

# The SUMMATION

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Yvette LaPlante

In March, Executive Director Julie Moore Holtz and I attended the Bar Leadership Institute in Chicago. In addition to good pizza, we took in good advice about how bar associations succeed. One of the tidbits that stuck with me is "Bar leadership is like a relay." Each president passes the baton to the next and hopes to finish her lap without crippling the team's position. (Get ready to roll your eyes all year. I'll run with any sports metaphor I can.)



The Evansville Bar Association is exceptional in part because of the willingness of its more seasoned members to mentor its younger members. And in the spirit of the relay, many past-presidents have offered tips about what to expect this year. Though each person's experience varied, one piece of advice is always the same: "The President's Message is the worst part; write your column in advance. Don't procrastinate."

Immediate past-president, Clay Havill, provided frequent commentary regarding his monthly message. Though not an eager Summation columnist, Clay's contribution to the Bar cannot be overstated. He served on the board for nine years, and was instrumental in a number of projects. The most notable changes in the last year have been in office space and executive directors, but what I have appreciated most about Clay--as a president and as a board member--is that he calmly and efficiently put out the small fires as they flared, sought input when necessary, and made the big decisions when they needed to be made. The Bar's position will continue to advance because of Clay's contributions as its president.

Clay is not the only departing board member who contributed to the accomplishments of this association. The board will also lose the talents of Jean Blanton (four years), Meagan Brien (five years), out-of-county representative Rick Martin (two years), Ross Rudolph (four years), and judicial representative, Hon. David Kiely (two years). These outgoing members have given to the EBA in ways too numerous to list here. As our new board members (Keaton Miller, Hon. Les Shively, Will Cartwright, Craig Emig, Lori Underwood, Magistrate Krista Weiberg, and Cliff Whitehead) pick up the baton, I'm excited to see what this year holds.

But the real heart of the EBA is its committee and section chairs, who have graciously given of their time to make this past year successful. As the 2017-2018 terms come to a close, many new section chairs have enthusiastically begun to prepare for the next year. Plans have begun for the much anticipated regional and national mock trial competitions, hours of innovative CLE, and holiday ugly sweater parties. Our sections and committees are seamlessly transitioning into what promises to be a fun and productive year due to last year's outstanding leadership. Even our longest standing section, the softball team, shows potential.

As I begin my lap as president, I look forward to working with each of you to continue to advance the EBA's position.

To previous Summation columnists: Thanks for your advice. One down. Eleven to go.

# 2018-19 EBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - **Yvette LaPlante**  
 President-Elect - **Sacha Armstrong**  
 Vice President - **Erin Bauer**  
 Secretary Treasurer - **Andy Ozete**  
 Out-of-County Rep - **Travis Clowers**  
 Judicial Rep - **Hon. Les Shively**  
 Young Lawyer Rep - **Keaton Miller**  
 EBF Rep - **Michele Bryant**

At-Large Members

**Will Cartwright, Craig Emig, Zach LaGrange,  
 Joe Langerak, Drew Pittman, Carrie Roelle,  
 John Thomason, Lori Underwood,  
 Magistrate Krista Weiberg and  
 Cliff Whitehead**

## VLP NEWS

By: Judge Smith and Magistrate Corcoran

Each month in the Summation, we try and put a spotlight on the good works being done by attorneys, paralegals, and judicial officers throughout our District. As we reported last month, our volunteers provided over \$833,000 worth of free and reduced fee legal services to residents of our eleven county services area in 2017. In order to provide those services, our small staff often has to depend upon volunteer help as well. A perfect example of that good corporate citizenship is BKD Advisors. For years, the staff at BKD has assisted VLP to file its required taxes and informational filings with the IRS and other governmental agencies. Their help, along with other vendors who provide VLP with discounts or free services, allow us to spend all of the donations raised for our work on directly serving indigent residents with civil legal needs. Have a great summer.

*Thank  
you*

...TO THE 2017-18 COMMITTEE  
AND SECTION CHAIRS...

Holly Anspaugh	Justin Griner
Will Cartwright	Karen Heard
Josh Claybourn	Steve Hoar
Rod Clutter	Yvette LaPlante
Julie Corbin	Keaton Miller
Donna Davis	Olivia Robinson
Beau Dial	Lindsay Schmitt
Raymond Dudlo	Ryan Schulz
Trisha Dudlo	Lori Underwood
Josh Gessling	Magistrate Krista Weiberg

## 2018 -19 EBF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – **Kelly Jackson**  
 Vice President – **Ryan Parker**  
 Treasurer – **Dan Robinson**  
 Secretary – **Goldie Bockstruck**  
 EBA Rep - **Carrie Roelle**

Evansville Bar Foundation

At-Large Members – **Michele Bryant, Tanisha Carothers, Thomas Clowers, Allison Comstock, Jimmy Gentry, David Harris and Heath Tuley**

# update

## WHO'S DOING WHAT?



Great turnout for the Annual Meeting on June 4! Thank you to everyone who attended and to Banterra Bank for sponsoring the event.



On June 5, the Young Lawyer Section hosted Family Night at the Otters. The weather was great and everyone had a wonderful time! Thanks to our event sponsor, Julie Weyer of Lifetime Financial Growth.

