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# St. Joseph County Bar Association

## February 2016 Newsletter

# The Annual Winter Bar Gathering

## Thursday, February 25, 2016

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.



LaSalle Grill, 2nd Floor  
115 W. Colfax Avenue, South Bend



*Heavy hors d'oeuvres and two drinks are included.*

**\$30 for members**

*(\$40 if paying at door or registering after February 21st)*

**Registration forms and full details available at [www.sjcba.org](http://www.sjcba.org)**

### BROWN BAG CLE — VIDEO REPLAYS

Bring your lunch and watch previously recorded local CLE programs.

**All videos 12 Noon– 1:00 p.m.**

*(These programs were all live programs in 2015.)*

3/2— Pro Bono Reporting with Donald Lundberg & Mark Torma (1 CLE), Cost: \$40

3/9— Anatomy of a Mental Health Exam with Dr. Michael Jenuwine, Esq. (1 CLE), Cost: \$40

3/17— 7th Circuit Case Law with Hon. Jon DeGuilio, (1 CLE), Cost: \$40

3/24— Developments in Evidence with Hon. Robert L. Miller, Jr., (1 CLE), Cost: \$40

### Join the St. Joseph County Bar Association 2016 Sunburst Teams

*Date: June 4, 2016 (Saturday)*

SJCBA is organizing a Sunburst Corporate Team again for 2016. Registration fee includes a Team Sunburst Shirt and access to the Corporate Team Tent Party. Our team is open to SJCBA members and their family members. NOTE: All speeds/abilities are encouraged to participate. Do not fret if you are too fast or too slow. We need all speeds and abilities for our team. We plan to have teams in all distances offered by Sunburst, including the Fitness Walk. Please e-mail or call Victoria Wolf and let her know if you are interested in participating. E-mail: [vwolf@leonehalpin.com](mailto:vwolf@leonehalpin.com) Phone: 574-234-8050

*Cost: Marathon- \$95 per person; Half Marathon- \$85 per person; 10K Run- \$40 per person; 5K Run- \$35 per person; 5K Fitness Walk- \$25 per person.*

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### FEBURARY 2016

- 2/9 ICLEF Video Replay– Employment Law (6 CLE, 1 Ethics), 9:00 a.m., Law Library  
 2/13 Regional Mock Trial Competition, Penn High School, 56100 Bittersweet Road, Mishawaka —*Attorneys Needed!!*  
 2/15 President’s Day — St. Joseph County Courthouse **CLOSED**  
 2/16 Pro Bono Committee Meeting— 4:15 p.m., Faegre Baker Daniels, 202 S. Michigan Street, Suite 1400, South Bend  
 2/17 ICLEF Video Replay– 120 Top Tips in Estate Trust & Probate Practice (6 CLE), 9:00 a.m., Law Library  
 2/18 New Lawyer Committee Meeting— 12 Noon, Cinquo 5, 112 W. Colfax Avenue, South Bend  
 2/25 **WINTER BAR GATHERING**—5:30 p.m. –7:30 p.m. LOCATION: LaSalle Grill, 115. W. Colfax, South Bend  
 2/29 ICLEF Video Replay– Annual Bankruptcy Institute– Day 1 of 2, (12 CLE, 1 Ethics), 9:00 a.m., Law Library

### MARCH 2016

- 3/1 ICLEF Video Replay– Annual Bankruptcy Institute– Day 2 of 2, (12 CLE, 1 Ethics), 9:00 a.m., Law Library  
 3/3 ICLEF Video Replay– Survivors Guide to Everyday Law– Day 1 of 2, (12 CLE, 1 Ethics), 9:00 a.m., Law Library  
 3/4 ICLEF Video Replay– Survivors Guide to Everyday Law– Day 2 of 2, (12 CLE, 1 Ethics), 9:00 a.m., Law Library  
 3/4 Trivia Night, Hosted by Volunteer Lawyer Network– Contact Mark Torma, 574-277-0075  
 3/11 Family Law Committee Meeting— 12 Noon, La Peep, 127 S. Michigan Street, South Bend  
 3/22 ISBA Video Replay– Same Sex Marriage (6 CLE), 9:00 a.m., Law Library

**Criminal Law Committee—Meeting Soon!! Email Andrea Beachkofsky ([andrea@wrublelaw.com](mailto:andrea@wrublelaw.com)) for details of an upcoming meeting.**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Hon. William L. Wilson



**Happy New Year!** Welcome to 2016. I hope you had a pleasant and safe holiday and that the new year is off to a good start for everyone.

While you are in the mood to make resolutions, I hope you will resolve to (at least) two things for your Bar Association this year:

First, please participate in our upcoming member survey. The staff and leadership desperately need to know what you expect from your Bar Association. This survey (put together with the help of the American Bar Association) will be an outstanding opportunity for you to tell us what you think. And we want to know! Watch for the survey in your email a few months from now. (I’ll continue to pester you and remind you about it.)

