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# The SUMMATION

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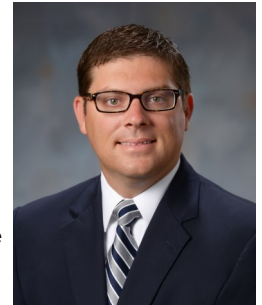
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Clay Havill



### E is for Everyone, including the EBA

As I contemplated writing my first message for the Summation, I could not help but notice the numerous articles and signs associated with Evansville's new branding campaign, "Evansville – e is for Everyone." The purpose of the campaign is to draw attention to and embrace the positive aspects of our community and the significant progress we have made. So I decided to get on the website, <https://eisforeveryone.com>, and check it out. It quickly became apparent, at least to me, that our association might benefit by taking a lesson from the campaign's playbook.

In support of the campaign, the Southwest Indiana Chamber states, "Our story must be clear and coherent, distinct and differentiating and inclusive of all the beautiful people, places and purposes that unite us. . . . No matter who you are, your passion or purpose, Evansville offers something for all." I submit the EBA likewise offers something for all, and it is equally important that the EBA's story be clear and distinct.

Our mission statement charges us to increase the sense of community among members, improve the relationship with the public, and promote the availability of legal services. It is my general sense that all of us recognize the unique camaraderie shared by our members and that we have always led from the front in providing legal services, especially in the pro bono arena. But, perhaps, we could all strive to do a better job improving community respect for the law and our bar association.

Similar to the "e is for Everyone" campaign, I believe much can be gained by simply understanding our brand and communicating it effectively amongst members, new and old alike, as well as the general public. We should speak positively about our rich tradition and bright future as an organization. We should not miss an opportunity to let someone know about the professionalism shared within our bar association, that our attorneys routinely provide legal services without charge, and that we embrace the diversity and change occurring within our membership and society at large.

Without a doubt, the EBA offers something for everyone. Let us not forget to pass the message along.

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# EBA BOARD 2017-2018

## At Large Members

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## VLP NEWS

By: Judge Smith and Magistrate Corcoran

E is for everyone, the new branding slogan for our District's largest city, has been popping up all over the place, including the very sharp red EBA version. Behind that slogan however is a sentiment long-held by the Volunteer Lawyer Program -- that access to justice is for everyone. Earlier this month, VLP and the EBA helped make that true by offering our second Tuesday Talk to a Lawyer hotline in both English and Spanish. District K consists of the eleven counties around the Evansville metropolitan area, and our residents are increasingly diverse. Thanks to volunteers **Ted Barron** and **Royal Gearhart** of Kahn Dees Donovan & Kahn and **Christen Christian** of Indiana Legal Service's Immigrants and Language Rights Center for staffing the phones and helping residents who often have trouble finding resources in their first language. Remember, VLP and the EBA are now offering two Talk to a Lawyer hotline clinics per month, from 11:30 to 1:00 on the second Tuesday of the month and from 4:30 to 6:00 on the first Thursday of the month. Volunteers are needed, especially for the new Tuesday time slot. To help answer the phones, contact our Plan Administrator Scott Wylie at [vlpwylie@sige.com.net](mailto:vlpwylie@sige.com.net).

## TECH TIP

Wordrake is a proofreading software that edits your work for grammar mistakes and helps edit for clarity.

Wordrake also identifies unclear phrasing to give your work the ultimate professional finish. Check it out at

[wordrake.com](http://wordrake.com).

**WORDRAKE**  
Write to the Point.



## COMMITTEE/SECTION SPOTLIGHT

### EDITORIAL BOARD

Do you enjoy writing and consider yourself a wordsmith? The EBA Editorial Board is currently looking to **fill 2 vacancies** on the Board.

The Editorial Board works together to write articles in April regarding the national Law Day topic and in September regarding Constitution Day each year. It is a fun Committee that takes little time commitment.

If you are interested in joining or have additional questions, contact Susan Vollmer at [susan@evvbar.org](mailto:susan@evvbar.org).

# update

## WHO'S DOING WHAT?

Congratulations to **Jean Blanton** on receiving the 2017 USI Alumni Spirit of the Eagle award.

**Tricia Tominack** was recognized by The American Institute of Family Law Attorneys as one of the 10 best Indiana family law lawyers.

**Bar Updates:** Welcome new attorney member **Alexis Ruark** and student members **Matthew Rust, Nicholas Loehr, Lucero Tennis** and **Jordan Heck**.

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

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EBA  
Annual  
Meeting

### EBA Night at the Otters

Over 60 joined us this year for a beautiful, fun night at the ball park.



## COMMITTEE & SECTION MEETINGS

- 07/10 **Probate, Elder Law & Guardianship Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 07/11 **Paralegal Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 07/26 **CLE Meeting**, 11:45 am - Lic's Deli

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Yocum Law Office - Social Security Disability Attorney

needed for busy Social Security Disability practice. Prior Social Security experience helpful, but not required. Send resume, writing sample and salary requirements to [tracy\\_wiseman@aol.com](mailto:tracy_wiseman@aol.com).

**The William H. Miller Law Library** is currently accepting resumes for a full time Law Librarian/Pro Se Coordinator. For more information about the position, please contact Judge Kiely, Steve Hoar, Craig Emig, or Yvette LaPlante. Resumes will be accepted until July 15, 2017.

