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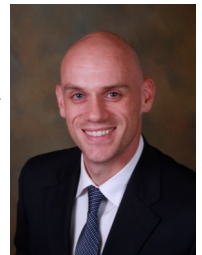
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May 2017

The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: **Max Fiester**



I have gotten great pleasure out of writing President's Messages for the past 10 months. For the most part, I have tried to keep the tenor of my messages encouraging, laudatory, or celebratory. This month, however, I am turning to a much more serious subject. I do so not because it is enjoyable, but because it is important.

Studies show attorneys suffer from depression and substance abuse at greater rates than the general population. Attorneys are also at greater risk for suicide than the average worker. According to some studies, 33% of lawyers are problem drinkers, and 28% suffer from some form of depression. Pause a second and re-read that last sentence. Go ahead and soften the numbers if you like, because those are national numbers and Evansville is "just that great." Change it to 25% and 20%. The number is still significant. 1 in 4 or 5 suffering from depression or substance abuse. What's more, recent studies are showing these numbers are increased for younger attorneys.

Complicating these facts are that attorneys are likely more dependent on their reputations than the average worker. We feel compelled to appear strong to our clients, opposing counsel, and even our fellow firm members. The appearance of invulnerability thus becomes crucial. The cycle continues as the snowball grows. Asking for help is seen as a sign of weakness. So the attorney covers the festering problem.

I recently read a story describing a eulogy for a person that committed suicide. The eulogist juxtaposed the victim, who died years after 9/11, with those who jumped out of the WTC as their floors became engulfed in flames. The eulogy suggested the suicide victim was faced with figurative "flames" that he could not escape, forcing him to the brink. As I considered that message, I felt two competing impulses. The first was to brush off such a comparison as an insult to those who lost their lives on that fateful day in September. The second impulse, however, was to pause and consider that I have no idea what someone who is considering suicide, or locked in a cycle of substance abuse, must feel. I considered that ignoring the signs of a struggling colleague is something that we simply cannot do.

I strongly believe that we are a bar association that cares for our members. We could all rattle off names of our fellow members who received some type of support when they struggled. But often, that support is the "comfortable" support of a client referral or a monetary donation. These are great things to do, of course. But on occasion, we are called beyond the easy way of supporting, to the tougher task of identifying when someone is in need of help and may not admit it. Erratic or uncharacteristic behavior; rage; recklessness; hidden (or outward) abuse of drugs or alcohol; loss of sleep; failure to engage with fellow firm members or opposing counsel; mentioning one's own death or suicide, even in jest; these are signs that something serious could be at play. Be vigilant and take action. Given the recent studies, be a shepherd to those younger attorneys who may not have anyone to mentor them.

There are resources to help. The National Suicide Prevention Hotline is available. There are many counseling and substance abuse centers in Southwestern Indiana available to give you information and guidance. JLAP, or the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, is free, easy to access, and CONFIDENTIAL. See Rule 31 of the Indiana Rules on Admission to the Bar and Discipline of Attorneys. According to Indiana's judiciary website, 86% of calls to JLAP concern issues of addiction or mental health. These issues affect the attorneys we see on a regular basis.

Ours is a profession that is predisposed to stress, and statistics show attorneys struggle with these issues more than the general population. I personally feel that we practice law in an area where our fellow bar members, including our adversaries, genuinely care about each other's well-being. At times, that care requires action. Let us be vigilant and prepared to take action when another needs it. That is what the best local bar association in the nation does.

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EBA NEWS

- The EBA Board approved a statement in support of the Legal Services Corporation.
- The Board approved sponsoring the EBA softball team for the summer 2017 league.
- The Board discussed the Indiana Supreme Court oral argument that will be held at USI on October 30 and approved hosting a lunch following for the justices, judges and attorneys.
- The Board approved revisions to the EBA Professional Courtesy Code. The full Code, as revised, can be found [here](#).

