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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Max Fiester**

### Spring Forward...In More Ways Than One

It wasn't bad at all. We did not need to leave the house until 9:15 a.m., so we were prepared to let the children sleep until 8:30 that morning, which their little internal clocks would tell them was actually 7:30. But the usual required ripping open of window shades, resulting in vampire-like screeches and hisses as daylight streamed into their darkened rooms, were not necessary. Everyone was up before the appointed hour.



Springing forward is an annual signal that change is on the way. Temperatures will rise, trees will blossom, and sidewalks will be just a little busier. Perhaps you find yourself in a better mood in the spring. We tend to welcome the change and look forward to what spring has to offer.

Recently I attended the Bench & Bar's day-long seminar at Evansville Country Club. It was a very well-run program that produced multiple jubilant attendees who obtained their annual CLE minimum in one day. I heard comments from fellow attendees on several occasions in the days following, a sure sign that they had not merely attended, but had participated. I recall Justice Slaughter speaking over lunch about change. Specifically, the upcoming retirement of Justice Rucker will mean the entire Indiana Supreme Court will have turned over in only seven years. Change often brings short periods of uncertainty as relationships are built, explored, and solidified. The practice of law is not exempt from this historical trend.

I might suggest Spring 2017 brings more change than its average predecessor. Perhaps the most significant change in our daily legal practice is E-Filing. Those who actively avoided it, your time is up. However, I have good news. It really isn't as scary as you feared. There are multiple sources of information online to walk you through this change. I do believe that at some point in the not-to-distant future, the overwhelming consensus will be that the change improved the practice of law.

The City of Evansville is in a period of robust change as well. The revitalization of Haynie's Corner is a great example (shout out to my particular Lawyer's Lunch Club crew and the recent lunch we had at Walton's). Closer to downtown, I attended a breakfast meeting at the Doubletree hotel in March. I had the opportunity to explore not only the hotel, but its skywalk leading to the Old National Events Plaza. Either building is a stone's throw from the courthouse. I saw the vision for the medical school, Hyatt, and walkways leading to other parts of downtown. I firmly believe these changes are going to lead to opportunities for visitors, businesses, and attorneys. From the planning stage, to implementation, to helping clients manage new businesses, attorneys will be needed.

So this month, will you take a moment to consider what changes you will make this spring? This is not a recycled version of my previous "What's Your Strategy?" message. Change does not have to be intentionally profound. Perhaps the weather will push you to take your health more seriously. The City's streets offer plentiful "pavements with a view" and many health clubs are seeing their perennial dip from January's numbers, leaving the machines free. Or, is this the season you'll attack my aforementioned "work-life balance" and take up a new hobby or take a new class? Or will it be something less exciting but no less important, such as a change in your research tool or your office location? Whatever changes you may encounter this spring, approach them with an attitude of success. After all, you've got a sweet extra hour of sleep waiting for you in just about 6 short months...

## EBA NEWS

- The Diversity Committee participated in and acted as facilitators at the March 1 Indiana Supreme Court Forum on Race and Gender Bias and is looking at potential collaborations with other EBA committees to further the EBA's commitment to diversity and inclusion. The Committee is planning a strategic planning session for the spring.
- The Board is looking at nominations for the upcoming term. There are vacancies for both At-large positions, as well as for the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

## VLP NEWS

**By: Judge Smith and Magistrate Corcoran**

In addition to placing cases with attorneys, VLP operates a variety of other programs that help maximize attorney volunteerism to benefit low income litigants and the Court. On March 16th, EBA members worked with VLP and Indiana Legal Services at Homeless Connect. This annual event provides hundreds of homeless and precariously housed residents with a chance to deal with their problems in one place. Our efforts resulted in 63 individual consultations and dozens of referrals to other agencies working at the event. Acting like a live version of our Talk to a Lawyer program, Homeless Connect helps aim people toward legal solutions and additional help. VLP's clinical programs, like Homeless Connect, always need volunteers. If you would be interested in helping to staff our Family Law Clinics in Daviess, Pike, Spencer, or Vanderburgh Counties, a Wills Clinic for Habitat for Humanity or Southwestern Mental Health, or programs like Homeless Connect, contact VLP's Plan Administrator Scott Wylie at [vlpwylie@sige.com.net](mailto:vlpwylie@sige.com.net). Just an hour of your time can help ensure a self-represented litigant is able to successfully complete their matter.

Thanks to Allyson Breeden, Shannon Frank, James Godbold, David Kent, Mike Luttrull, Keith Wallace, and Susan Wilkie for accepting matters in March.