**Bar Updates:** Welcome new members **Kristen Koewler** and **Christine Pham**.

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

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## COMMITTEE & SECTION MEETINGS

- 07/11 **Access to Justice Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 07/17 **Paralegal Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 07/25 **CLE Committee Meeting**, 11:45 am - EBA Office
- 07/26 **In-House Corporate Counsel Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 07/26 **Young Lawyer Happy Hour**, 5 pm - MoJo's Boneyard

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Do you have ideas and know great speakers for Continuing Legal Education seminars? **We need you! The CLE Committee is looking for new members!**

The CLE Committee works together with EBA committees and sections to provide current, informative, local continuing legal education to members and non-members all year.

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



## No detail too small.

Everyone needs a trusted advisor.  
Who's yours?





**Kelly Jackson,**  
President

As I write this article, it is officially the first day of summer. With summer comes vacation, humidity, bored children, and newly-elected Evansville Bar Foundation board members and officers. As most of you know, in 1999, the Evansville Bar Foundation was formed by a generous donation from Evelyn Sanders, the widow of John L. Sanders, a well-respected Evansville attorney who practiced law for 75 years. John Sanders' love of the law serves as a strong guideline for the Foundation's Statement of Purpose: "Promoting Justice and Improving Lives through the Law". Every year, the Foundation furthers John Sanders' vision by awarding grants to local organizations that provide access to legal related services and programs.

Applications for these grants will be accepted by the Foundation from July 1-31. Past recipients of Foundation grants include CASA, Inc., Parenting Time Center, YMCA Youth & Government, and EBA Diversity Committee, to name a few. If you know of an interested organization, please direct them to the [grant-making policy and application](#) on the EBA website.

These grants are not possible without your generous contributions. I encourage you to continue to support the Foundation, and if you have not yet donated, please consider doing so.

**Donate**

## LIBRARIAN'S CORNER: THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the William H. Miller Law Library in response to the Law Library Foundation's annual appeal this past winter. Your generous donations and ongoing commitment to the Foundation and the library ensure that the people in this community have "...a quality law library readily accessible to all...at a substantial economic savings to everyone." In addition to this mission, the goals of the Foundation are to preserve, maintain, and enhance the Law Library of Vanderburgh County as a resource center for legal information that serves the courts, bar, and people of Evansville and the surrounding tristate area. You make it possible for our library to remain one of only two county law libraries in the entire state.

As always, I welcome your questions, comments, and suggestions. Please feel free to call me at (812)435-5175 or email me at [kweston@vanderburghcounty.in.gov](mailto:kweston@vanderburghcounty.in.gov).

The John L Sanders Memorial  
**EVANSVILLE BAR  
FOUNDATION**  
is now  
accepting grant  
applications

**JULY 1-JULY 31**

Please forward the  
information to  
organizations that  
align with the Grant  
Policy of the EBF.

More information can be  
found on the EBA website  
[FOUNDATION tab.](#)

# HOW UNCONSCIOUS BIAS AFFECTS CLIENT RELATIONS- 1 CLE

THURSDAY, SEPT 06

NOON - EBA OFFICE

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.



## EBA Bar @ the Bar Mixer

Thursday, August 23 at 5pm

### The Peephole

Hosted by

Ziemer, Stayman, Weitzel & Shoulders

If you would like to give, donations will be accepted for Mickey's Kingdom

(formerly Kids Kingdom)



## SHEPARD LECTURE SERIES 2018

Tuesday, September 11

5:30 pm

Old National Bank Auditorium  
4th Floor

This event is open to the public!



Speaker: Fran Watson

## LAWYERS LUNCH CLUB

The next Lawyers Lunch Club will run September-November. If you would like to join the fun, let us know at [eba@evvbar.org](mailto:eba@evvbar.org) or (812)463-3201 by August 14.

*Even if you have participated in the Lawyers Lunch Club in the past, please re-sign up so we only include those who still want to participate.*

# JULY CALENDAR

- 07/01 **Grant applications accepted** for Evansville Bar Foundation through 07/31
- 07/04 **Fourth of July** - EBA Office Closed
- 07/05 **Talk to a Lawyer**, 4:30-6 pm - EBA Office
- 07/11 **Access to Justice Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 07/12 **EBA Morning Mixer**, 7:30 am - Donut Bank Hwy 41 & Lincoln Avenue  
**EBA Board of Directors Meeting**, lunch at 11:45 am, meeting at Noon - EBA Office
- 07/17 **Talk to a Lawyer**, 11:30 am-1 pm - EBA Office  
**Paralegal Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office
- 07/25 **CLE Committee Meeting**, 11:45 am - EBA Office
- 07/26 **In-House Corporate Counsel Section Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office  
**Young Lawyer Happy Hour**, 5 pm - MoJo's Boneyard
- 07/31 **Last day for grant applications** for Evansville Bar Foundation

## SAVE-THE-DATE

- Shepard Lecture Series** Tuesday, September 11 at 5:30 pm at ONB Auditorium, 4th Floor
- EBA Member Lunch** Wednesday, September 19 at Noon at Tropicana Conference Center
- EBA Day of Service** Friday, September 21 beginning at 8 am at Mickey's Kingdom
- Trivia Night** Thursday, October 18, doors open at 6 pm at Sauced Ballroom
- Hot Topics for In-House Corporate Counsel**  
 Tuesday, October 30 at 8am at Welborn Conference Center
- Regional Mock Trial** Saturday, February 16, 2019—more information to come!

## ICLEF VIDEO REPLAYS

**For reservations, pricing, or to verify credits or content for the ICLEF video replays, please contact ICLEF at 317.637.9102**

- 07/09 **Senior Law Project: Medicaid for the Elderly and Disabled**, 9:00 am - EBA Office
- 07/23 **Personal Injury Deskbook**, 9:00 am - EBA Office