**The Tri-State Better Business Bureau** is in need of attorneys to serve as arbitrators. Most arbitrations only take one hour, with the decision being rendered immediately at the end of the arbitration hearing. The BBB will pay the attorney a fee of **\$100 for each arbitration**. One-time, one-hour training is needed to serve as a BBB arbitrator. The next training is July 11, 2017 at 12:00 noon at Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn Conference Center. Attorneys can request more information or can register for this training by contacting Amanda Shockley at the Tri-State BBB at [ashockley@evansville.bbb.org](mailto:ashockley@evansville.bbb.org) or by phone at (812) 473-0202 ext 112.



**Allyson Breeden,**

President

In 1999, the Evansville Bar Foundation was formed by a generous donation by Evelyn Sanders, the widow of John L. Sanders, a well-respected Evansville attorney. John Sanders' love of the law, exemplified by his 75 years in the practice, serves as a strong guideline for the Foundation's Statement of Purpose: "Promoting Justice and Improving Lives Through the Law." Every year, the Evansville Bar Foundation furthers John Sanders' vision by awarding grants to local organizations that provide access to legal related services.

In June of each year, the EBF holds its election of officers and at-large members of the Board for the upcoming year. The 2017-2018 EBF officers are Allyson Breeden, President; Kelly Jackson, Vice President; Ryan Parker, Treasurer; and Dan Robinson, Secretary. The 2017-2018 At-Large Members are Michele Bryant, Allison Comstock, James Godbold, Rhett Gonterman, Dan Robinson, Heath Tuley, Goldie Bockstruck, Andy Ozete and Thomas Clowers.

I want to thank those members who have completed their term on the EBF Board, specifically Javier Lugo, Immediate Past President of the EBF, Hon. Les Shively and Terry White. We appreciate your service to the board and your commitment to the ideals that the EBF seeks to promote.

Please consider donating to the EBF. You can donate online through the EBF website, [www.evvbar.org/foundation.aspx](http://www.evvbar.org/foundation.aspx).

## Volunteer Training

Please join us for JLAP Volunteer Training. This training is not only for new volunteers but also for our more seasoned helpers. We will cover the services provided by JLAP, various volunteer roles, signs that an attorney may be struggling, and how to reach out. To register, call JLAP Intake Manager Jill Fuqua 317-833-0370 or email [Jill.Fuqua@courts.in.gov](mailto:Jill.Fuqua@courts.in.gov). Space is limited so call or email today.

**Friday July 14**

Evansville at Evansville Bar Association  
8:30am - 12pm



## A Big Thank You to 2017 CONTRIBUTORS

### Legacy of Leadership

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### Other Donation

Angela Wargel

## BANKRUPTCY & REAL ESTATE LAW

1 CLE

TUESDAY AUGUST 22 - NOON

EBA OFFICE

Business & Commercial Section Members \$ 25

EBA Members \$30

Non-members \$50

To register for CLE call 812-463-3201, email [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org) or click [here](#) to register online.

## BANKRUPTCY & DIVORCE

1 CLE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 - NOON

EBA OFFICE

Business & Commercial Section Members \$ 25

EBA Members \$30

Non-members \$50

To register for CLE call 812-463-3201, email [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org) or click [here](#) to register online.



## RACING TO RESOLVE YOUR CASE

AUGUST 25

2 CLE: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

**Stan Levco** - Hearsay Exceptions and Tips from  
40 years of practice

**Jim Casey** - Mediation, Arbitration and Other ADR  
Options, with Special Guest **Hon. Keith Meier**  
discussing the private judge option

\$75 FOR EBA MEMBERS

\$115 FOR NON-MEMBERS

PRICE INCLUDES CLE, BUFFET LUNCH, RACE PROGRAM &  
RESERVED RACING SEATS



## CHAPTER 13 BUSINESS CASE

1 CLE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 05 - NOON

EBA OFFICE

Business & Commercial Law Section Member \$25

EBA Members \$30

Non-members \$50

To register for CLE call 812-463-3201, email [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org) or click [here](#) to register online.

## BANKRUPTCY CASE LAW UPDATE

1 CLE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12- NOON

EBA OFFICE

Business & Commercial Section Members \$ 25

EBA Members \$30

Non-members \$50

To register for CLE call 812-463-3201, email [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org) or click [here](#) to register online.

# JULY CALENDAR

- 07/04 **Happy 4th of July** - EBA Office Closed
- 07/06 **Talk to a Lawyer**, 4:30 pm - EBA Office
- 07/10 **Probate, Elder Law & Guardianship Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 07/11 **Paralegal Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 07/13 **EBA Morning Mixer**, 7:30ish am - Donut Bank - Hwy 41 & Lincoln Ave.
- 07/13 **EBA Board of Directors Meeting**, 11:45 am - EBA Office
- 07/14 **JLAP Training**, 8:30 am - EBA Office
- 07/18 **Talk to a Lawyer**, 11:30 am - EBA Office
- 07/26 **CLE Committee Meeting**, 11:45 am - Lic's Deli

## ISBA VIDEO REPLAYS

For reservations, pricing or to verify credits or content for the ISBA video replay, please contact ISBA at 317-639-5465.

- 07/19 **Research & Social Media - What You Don't Know Could Hurt You**, 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

- 07/17 **Medicaid for the Elderly & Aged in Indiana**. 9:00am - EBA office
- 07/24 **Federal Civil Practice**, 9:00 am - EBA Office