Finally, since 2008 VLP's Family Law Clinic in Evansville has been hosted in the William H. Miller Law Library under the leadership of the late Helen Reed. Helen was a consummate librarian and a kind soul, acting as our Clinic's receptionist, resource officer, and technology manager. Her empathy with the plight of the less fortunate and her wry wit will be missed.

## LAW LIBRARY NEWS

As many of you know, Helen Reed, the Vanderburgh County law librarian, passed away unexpectedly last week. Due in large part to Helen's efforts, Vanderburgh County is able to boast one of the two remaining law libraries in the state. Helen was also a passionate musician. Her obituary indicated that donations can be made to Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Giesecke Organ Project. The Law Library Foundation would like to make a donation in Helen's honor. Members (or other attorneys) may add to the contribution made by the Foundation by making checks payable to the Vanderburgh County Law Library Foundation, designating the funds to Helen's memory, and submitting them to Susan Vollmer by April 15th.



### COMMITTEE/SECTION SPOTLIGHT

#### ACCESS TO JUSTICE COMMITTEE

*The EBA Access to Justice Committee works to discuss, evaluate, develop, and recommend implementation of policy initiatives to the Evansville Bar Association, non-profits, the Court system, and government to expand the fundamental right of all individuals to access justice and collaborates with and support individuals, entities or agencies that provide or enhance an individual's access to justice.*

*The Committee has worked on implementing and overseeing a pro bono protective order program, creating and distributing information cards about area legal resources, working with the Sheriff's department in an effort to educate inmates about their rights, working on fundraising initiatives for VLP and Legal aid and many other projects.*



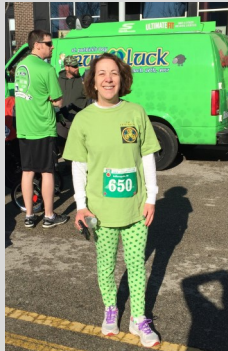
## WHO'S DOING WHAT?

Congratulations to **Craig Emig** who was named partner at Jones Wallace.

Congratulations to **Bill Bussing** for being inducted into the Evansville's Regional Business Hall of Fame.

Congratulations to our 2017 Award Winners:

- **Patti Silke** for being awarded the Florence Britzius Legal Secretary Award
- **Maria Brothers** for being awarded the Outstanding Paralegal Award
- **Molly Briles** for being awarded the Susan K. Helfrich Excellence in Pro Bono Award
- **Beverly Corn** for the special Susan K. Helfrich Excellence in Pro Bono Award for her 14 years in dedicated service to the VLP



Congratulations to **Magistrate Corcoran** for coming in first in her age group in the Run O'Luck 7K.

**Bar Updates:** Welcome new attorney member **Jordan Roth** and paralegal member **Aubrey Hall**. Please make the following changes and additions to your address book:

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Jackson Kelly PLLC** is seeking a full time, enthusiastic paralegal with previous experience in its Evansville, IN office. Individual must possess a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies or other related field. Please submit resume and cover letter to Laura Baker, Director of Administration, 221 NW Fifth Street, Evansville, IN 47708 or to [laura.baker@jacksonkelly.com](mailto:laura.baker@jacksonkelly.com).

**The Vanderburgh County Public Defender Agency** in Evansville, Indiana is seeking a full-time deputy public defender to handle felony cases. The attorney will be representing indigent persons charged with Level 6 felonies and also clients appearing in the various county treatment/problem solving courts (Drug Court, Veteran's Court, etc.). Starting salary is \$51,105, with increase to \$56,132 after 6 months, plus benefits package.

Applicants must be admitted to the practice of law in Indiana. Contact [jschaefer@vanderburghgov.org](mailto:jschaefer@vanderburghgov.org) to apply.

## Committee/Section Meetings

- 04/03 **Bench and Bar Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 04/18 **Communications Committee Meeting**, 8:15 am - EBA Office
- 04/19 **Editorial Board Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 04/26 **CLE Committee Meeting**, 11:45am - Lic's Deli
- 04/27 **Real Property Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office



