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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Serving on the Board of Directors

By: Clay Havill



The Evansville Bar Association has several open positions to fill on its Board of Directors. The EBA takes pride in affording numerous ways for each member to serve in some capacity, but there is no better way to actively participate in the EBA than to serve on the Board.

This year the open positions include at least three at-large member positions, plus the positions for the judicial and out-of-county representative. Historically, the treasurer/secretary officer position has been filled by a current board member, which would open an additional at-large spot.

The primary role of the Board is to set policy, oversee finances, and determine the viability of programs offered to our members. Board duties include attending monthly meetings, serving as a liaison to one of the EBA's sections or committees, and participating in and promoting EBA events. Our current Board actively participated in such critical tasks as the relocation of the EBA office and selection of our current executive director. The next Board will play an instrumental role in a number of exciting tasks, including the success of the 2020 Mock Trial Program.

It remains critical that interested and committed members serve on the Board. The deadline to submit your Letter of Interest to join the Board has been extended to April 10, 2018.

ISBA House of Delegates

The Indiana State Bar Association's House of Delegates meets each year at the ISBA Annual Meeting. Vanderburgh County is allotted 8 delegates and up to 8 alternates. Delegates and alternates must be members of the ISBA and are elected to serve for a two-year term. There are no term limits so those currently serving remain eligible for selection. The ISBA Annual meeting is in French Lick on October 10-12, 2018. If you are interested in representing Vanderburgh County before the ISBA, please contact Julie Moore Holtz at julie@evvbar.org.

Annual Awards

Thanks to all of you who attended the EBA's annual awards luncheon on March 21. Diane Shirley with Gerling Law was awarded the Florence Britzius Award for outstanding legal secretary; Susan Longest of Kightlinger & Gray was selected as the EBA Outstanding Paralegal; and Indiana Legal Services of Evansville received this year's Volunteer Lawyer Program's Susan Helfrich Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service. Congratulations to all of our recipients!

The John Bethel Gresham Freedom Award and Doran Perdue Service Award will be presented at **Law Day on April 20, 2018 at the Evansville Country Club**. I hope to see you there!



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE EBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

The mission of the Evansville Bar Association is to enhance the practice of law, cultivate professional excellence, promote high ethical standards and uphold the honor of the profession.

The primary role of the EBA's Board of Directors is to set policy, oversee finances and determine the viability of programs and projects. To do this, a member of the Board of Directors is expected to:

- Attend Board meetings regularly and miss a Board meeting only for a very compelling reason.
- Attend with regularity EBA and Evansville Bar Foundation activities and social functions and positively consider donation or financial requests in keeping with personal capabilities.
- Promote the involvement of members of their firms/companies/agencies in EBA activities and functions.
- Serve as a "Board Liaison" to at least one committee, section or program, providing leadership, direction and communication for and between the Board of Directors and the relevant group.
- Conscientiously review written material presented to them in their capacity as members of the Board of Directors.
- Be active in the affairs of the Evansville Bar Association and diligent in the performance of all duties during the term of office.

If you are interested in serving on the EBA Board of Directors, please submit a letter of interest to the EBA Nominating Committee, 915 Main Street, Suite 108, Evansville, IN 47708 or e-mail julie@evvbar.org by April 10, 2018.

Please include: Name, number of years in practice, number of years as an EBA Member, principal areas of practice, participation in EBA activities, committees, and sections.

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 15th, VLP and Indiana Legal Services served 52 area residents with legal issues at Connect Southwest Indiana (formerly Homeless Connect). This annual event provides hundreds of homeless and precariously housed residents with a chance to deal with their problems in one place. Acting like a live version of our Talk to a Lawyer program, the program helps aim people toward legal solutions and additional help. VLP's clinical programs, like Connect Southwest Indiana, 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 Connect Southwestern Indiana, contact VLP's Plan Administrator Scott Wylie at vlpwylie@sigecom.net. Just an hour of your time can help ensure a self-represented litigant is able to successfully complete their matter.

2018 EBA NIGHT AT THE OTTERS

HOSTED BY YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

FIRST PITCH AT 6:35 PM

LOCATED UNDER LEFT FIELD TENTS

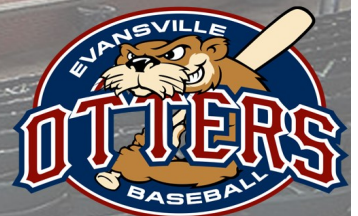
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WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Members of the Paralegal Section volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House making a Meal of Love for the families staying there Friday, March 2



Lauren Jones, Jean Blanton, David Jones and Allyson Breeden attended the Indiana State Bar Association Women's Bench Bar Retreat in Cape Coral, Florida



2018 Florence Britzius Award recipient
Diane Shirley,
Gerling Law Office



2018 EBA Outstanding Paralegal Award recipient
Susan Longest,
Kightlinger & Gray



2018 VLP Susan Helfrich Award for Excellence in Pro Bono Service recipient - Indiana Legal Services-Evansville
Lt to Rt - Tamara Shiver, Amanda Hall, Larry Newell, Katherine Rybak, Steve Culley, Magistrate Sheila Corcoran, and VLP Director Scott Wylie.
Not Pictured: Karen Williams and Tracy Thread

Bar Updates: Welcome new student member **Julia Dick**.