VLP NEWS

By: Judge Smith and Magistrate Corcoran

April showers may bring May flowers, but in the case of VLP they are ushering in several new programs to help area residents who cannot afford legal counsel. Attached as part of the EBA Summation this month is a sign-up sheet for the new VLP/EBA Lunch Time Talk-to-a-Lawyer. We will be adding a second monthly session of this community service on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the EBA offices. This extra session should be more convenient for attorney and paralegals who find it challenging to volunteer in the early evening. It should also aid the EBA Lawyer Referral Service staff, ILS, and the Legal Aid Society by ensuring it is never more than two weeks until the next TTAL allowing them to refer simple questions and preserve their time for matters needing immediate assistance. The sign-up sheet also lets you express interest in VLP's many clinical opportunities, which are perfect for attorneys who have practices that make it hard to take full case referrals. Regardless, if you are willing to volunteer VLP can find a place that is right for your practice.

On a final note, VLP adds its congratulations to Brian and Barbara Williams for receiving the 90th annual Rotary Civic Award. Previous recipients read like a who's who of Evansville leadership and we are proud to see their names join the list.

TECH TIP

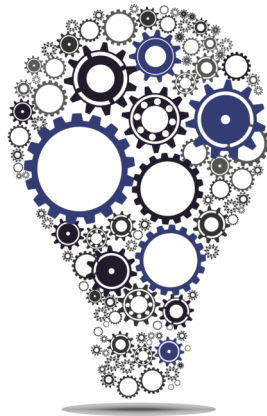
Looking for case management software to streamline your practice? There are several new ones out there. You may want to consider Smokeball or Rocket Matter.

Smokeball

<https://www.smokeball.com/>

Rocket Matter

<https://www.rocketmatter.com/>



NEW INDIANA FREE LEGAL ANSWERS SITE

A great way to help and get Pro Bono hours!

Indiana Legal Answers has launched a new site at

IN.freelegalanswers.org

Users with an existing account will keep their same username and password.

This new site includes a new user interface as well as new features for you and for clients.

Indiana Free Legal Answers is now part of the ABA Free Legal Answers national site

If you have any questions contact:

Marilyn Smith, Director of Civil Justice Programs

Indiana Bar Foundation (317) 269-7863 msmith@inbf.org



WHO'S DOING WHAT?

Congratulations to **Brian and Barbara Williams** who were awarded the Evansville Rotary Club Civic Award on April 18, 2017. The Rotary Club Civic Award is the longest continuous civic award in Evansville.

Congratulations to **Phil Siegel** who was awarded the James Bethel Gresham Freedom Award at the Law Day Celebration.



Congratulations to **Meagan Brien** who was awarded the Doran Perdue Service Award at the Law Day Celebration.

Congratulations to **Susan Longest**, paralegal at Kightlinger & Gray, for having an award named for her and being the first recipient of the Susan M. Longest Leadership Award, a brand new Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana Award.



Clay Havill "honoring" outgoing President Max Fiester

NOTICE: The Vanderburgh Superior Court judges unanimously appointed **Beverly Corn** as Referee for the Vanderburgh Superior Court, Juvenile Division. Beverly will serve on a part time basis and will specifically serve as the judicial officer for the CHINS Drug Court Program.



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

Vanderburgh County Adult Probation Alcohol and Drug Abuse Probation Services

Rm 127 Administration Building
Civic Center Complex
1 NW ML King Jr. Blvd.
Evansville IN 47708
812-435-5461

New **Berry Global** email addresses: @berryglobal.com

adamborgman@berryglobal.com
ericjohnson@berryglobal.com
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Attorney - The Law Office of Jonathan M Young is seeking an individual who is highly motivated and interested in practicing criminal defense law. Resumes and cover letters should be emailed to info@jmylaw.com

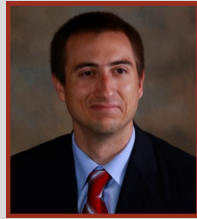
Paralegal/Legal Assistant – Qualifications should include a Bachelor's Degree with either paralegal studies or former paralegal experience. Part time and full time positions will be considered. Please send resume or inquiry to Krista Lockyear at kbl@lockyearlaw.com.

