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The purpose of the Association shall be to advance the science of jurisprudence, promote the administration of justice, uphold the honor of the profession of law, to encourage cordial discourse and interaction among members of the bar and between the bench and bar of St. Joseph County and of the state of Indiana, and to correlate the various activities of the Association in the interest of the legal profession and the public which it serves.

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# St . Joseph County Bar Association

## June 2015 Newsletter

The New Lawyers Committee  
Welcomes Our Newest Members to

### **“An Evening at the Cove”**

**Thursday, June 18, 2015**

*Four Winds Field—501 West South Street, South Bend, IN 46601*

Please join us in welcoming our newest members and their families!

*6:00 p.m.— Picnic/Doors Open— All You Can Eat Buffet:*

*Pulled Pork • Beef Brisket • Macaroni & Cheese • Baked Beans • Cookies  
Soft Drinks • Beer*

*7:05 p.m.—Game Time—South Bend Cubs vs. Dayton Dragons*

*South Bend Cubs Baseball Hats included for all bar members and their guests!!!*

**Limited number of tickets still available!!**

*Adults—\$40 Kids (12 & Under) — \$20*

*Children 2 & Under—No Charge (we do need a count)*

**NEW MEMBERS ARE FREE**

Go to [www.sjcba.org](http://www.sjcba.org) for registration forms.

Hope to see you there!!!



## 2015 ANNUAL GOLF OUTING AND SUMMER DINNER

**SAVE THE DATE NOW!!!**

**Thursday, July 30, 2015 at Juday Creek Golf Course**

Get your foursome together! Don't have anyone to golf with?

Call Amy in the Bar Office, 574-245-6753 and  
we will help you put together a foursome.

For details and registration forms go to [www.sjcba.org](http://www.sjcba.org).



### The Volunteer Lawyer Network

#### Ask-A-Lawyer

Wednesday, June 3, 2015  
3:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Elkhart Public Library  
To volunteer please contact the VLN at:  
[volunteerinc@att.net](mailto:volunteerinc@att.net)

### Lawyer Referral Service

Attorneys needed!!! Please join! The LRS is looking for attorneys in the following practice areas: Employment Law, Immigration Law, Family Law, and Social Security/Disability Issues. For more information please contact our LRS Specialist Robin at: 574-235-9657 or [stjoeLRS@gmail.com](mailto:stjoeLRS@gmail.com).

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### JUNE 2015

- 6/3 Ask-A-Lawyer— Elkhart Public Library-3:00 p.m.– 5:30 p.m., 300 S. 2nd St., Elkhart, IN 46516  
 6/6 Run with the Bar! - Sunburst 5K, 10K, and Marathon  
 6/10 Summer Kick-off—Parisi's, 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m., 1412 South Bend Ave., South Bend, IN 46617  
 6/18 Baseball Family Outing & Picnic-Four Winds Field, 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

### JULY 2015

- 7/3 Independence Day— St. Joseph Co. Courthouse & SJCBA Offices Closed  
 7/10 Family Law Committee—12 Noon, Le Peep, 127 S. Michigan, South Bend, IN 46601  
 7/30 Annual Golf Outing & Summer Bar Gathering— Juday Creek

## Summer Kickoff



**WHO:** Summer Law Clerks and New Members  
**WHAT:** A change to meet other new attorneys, summer law clerks and local judges  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 10, 2015, 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Parisi's Italian Restaurant, 1412 South Bend Ave., South Bend, IN 46617  
 There is no cost but reservations are required. Please RSVP through the [SJCBA.org](http://SJCBA.org) link, or by contacting Amy at 574-245-6753 or via email at [stjoobar@gmail.com](mailto:stjoobar@gmail.com).



## St. Joseph County Bar Association Pictures



### One Last Chance!!!

**The photographers are coming back, for 2 days ONLY!!!**

June 10th & 11th all day in the Bar Office/ Law Library of the courthouse.

Please call: 1-800-866-5562 to schedule your appointment time slot.

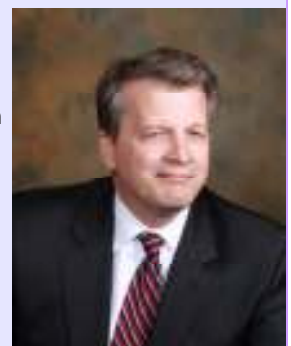
Please be sure to schedule your photo for the St. Joseph County Bar Association composite picture of attorneys.

