville Bar Association, becoming the first woman President.

1992 -Beverly K. Corn was appointed as the first female Magistrate in Vanderburgh Circuit Court.

**1997** -Women in law Committee (later renamed Women Attorneys Section) was formally established by the Evansville Bar Association with Michelle Cox serving as the first Committee Chair.

**2001** -Hon. Mary Margaret Lloyd was elected as the first woman judge in the Vanderburgh Superior Court.

# March Calendar

03/01	Southwestern Indiana Bankruptcy Conference, 9:00 am - EBA Office
03/01	Talk to a Lawyer, 4:30 pm - EBA Office
03/06	Family Law Section Meeting, Noon - EBA Office
03/06	Solo/Small Firm Section Meeting, 5:00 pm - Doc's on Stringtown Road
03/08	EBA Morning Mixer, 7:30 am - Donut Bank 41 & Lincoln
03/08	EBA Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 am - EBA Office
03/13	Paralegal Section Meeting, Noon - EBA Office
03/15	Young Lawyer Section Lunch, Noon - RiRa's Irish Pub
03/19	Diversity Committee Meeting, Noon - EBA Office
03/20	Talk to a Lawyer, 11:30 am - EBA Office
03/21	The EBA-VLP Awards Luncheon, Noon - Tropicana Conference Center
03/22	Intellectual Property for the General Practitioner, Noon - EBA Office
03/28	CLE Committee Meeting, 11:45 am - 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 03/05 120 Hot Tips in Estate, Trust and Probate Practice, 9:00 am - EBA Office 03/12 The Business of Law, 9:00 am - EBA Office