**Javier Lugo,**  
President

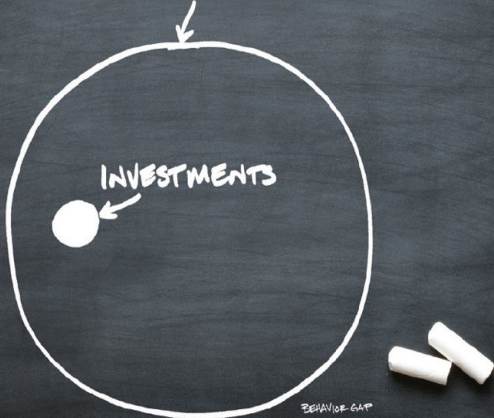


## MARK YOUR CALENDARS for SEPTEMBER 19

The Evansville Bar Foundation is happy to announce that the 2017 speaker for the Randall T. Shepard Lecture series is Larry Mackey. Larry Mackey is a former Federal Prosecutor in the Oklahoma City Federal building bombing involving Timothy McVeigh. He will be discussing the McVeigh case, current terrorist cases and the death penalty. Mackey is confirmed to be a very engaging speaker that both attorneys and the public will enjoy. The event will take place at the Randall T. Shepard Courtroom on September 19, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

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# WHAT'S COMING UP

Register online at [www.evvbar.org](http://www.evvbar.org), email [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org) or call Jeana at 812-463-3201

## QDRO Basics

1 CLE

**Tuesday, April 4  
Noon - EBA Office**

The seminar will include: QDRO Qualification Requirements; Basics of Defined Contribution QDROs; Basics of Defined Benefit QDROs; QDRO Best Practice Tips

Written materials will include model separation agreement language.

Cost is \$25 for Family Law Section Members, \$30 for EBA Members, \$50 for non-members.

## Annual "Breakfast with the Judge"

1 CLE

**Wednesday, May 17  
8:00AM - YWCA Parlor**

The annual "Breakfast with the Judge," featuring the  
**Hon. Basil Lorch, III**

**Registration and Breakfast, 7:30AM**, 8:00AM Start

Cost is \$30 for Business and Commercial Law Section Members; \$35 for EBA Members and \$50 for Non-members and includes breakfast. Register on-line at [www.evvbar.org](http://www.evvbar.org) email [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org) or call 812-463-3201.

## Probate, Elder Law & Guardianship Section Upcoming Event May 3

The Probate, Elder Law and Guardianship Section will provide lunch and a brief presentation on Special Needs Trusts on **Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 12:00 pm** in the EBA offices. Randall K. Craig will provide a brief explanation of special needs trusts in general and Rob Pugh of Old National Wealth Management, which is the Trustee of the SWIRCA & More Pooled Trust, will explain some of the mechanics of the SWIRCA & More Pooled Trust and the related costs. A SWIRCA & More representative will explain the involvement of SWIRCA & More in evaluating the needs of Pooled Trust beneficiaries. **Lunch will be provided by Old National Wealth Management and a limited number of seats will be available. The meeting is free and open to all EBA members, but RSVP's are required - [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org) or 463.3201.**



WOMEN ATTORNEYS SECTION &  
DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

**MAY 10**

**DOUBLETREE HOTEL**

THE ADVANCEMENT SERIES

## Breaking Through Bias

With Andrea S. Kramer & Alton B. Harris

**LUNCH: NOON**

**WORKSHOP: 1:30 - 3:00PM**

Diversity is the key to a business' continuing success. It fosters creativity, improves problem analysis, and increases the bottom line. Andrea S. Kramer and Alton B. Harris, authors of *Breaking Through Bias*, will present a provocative and insightful discussion, on practical and effective steps all of us can take to increase gender diversity to improve the bottom line.

**\$25 - Lunch**

**\$35 - Workshop**

**\$50 - Both lunch & workshop**

\*a copy of Andie & Al's book, "Breaking Through Bias" is included with registration

Friday, April 28 6:00 pm  
Evansville Country Club

\$55 PER PERSON

THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE:

- COCKTAIL RECEPTION
- DORAN PERDUE AND JAMES BETHEL GRESHAM AWARDS
- FOOD STATIONS, SILENT AUCTION



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# APRIL CALENDAR

- 04/03 **Bench and Bar Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 04/04 **QDRO Basics CLE 1 CLE**, Noon - EBA Office
- 04/05 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**, Noon - EBF Office
- 04/06 **Talk to a Lawyer**, 4:30 pm - EBA Office
- 04/13 **EBA Morning Mixer**, 7:30 am - Donut Bank Hwy 41 & Lincoln Ave.
- 04/13 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**, 11:30 am - EBA Office
- 04/14 **EBA Office Closed** in Observance of Good Friday
- 04/18 **Communications Committee Meeting**, 8:15 am - EBA Office
- 04/19 **Editorial Board Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 04/20 **Mock Trials**, 8:00 am - Vanderburgh County Courts
- 04/20 **Mock Trial Student Lunch**, 11:30 am - CK Newsome Center
- 04/26 **CLE Committee Meeting**, 11:45am - Lic's Deli
- 04/27 **Real Property Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 04/28 **Law Day Celebration**, 6:00 pm - Evansville Country Club