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The Monthly Newsletter of the Evansville Bar Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The EBA: Rich in Tradition, Devoted to the Profession

t was EBA Boot Camp 2002. A crash-course in the Vanderburgh Superior and Circuit Courts, U.S. District Court, the Law Library, and additional miscellaneous information. Judges took time to speak to our small, green group and assured us they were there to help. Helen Reed made her trademark pitch for visiting the Law Library: "If you can't think of a better reason, come in to look at the EBA composites."



If you have never carved out time to wander into the Law Library and look at the EBA composites, I urge you to do so. Do it not just to satisfy a curiosity or to see how fashion (including facial hair) has changed, but to remind yourself that you are a professional offering a fundamental service in our justice system which has been offered by all those attorneys who came before us. Look at the pictures and remember that very early on in Evansville's history, attorneys banded together to form an association. The association was a vehicle for facilitating communication, sharing of information, and dispute resolution (both formal and informal).

Look at the more recent composites to see those attorneys who are in their 30th, 40th, or 50th year of practice. Gaze upon their faces when they were first learning how the courts of Vanderburgh County worked; when things like Lexis-Nexis did not exist and "Westlaw" was only "West" and made heavy things called "books" that contained our laws. Perhaps that will give some perspective on why an attorney from an older generation does not respond to your email within minutes, or why any incoming email comes from an assistant instead of the attorney.

Look at the faces of members past. When one of our members passes away, the EBA offers the family a Memorial Service. In my experience, there has not been a single service in which I have not chuckled and learned at least one interesting fact about the EBA and its members. Each interaction with a fellow member of the bar is going to have a future effect, and each member of the EBA knows it. I believe this creates a candor and effective advocacy within our association that is second to none. Memorial Services are full of examples where the departed attorney engaged in a particularly "remarkable" interaction with another attorney. Please consider attending a future Memorial Service, even if you do not know the attorney. At a minimum, you will be proud to be a member of a bar association where the judges consistently show up en masse to honor our departed member.

Make no mistake, the EBA is special. It is much more than the sum of its parts, but its parts are amazing. Names too numerous to mention are in the EBA's annals and are testaments to great events and accomplishments. But you need not back over decades to see the EBA's great work. What other bar association offers truly valuable continued legal education on a bus to a baseball game, and how many associations would sell out such an event? Comradery encourages effective interaction when representing the interests of a client, and the comradery of the EBA was on full display recently. How many other bar associations would have members band together to work on sleeping quarters at two area shelters? (A special tip of the cap goes to Jean Blanton and all who participated in the Annual Day of Service). These are recent examples of how our members collaborate to serve their clients, the community, and each other.

Yes, your EBA is special and we are fortunate to be a part of it. But it is special because its members and staff work hard to make it so. Whether it is as simple as making sure to be at the next Memorial Service, participating in the Lawyer's Lunch Club, or getting more involved with the many committees and sections we have, take a moment to consider getting involved, whether for the first time or once again.

FRA NEWS

The following diversity policy was presented by the Diversity Committee and unanimously approved by the EBA Board of Directors

The Evansville Bar Association (EBA) is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion within the legal profession and justice system to better serve the wider community. To further this goal, the EBA created the Diversity Committee to provide oversight of the EBA's diversity and inclusion initiatives, including best practice program research, goal setting and evaluation; diversity pipeline programs connecting students from high school through law school into the profession; convening conferences and forums; and participating in minority career fairs. The Diversity works collaboratively with the EBA Women Attorneys Section, as well as other community organizations committed to this cause.

VOLUNTEER LAWYER PROGRAM

Get Your Pro Bono On.... By Judge Greg Smith and Magistrate Sheila Corcoran

It is that time of year, already. The leaves are going to start changing and the days will get cooler and Beverly and Scott have started begging for Closing Reports. If you have taken a case in the last 2 years and have not turned in a Closing Report, now is the time. Even if the client never contacted you, please turn in a Closing Report. Can't find the one sent to you? No problem – simply contact the VLP office and give them your name, the name of the client and the number of hours and they will take care of the rest.

Closing Reports are not just busy work, they are the only way that VLP can effectively close a file and report the hours to their funding agency, the Coalition for Court Access and the Indiana Supreme Court. The key words in that sentence are "Funding Agency". This District boasts that it is the best in the state and one reason is that the reports filed by our VLP are known for their accuracy, which results in their grant being approved without hesitation. Yes, the Closing Reports are that important.

Thank you for everything that you do for the citizens of southwestern Indiana.