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

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Committee & Section Meetings

- 04/03 **Family Law Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 04/03 **Solo/Small Firm Section Meeting**, 5:00 pm - The Rooftop
- 04/17 **Editorial Board Committee Meeting**, 11:30 am - EBA Office
- 04/25 **CLE Committee Meeting**, 11:45 am - EBA Office

LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: MISSING BOOKS

The following volumes are currently missing from the Law Library:

- Indiana Practice: Personal Injury Law and Practice (v. 23)
- West's Annotated Indiana Code 31: Family and Juvenile Law 31-35-1 to 31-End
- 2016 Supplement for West's Annotated Indiana Code 31: Family and Juvenile Law

If you happened to remove any of these items from the Law Library and still have them in your possession, please return them at your earliest convenience so that others may use them. No questions asked! Thanks so much!

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



Allyson Breeden,
President

The Evansville Bar Foundation is accepting Letters of Interest for new board members through April 20. If you are interested in serving on the EBF Board, please send your letter to Julie Moore Holtz at julie@evvbar.org.

In addition to awarding grants to local non-profits, the EBF assists with planning the Shepherd Lecture Series. Please plan to attend the event scheduled for September 11, 2018 at 5pm at the 4th Floor Auditorium at Old National Bank.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Foundation in 2018. We appreciate your continued support.

If you have not had an opportunity to contribute this year, please [DONATE HERE](#).

CULTIVATE GRIT TO SUCCEED - Sacha Armstrong

Contrary to what we may hear or believe, talent alone does not always determine success. Studies have shown that a better indicator of success may be a special blend of "grit" and growth mindset. Individuals with a growth mindset believe in the power of effort. According to Angela Duckworth, Professor of Psychology and MacArthur "genius" grant winner, "Grit" can be defined as perseverance and passion for long term goals with two key components: 1) behavioral persistence in the face of adversity; and (2) sustained, passionate pursuit of goals. "Grittier" individuals tend to be more successful and a person's grit can actually be measured on a Grit Scale.

Generally, lawyers and women lawyers are considered to be "pretty gritty" and there is a statistically significant relationship between grit, mindset and various measures of success for lawyers in all practice areas. A [study by the ABA's Commission on Women in the Profession](#) found that having grit influences lawyers' overall quality of work; the point at which in-house counsel are brought into the decision-making process; and seniority and tenure within an organization. Research shows that women attorneys tend to think that grit and growth mindset are important for success, and that while many successful lawyers show growth-mindset traits when dealing with difficult situations, there is still "significant room for improvement."

The Grit Project and the Grit Project Program Toolkit was introduced by the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession in 2014 to teach and nurture Grit in the profession. The skills and discussions are universal and can be beneficial to all attorneys regardless of age, gender, or any other identifier.

On May 2, join the Women Attorney Section for a Grit Workshop facilitated by our own Laura Scott of Farmer, Scott, Ozete, Robinson & Schmitt, LLP. For more information about Grit and to take the Grit test, read [Grit: the Power of Passion and Perseverance by Angela Duckworth](#), and [watch her TedTalk](#).



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PARALEGAL ETHICS: USE OF PARALEGAL AND NON-LAWYER ASSISTANTS- 1 CLE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

NOON - EBA OFFICE

Paralegal Section Member \$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.

SO YOUR CLIENT THINKS THEY ARE BUYING A HOUSE? LEASES VS. RENT TO OWN VS. CONTRACT PURCHASE - 1 CLE

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

NOON - EBA OFFICE

Real Estate Section Member \$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.

WOMEN ATTORNEYS SECTION

GRIT

Have you got grit?

Cultivate GRIT to Succeed

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

EBA OFFICE

\$25

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Learn more about the
Grit Program on Page 4

Annual "Breakfast with the Judge" - 1 CLE

Thursday, 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 \$55 for Non-members and includes breakfast.

Register on-line at evvbar.org, email eba@evvbar.org or call 812-463-3201.

LAW DAY 2018

April 20 Evansville
6:00PM Country Club

Breakfast at
TIFFANY'S

\$55 PER PERSON

Please RSVP to eba@evvbar.org
or 812-463-3201

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APRIL CALENDAR

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- 04/03 **Family Law Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 04/03 **Solo/Small Firm Section Meeting**, 5:00 pm - The Rooftop
- 04/05 **Talk to a Lawyer**, 4:30 pm - EBA Office
- 04/11 **Paralegal Ethics: Use of Paralegal and Non-Lawyer Assistants**, Noon - EBA Office
- 04/12 **Morning Mixer**, 7:30 am - Donut Bank
- 04/12 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**, 11:30 am - EBA Office
- 04/17 **Editorial Board Committee Meeting**, 11:30 am - EBA Office
- 04/17 **Talk to a Lawyer**, 11:30 am - EBA Office
- 04/19 **Mock Trials Student Lunch**, 11:00 am - CK Newsome Center
- 04/20 **Law Day Dinner**, 6:00 pm - Evansville Country Club
- 04/24 **So Your Client Thinks They Are Buying a House? Leases vs Rent to Own vs Contract Purchase**, Noon - EBA Office
- 04/25 **CLE Committee Meeting**, 11:45 am - EBA Office
- 04/26 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**, Noon - 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

04/11 **Planning Your First Collection**, 9:00 am - EBA Office