Committee/Section Meetings

- 05/02 **EBF Executive Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBF Office
- 05/02 **Family Law Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 05/03 **Probate, Elder Law & Guardianship Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 05/05 **Employment Law Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 05/15 **Law Library Member's Meeting**, 4:00 pm - Circuit Courtroom
- 05/17 **Membership Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 05/23 **Diversity Committee Meeting**, 8:00am - EBA Office



Javier Lugo,
President



At the beginning of my Law School experience at the University of Miami, I was stuck in a daze of hypotheticals, statutes, and case-law. Given that I wasn't exactly an A+ student or the gunner in the front row with my hand raised, I had begun questioning whether Law was for me.

All of this changed my 2L year when I obtained a position working in the Tenants' Rights Clinic at the Legal Services of Greater Miami. I found meaning in the practice of Law when I successfully prevented my first client and her two children from being evicted from their home. Working at Legal Services of Greater Miami showed me that the Law can be used as a force to do good for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our community.

In February 2017, it was formally announced that the current administration is considering eliminating federal funding for the Legal Services Corporation. As the president of the Evansville Bar Foundation, I was shocked to hear this. Our Foundation is proud to have awarded grants to Indiana Legal Services. And we encourage members of our Bar to contribute to the EBF so that we can help sustain Indiana Legal Services, and organizations very similar to it, for future generations.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR HELEN REED

The memorial service celebrating the life of Helen Skuggedal Reed will be at **First Presbyterian Church** on **Saturday, May 21, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.** Memorial contributions may be made to "Evansville Chapter AGO" for the restoration of the historic Giesecke organ, named in her memory: c/o 609 SE Second Street, Evansville IN 47713.

Through your generous donations, the Foundation was able to make a donation of \$675 to the Evansville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Giesecke Organ Project in Helen's name. Members of the bar have also donated their time. Jim Ethridge has kindly volunteered to serve as the law librarian two days a week. As legal research evolves, so do the needs of the library's patrons.

The Law Library Foundation is gathering information to determine how the facility is being used and by whom. We are also trying to determine if there are ways to increase the library's benefits. Your input will be important to the future of the law library.

There are two ways to make sure you are heard: (1) fill out the survey circulated by the Law Library and (2) attend the members' **meeting on May 15th at 4 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom.**

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Mock Trials

**Will Cartwright, Keaton Miller and
Lori Underwood**

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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 online at www.evvar.org email eba@evvar.org or call 812-463-3201.

The New Mandatory Chapter 13 Plan and Amendments to the Local Bankruptcy Rules

1 CLE

Tuesday, May 9

Noon - EBA Office

Speaker: Robert Musgrave

Cost is \$25 for Business and Commercial Law Section Members; \$30 for EBA Members; \$50 for Non-members

Buying/Selling a Small Business 101

1 CLE

Monday, May 15

Noon - EBA Office

Speaker: Nick Cirignano

Cost is \$25 for Business and Commercial Law Section Members; \$30 for EBA Members; \$50 for Non-members

WHAT'S COMING UP

Register online at www.evvbar.org, email eba@evvbar.org or call Jeana at 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.**

Diversity Committee Strategic Planning Session

May 23 - 8:00am

EBA office

Diversity and Inclusion are important topics for your firms/organizations and for the EBA. Please consider joining the diversity committee for this planning session, facilitated by Scott Wylie to help set and implement goals and action items to facilitate continual movement forward on this important issue.

If you plan to attend, please e-mail eba@evvbar.org

EBA Annual Members Meeting

5:00 pm

Monday, June 5, 2017

EBA Office



Join your colleagues for the annual election of the EBA Board of Directors, a short meeting and adult refreshments.