Diversity and Inclusion

The EBA Diversity Committee has prepared a "tool kit" to help firms, agencies and organizations implement diversity and inclusion plans. The information is free and can be requested at eba@evvbar.org.

Red Mass -October 03

Noon, St Mary's Church 613 Cherry St. Evansville

The Red Mass is celebrated to invoke God's blessing upon the members of the Bench, Bar, Legislature, Law Enforcement and Governmental agencies, all protectors and administrators of the Law. Mayor Lloyd Winnecke & Chief Judge Young will be readers at this mass.

All are welcome to attend.





WHO'S DOING WHAT?

Congratulations to **Chief Judge Young** for receiving the Silver Gavel Award from the Indianapolis Bar Association.

Congratulations, **Joshua Claybourn**, for receiving the Donald R. Lundberg Writing Award from the Indiana State Bar Association.

Congratulations, **Beau Dial**, for being included in the EBJ Rising Leaders 20 under 40.

Committee/Section Meetings

10/14 In-House Corporate Counsel Section Meeting,

Noon - Mead Johnson

10/24 **Bench and Bar Committee Meeting**, Noon - EBA Office

10/26 **Women Attorneys Section Meeting**, 11:30 am - EBA

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0/28 Membership Committee Meeting, Noon -

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<u>Bar Updates</u>: Welcome new paralegal member Jennifer Handegard and attorney members Jillian Hanneken & Zachary LaGrange.

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

Jennifer Handegard

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Javier Lugo, President



n September 13, 2016, the Evansville Bar Foundation hosted Jon Laramore as the first speaker for the inaugural opening of the Randall T. Shepard Lecture Series. After an extensive career in both the private and public

sector, Mr. Laramore currently serves as the Executive Director of Indiana Legal Services. He spoke passionately about the role that his organization takes in providing legal services to the needy, indigent, and the poor. And while he highlighted all of the good that Indiana Legal Services has done for those folks, he emphasized how much more work needs to be done to ensure that all Hoosiers have access to the legal process.

That's where the Evansville Bar Foundation comes in. Since 1999, the Evansville Bar Foundation, through the generous donation of John L. Sanders' widow, has awarded grants to organizations, including Indiana Legal Services, that are on the front line of ensuring access to justice for all. If you haven't already, please consider donating to the Foundation so that these organizations can continue the worthy cause that both of these Jo(h)n's have advocated for.

There will be approx. 80 hours of EBA CLE offered October 1 -December 21.

There will be NO EBA CLE offered December 22 - January 8.

2016 CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to those that have contributed to the John L. Sanders Memorial - Evansville Bar Foundation in 2016.

In 2016 The Evansville Bar Foundation awarded \$24.000 to community programs, but nearly \$44,000 in grants were requested. Two-thirds of all donations go towards funding grants. Please donate to assure we can fully fund next year's requests.

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New Attorney (0-3 Years)

Lindsay Charles Steven Charles Ryan Hatfield **Brandon Powell Erin Schmitt** Patrick Thomas

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Be an active member of your Bar association!

Talk to a Lawyer Diversity Committee CLE COMMITTEE BENCH & BAR COMMUNICATIONS Law Day Planning **ORAL HISTORIES** Membership Committee Speakers Sureau

WHAT'S COMING UP

Select a box to register, email eba@evvbar.org or call Jeana at 812-463-3201



Equal Employment Law Update 3 CLE

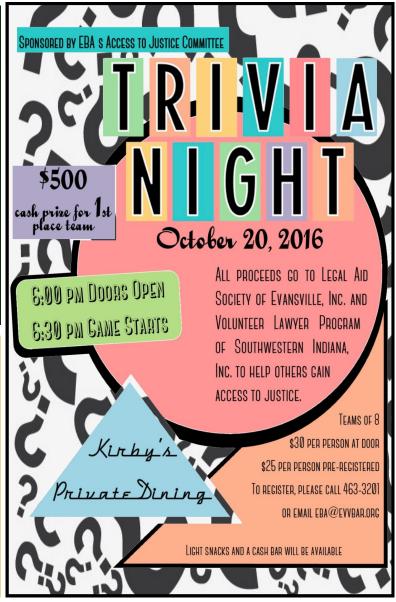
Friday, October 14 - 9:00 am

Speakers: Kyle Biesecker, Laurie Kemp, Cory

Kuhlenschmidt

Topics: FLSA, Mental Disabilities and the ADA, Requirements When Employee is Expecting