Second, please join one of the Bar Association's committees and work on its projects. If there is a committee that interests you that seems to be “dead,” then please take the reins and begin to resurrect it. We have plenty of committees that need your help, such as Bend and Bar, Legal Education, Business and Real Estate, Criminal Law, Family Law, Insolvency, Mediation and Dispute Resolution, Probate and Estate Planning, Community Service and Outreach, Inter-Professional Relations, Pro Bono, Unauthorized Practice of Law, Library, Lawyer Referral, Membership and By-Laws, Grievance, Programs and Entertainment, Lawyer Support, Mentorship, and Assistance, Senior Lawyers and Memorials, Archives, New Lawyers, Diversity, State Bar Delegation and Nominations.

Any organization is only as good as the effort and time its members put into it. We have a pretty good thing going, but we can (and should) make it better. But we can’t do it without you.

## St. Joseph County Bar Foundation

The St. Joseph County Bar Foundation has approved funding for a year-long project to be led by Judge Jenny Pitts Manier, to bring together members of the St. Joseph County Bar to read selected books and to meet monthly to discuss these works. Four books have been selected and will be discussed in the period from January through May, 2016. The project is intended as an opportunity for members of the bar to engage one another on historical responses to, and the continued effects of, the institution of slavery in the United States, with the hope that expanding knowledge and deepening understanding will lead to greater personal and professional sensitivity to the consequences of different cultural experiences of what it means to engage with the legal system.

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### Welcome to Our New Members!!

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**Please notify us of any changes to your address, website, phone numbers or email addresses. Thanks!**

### The St. Joseph County Bar Association composite is now available purchase!

A 4-foot by 6-foot framed composite is hanging in the Rotunda of the Main Courthouse.

#### St. Joseph County Bar Members Composite:

40" x 60" Color Composite: \$800

20" x 30" Color Composite : \$150

#### 2015 St. Joseph County Judiciary Group Photos:

Color group pictures of the Circuit, Superior & Probate Judges are also available.

The Cost:

\$125 for each 11" x 14"

\$100 for each 8" x 10"

### New Lawyer Committee

Coffee with the New Lawyers, February 5th at Chicory Café, 7:30 a.m. until 8:15 a.m. Join us for an impromptu meet at the Chicory Café.

Please join us for our Committee Meeting on February 18, 12 Noon at Cinquo 5. **All new lawyers are welcome to attend!** A new lawyer is ANYONE in practice 10 years or less.

Please join us in planning for the coming year, and share your ideas in input.

## JOB POSTINGS

**Paralegal**– Sopko, Nussbaum, Inabnit & Kaczmarek is seeking a paralegal. The position requires the ability to work independently while contributing to a team-oriented environment. Candidates must be able to create chronologies, organize files, assist with discovery and draft pleadings. We are looking for an individual who is highly organized, possesses a strong work ethic, has exceptional oral and written communication skills and is proficient in MS Office. Previous experience in Word Perfect would be a plus. Please send resume to: [sheris@sni-law.com](mailto:sheris@sni-law.com).

**Paralegal-South Bend Branch Office**– Indiana Legal Service, Inc. is seeking a full-time paralegal for it's South Bend branch. The paralegal will assist staff attorneys in a variety of civil cases, including domestic violence and family law cases, public benefits cases, landlord tenant cases and consumer law cases. Responsibilities include interviewing potential clients, assist attorneys with legal research, drafting of pleadings, correspondence, and interviewing of witnesses, etc. Candidates must have excellent oral and written communication skills. Experience in providing services to low-income persons is preferred, along with diverse economic, social, and cultural experiences, and Spanish fluency. College degree and paralegal certification preferred. Please send resume and cover letter with three professional references to: Managing Attorney, Indiana Legal Services, Inc., 401 E. Colfax, Suite 116, South Bend, IN 46617 or email to [angelika.mueller@ils.net](mailto:angelika.mueller@ils.net).

**Client Billing Assistant Needed**– Blanford Law Office is in need of a qualified billing person to be responsible for attorney time entries, billing system, receipt of client payments, proper posting to trust, business accounts, etc. Office presently uses Time Slips but not wed to it. Part-time position, as this will be the person's only responsibilities. Compensation based on experience. Please apply directly to Gregory K. Blanford at 574-232-0869.

## MOCK TRIAL JUDGES NEEDED

*We are currently seeking volunteer judges for the 2016 Indiana High School Mock Trial—South Bend Regional Competition on Saturday, February 13.*

This is an excellent opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of the legal system, develop critical thinking skills, and improve their advocacy and public speaking skills.

We're seeking lawyers to act as presiding and scoring judges. Please consider judging one or more rounds for the South Bend Regional Competition. The scoring judges do not speak during the competition and need not have previous mock trial judging experience. Please share this need with your colleagues! Thank you!

To sign up as a judge, please go to: <https://form.jotform.com/52885667151970>

**South Bend Regional Competition:** February 13, 2016 at Penn High School, Mishawaka

Competition rounds last 2.5-3 hours. There will be an onsite judges training 30 minutes prior to each competition round.

9:00 a.m.—First round competition begins

1:00 p.m.—Second round competition begins

4:00 p.m.—Third round competition begins

Please contact Marilyn Smith via email: [msmith@inbf.org](mailto:msmith@inbf.org) with any questions.

**Thank you for your support of Indiana High School Mock Trial Competition!**

Volunteers Needed!

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