## Meet the Magistrates



**Elizabeth Ann Hardtke**— Magistrate Hardtke was appointed to the bench on January 12, 2015 in the St. Joseph Superior Court Traffic & Misdemeanor Division and Small Claims Division. Magistrate Hardtke graduated with a B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and then earned her J.D. from Chicago Kent College of Law. Having served as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney from 2000-2005, she gained extensive legal experience in criminal law. Additionally, she worked as a Deputy Public Defender in St. Joseph County Probate Court from 2005-2010, and from 2010-2014 in the St. Joseph Superior Court— Traffic and Misdemeanor Division. She has drafted numerous appellate briefs and appeared in front of both the Indiana Appellate and Superior Court for oral arguments. During these accomplishments, she also managed a private caseload in both Superior and Probate Court. Magistrate Hardtke is also a mother to four young children.

**Jeffrey Sanford**— Jeffrey Sanford will begin as our newest Superior Court Magistrate on June 15, 2015 also in the Traffic & Misdemeanor Division and Small Claims Division. Jeff was born in Detroit, Michigan and has resided in St. Joseph County, Indiana since 1967. He graduated from Clay High School. Jeff graduated from Purdue University in 1982 and received his law degree from Valparaiso University Law School in 1988. Jeff started his career as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney in 1988. He is a former Deputy City Attorney for the City of South Bend representing the City in personal injury and constitutional claims. He went into private practice in 1990 and started his own practice in 1992. Jeff practices in the area of criminal defense and has extensive jury trial experience. He and his wife, Andrea, have four children and one grandchild.



### Message from the President by Matthew Kacsmarek



I am thankful for the generosity and support which I have received from every member with whom I have come in contact during my term as President, and I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you.

### In Search of

Searching for client files of the following attorneys: **Andrew Plodowski, Joe Rubin, Leonard Campanale,** and **Art Frisk.**

Looking for wills for:

- Barbara M. (Walters) Evans and/or Frank P. Evans (or Evans Family Trust)
- Mary Maxine Templeton
- Helen M. Kelly
- Armelda Baker
- Mildred Searvogle
- Renzi Walter Grilli and/or Evelyn Grilli
- Betty Jane Grilli

If you have information on any of these attorney files or clients' wills, please contact Amy in the bar office at 574-245-6753 or via email at: [stjoebar@gmail.com](mailto:stjoebar@gmail.com)

### St. Joseph County Bar Foundation

By Timothy Abeska

At its Quarterly Meeting on March 18, 2015, the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph County Bar Foundation unanimously approved a contribution of \$5,000 to the Adams High School mock trial program, to support the Adams team which will compete in the national finals. This contribution is consistent with the Foundation's mission of promoting civics programs, and is a philanthropic effort made possible by support from local attorneys and other contributors.

Please consider making a tax deductible donation to the Foundation. Checks should be made payable to the Foundation and sent to Tim Abeska at: 700 1st Source Bank Center, 100 N. Michigan St., South Bend, IN 46601. Contributors making aggregate donations after January 1, 2013 will be recognized at the following Sustaining Membership Levels: Fellow (\$750); Life Fellow (\$1,500); and Life Patron Fellow (\$2,500).

Thank you for your support!

### The Clerk's Corner

By Terri Rethlake

#### Mortgage Foreclosure and Education Fee

As you may know, the fifty dollar (\$50) Mortgage Foreclosure and Education Fee ended on 12/31/2014, however this fee was re-implemented by the 2015 General Assembly in S.E.A. 415. This Act may be viewed here: <https://iga.in.gov/static-documents/a/5/7/a/a57ad914/SB0415.07.ENRS.pdf>

The specific language concerning the Mortgage Foreclosure and Education Fee is found on page 43.

Governor Pence signed this Act into law on May 6, 2015 and the section of the Act containing the Mortgage Foreclosure Fee was effective upon signing. All clerks should start collecting the \$50 Mortgage Foreclosure and Education Fee in all mortgage foreclosure cases immediately.