How to Obtain Confidential Records Concerning Mental Health, DCS and Education - 1 CLE

Tuesday, October 04

Noon - EBA Office *Additional \$5 for walk-ins

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

Register online at www.evvbar.org

email eba@evvbar.org or call 812-463-3201

Preserving and Obtaining Cell Phone Records - 1 CLE

Wednesday, October 12

Noon - EBA Office *Additional \$5 for walk-ins

Speaker: Ben Bierce

Cost is \$30 for EBA Members and \$50 for Non-members

Register online at www.evvbar.org

email eba@evvbar.org or call 812-463-3201

"Time to Take Gifting Seriously: New Proposed IRS Regulations Could Eliminate a Lot of Taxpayer Advantages- 1 CLE

Tuesday, October 25, Noon - EBA Office

Speaker: Brad Minor

Cost is \$25 for Probate, Elder Law & Guardianship Section Members, \$30 for EBA Members and \$50 for

Non-members

Register online at www.evvbar.org; email

eba@evvbar.org or **call** 812-463-3201

Specialized Driving Permits - 1 CLE

Friday, October 07 *Additional \$5 for walk-ins

Noon - Warrick County Superior Court No. 1

Speaker: Mark Foster

Cost is \$30 for EBA or Warrick County Bar Members and \$50 for Non-members; Lunch is being provided by the

Warrick County Bar Association

Register online at www.evvbar.org

email eba@evvbar.org or call 812-463-3201

Tips and Advice on Appellate E-Filing and Practice in Indiana - 1 CLE

Wednesday, October 19

Noon - EBA Office

*Additional \$5 for walk-ins

Speaker: Kevin Smith

Cost is \$30 for EBA Members and \$50 for Non-members

Register online at www.evvbar.org

email eba@evvbar.org or call 812-463-3201

New ALTA Survey Standards - 1 CLE

Wednesday, November 02

Noon - EBA Office

Cost is \$25 for Real Property Section Members, \$30 for

EBA Members and \$50 for Non-members

Register online at <u>www.evvbar.org</u>

email eba@evvbar.org or call 812-463-3201

Not Recognizing the Warning Signs of Domestic Abuse Will Hurt Your Client.... And Maybe You Too 8 CLE November 3 or November 4 (Same Agenda offered each day)

The EBA in collaboration with the Parenting Time Center are pleased to have representatives from the **National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence** present this very important workshop on domestic abuse.

Cost is \$200. Register via email eba@evvbar.org or call 812-463-3201. Indicate which date you plan to attend.



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Non-EBA Members Flashdrive Materials	\$265
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OCTOBER CALENDAR

10/03	Red Mass, Noon - St Mary's Church
10/04	How to Obtain Confidential Records Concerning Mental Health, DCS and Education 1 CLE, Noon - EBA Office
10/06	Talk to a Lawyer, 4:30 pm - EBA Office
10/07	Specialized Driving Permits 1 CLE, Noon - Warrick Superior Court 1
10/12	Preserving and Obtaining Cell Phone Records 1 CLE, Noon - EBA Office
10/13	EBA Morning Mixer, 7:30 am - Donut Bank Hwy 41 & Lincoln Ave.
10/13	EBA Board of Directors Meeting, 11:30 am - EBA Office
10/13	New Attorney Welcome Celebration, 5:00 pm - Ri Ra Irish Pub
10/14	Equal Employment Law Update 3 CLE, 9:00 am - EBA Office
10/14	In-House Corporate Counsel Section Meeting, Noon - Mead Johnson
10/19	Tips and Advice on Appellate E-Filing and Practice in Indiana 1 CLE , Noon - EBA Office
10/20	EBF Board of Directors Meeting, Noon - EBF Office
10/20	Trivia Night, 6:00 pm - Kirby's Private Dining
10/24	Bench and Bar Committee Meeting, Noon - EBA Office
10/25	Time to Take Gifting Seriously: New Proposed IRS Regulations Could Eliminate a Lot of Taxpayer Advantages 1 CLE, Noon - EBA Office
10/26	Women Attorneys Section Meeting, 11:30 am - EBA Office
10/27	The Future is Here: Ethical and Practical Considerations for Your Law Practice Today and Tomorrow, 11:30 am - Innovation Pointe
10/28	Membership Committee Meeting, Noon - EBA Office

EBA Video Replays

11/7 & 8 Indiana Law Survey

The EBA has over 25 hours of video replays scheduled for December. Check <u>evvbar.org</u> for an up to date listing.