YOUNG LAWYERS NIGHT AT THE OTTERS

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

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Breaking Through Bias

With Andrea S. Kramer & Alton B. Harris

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

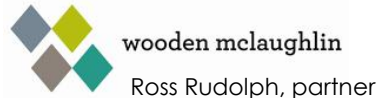
\$50 - Both lunch & workshop

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

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MAY CALENDAR

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- 05/02 **Family Law Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 05/03 **Probate, Elder Law and Guardianship Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 05/04 **Talk to a Lawyer**, 4:30 pm - EBA Office
- 05/05 **Employment Law Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 05/09 **The New Mandatory Chapter 13 Plan & Amendments to the Local Bankruptcy Rules (1 CLE)**, Noon - EBA Office
- 05/10 **Advancement Series: Breaking Through Bias with Andrea Kramer & Alton Harris**, Noon - DoubleTree by Hilton, Downtown Evansville
- 05/11 **Morning Mixer**, 7:30 am - Donut Bank, 41 & Lincoln
- 05/11 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**, 11:30am - Acropolis Restaurant
- 05/15 **Buying/Selling a Small Business 101 (1 CLE)**, Noon - EBA Office
- 05/15 **Law Library Member's Meeting**, 4:00 pm - Circuit Court
- 05/16 **Talk to a Lawyer**, 11:30 am - EBA Office
- 05/17 **Breakfast with Judge Lorch (1 CLE)**, 8:00 am - YWCA Parlor Room, Downtown
- 05/17 **Membership Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 05/18 **EBF Board of Directors Meeting**, Noon - EBF Office
- 05/23 **Diversity Committee Strategic Planning Session**, 8:00 am - EBA Office

ICLEF VIDEO REPLAYS

- 05/08 **Business Litigation**, 9:00 am - EBA Office
- 05/22 **Strategies for Taking Charge of Your Law Practice**, 9:00 am - EBA Office

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ATTORNEY NAME: _____ E-MAIL: _____

(E-mail to vlpwylie@sigecom.net or fax to 812.402.6304 or mail to the address above)

NEW! Lunch-Time Talk-to-a-Lawyer – We are expanding our TTAL program to provide two sessions each month. Starting in May we will offer this highly appreciated service on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. while still continuing our 1st Thursday evening session. We hope this volunteer opportunity will better meet the needs of EBA members who find the early evening time difficult because of other responsibilities. We need both attorney and paralegal volunteers. Sign-up to help below:

_____ May 16, 2017 11:30 to 1:00

_____ September 19, 2017 11:30 to 1:00

_____ June 20, 2017 11:30 to 1:00

_____ October 17, 2017 11:30 to 1:00

_____ July 18, 2017 11:30 to 1:00

_____ November 21, 2017 11:30 to 1:00

_____ August 15, 2017 11:30 to 1:00

_____ December 19, 2017 11:30 to 1:00

My firm would be interested in staffing one of these dates – please contact me to discuss.

Family Law Clinics -- VLP and the Vanderburgh County Courts provide a Family Law Clinic for low income self-represented litigants referred by the Court, local domestic violence shelters, or other partners. Volunteers help litigants complete Supreme Court approved pleadings and give simple instructions on filing and court processes. You need not be an experienced family law attorney to help. Clinics are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You can volunteer for as little as an hour over your lunch break. And, unlike the Haunted Mansion at Disney World, no case follows you home.

_____ Yes, send me dates that are available for the Court's Family Law Clinic

Wills/POA and General Legal Clinics – VLP works with area groups such as Southwestern Mental Health, Habitat for Humanity, Patchwork Central, ECHO Housing, and Aurora to help provide general legal guidance to area residents in need. VLP also regularly offers clinics to help low income residents complete simple wills. You need not be an experienced estate attorney to participate in wills clinics and general clinics can be staffed by any attorney.

_____ Yes, send me information on upcoming clinic opportunities

Never miss an opportunity to ask.....

_____ Yes, send me a case waiting for an attorney in the following subject area: _____