This fee is now effective from May 6, 2015 to July 1, 2017.

### Job Postings

Circuit Court Judge Michael Gotsch is seeking applicants for the position of Magistrate of the St. Joseph Circuit Court. The new Magistrate position was created by HB1110. Applicants must be a resident of St. Joseph County, a graduate of an accredited law school, admitted to the practice of law and in good standing with Supreme Court of Indiana. An intimate, working knowledge of civil practice and procedure is required. Experience with domestic relations and criminal practice is highly preferred. Interested individuals should send a letter of application along with a resume and any other supporting documentation to: *Hon. Michael G. Gotsch, Judge, St. Joseph Circuit Court, Courthouse, 3rd Floor Suite, 101 S. Main St., South Bend, IN 46601-1896; Email: [lpencne@co.st-joseph.in.us](mailto:lpencne@co.st-joseph.in.us)* All applications must be received by June 12, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. Applicants should be available for interviews during the week of June 15th.

Established South Bend, Indiana law firm is seeking a licensed attorney with 1-5 years of experience. Litigation experience preferred. Must be open to assisting with various practice areas. Please send resume to *Jones Obenchain LLP, Attn: Pam Gunterman, P.O. Box 4577; South Bend,*

### Classifieds

**Office Space Available**— Up to three offices and support staff space available in Roseland Law Building, contact Mario Zappia at 574-277-8720 for more information and availability.

**Office Furniture Available**— Complete set of office furniture available. Multiple attorney desks, secretary desks, conference table and chairs. Please contact Dianna Cole at: 574-288-7820.

# Coming Soon!!!

Watch the calendar for these upcoming CLE Lunches!

“Indiana Legislative Update”—featuring John Broden at WNIT Studios

“Cyber Crimes: What you need to know” - featuring Eric Tamashasky, Esq. of the St. Joseph Co. Sheriff’s Dept.

“What’s New in the Prosecutor’s Office” - with Kenneth Cotter, St. Joseph County Prosecutor

## SJCBA Website Membership Directory & Password

The Board of Governors feel that because some retired members may not want their home addresses available to the public that it is best to password-protect the directory.

In addition, because the Board does not want our membership list to be used for solicitations, printing the directory has been disabled. The Board welcomes your feedback on these issues.

Here is the directory password: beau54)edition

Save the Date!!!

## 2015 LOCAL PRACTICE SEMINAR

Thursday, November 12, 2015

6 hours of CLE including 3 hours of ethics

Downtown South Bend at the Doubletree by Hilton

**Speakers to include:** Hon. Jon DeGuilio, Hon. Robert L. Miller, Jr., Michael Witte, Hon. Jenny Pitts Manier, Hon. Michael G. Gotsch, Hon. James N. Fox, Hon. Elizabeth A. Hurley, Hon. Jane Woodward Miller, Hon. Stephen Hostetler, Magistrate Andre B. Gammage, Magistrate Graham Polando, Joe Simeri, Richard Urda, Debra Miller, Rebecca Fischer, Michael Jenuwine, and Jim Groves, Hon. David T. Ready, and Hon. Michael Scopelitis

You will not want to miss this opportunity to have high quality, entertaining and informative LOCAL CLE!!!

## ICLEF CALENDAR Video Replays in South Bend

All Seminars begin at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

### June

- 6/10 Medicaid in Indiana for the Elderly & Disabled (6 CLE)
- 6/11 Employment Law (6 CLE)
- 6/23 Estate & Trust Planning (6 CLE)
- 6/24 Invasion of Drones (3 CLE)\*\*

### July

- 7/15 Annual Real Estate Institute (12 CLE) - Day 1 of 2
- 7/16 Annual Real Estate Institute (12 CLE) - Day 2 of 2

Please contact ICLEF at: 317-637-9102 or [www.ICLEF.org](http://www.ICLEF.org) for more information or to register.

Checks should be made payable to ICLEF. All video replays are held in the Law Library in the basement of the St. Joseph County Courthouse and begin at 9:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

To volunteer to serve as a moderator for a video replay, contact Amy McGuire at: 574-245-6159 or [sjcsbar@gmail.com](mailto:sjcsbar@gmail.com)

Note: You must be current on your SJCBA dues in order to have the privilege of moderating.