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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

February 2014 Newsletter

The Annual Winter Bar Gathering

Thursday, February 20, 2014

Sponsored by the St. Joseph County Bar Association

5:30 p.m. -- 7:30 p.m.

LaSalle Grille, 115 West Colfax, South Bend



\$30 per Member until Friday, February 14

(\$40 per Member 2/17 and after)

* Beer, Wine and Heavy Hors D'Oeuvres Included

Only Members in good standing will be admitted.

“Your Clients’ Missing Property— Digital Assets and 21st Century Estate Planning”

(1 CLE)

*What are digital assets?? Computer Files, an iTunes Library, Ebooks, Passwords??
Who “owns” these digital assets and what are the estate planning concerns with these assets?*

Presented by

**Chuck Leone, Leone Halpin, and
Bill Wilson, Anderson Agostino & Keller**

at

WNIT Studios, 300 W. Jefferson Blvd, South Bend, IN 46601

Friday, **February 28th**, 2014 from 12 Noon — 1:30 p.m.

Lunch will include an assortment of sandwiches, salad and soups provided by Indulgence Café . The cost is \$35 for SJCBA members.

St. Joseph County Bar Association

Calendar of Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2014

- 2/15 Mock Trial Regional Competition — Adams High School, all day —JUDGES NEEDED!
- 2/17 **President's Day** — Courthouse, County and SJCBA Offices are CLOSED
- 2/20 New Members Meet-up — LaSalle Kitchen & Tavern, 115 W. Colfax, South Bend, IN, 5:00 p.m.
- 2/20 **Annual Winter Bar Gathering**, LaSalle Grille, 115 W. Colfax, South Bend, 5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
- 2/28 CLE Luncheon — "Digital Assets & 21st Century Estate Planning," WNIT Studios, 300 W. Jefferson Blvd. South Bend, 12 Noon-1:30 p.m..

MARCH 2014

- 3/13 New Lawyer Networking, The Exchange, 112 W. Jefferson, South Bend, 5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.
- 3/14 **Family Law Committee Meeting**, Le Peep, South Bend, 12 Noon
- 3/28 Diversity Committee Meeting, 12 Noon, *Contact Victoria Wolf at vwolf@leonehalpin.com*

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Cheryl Greene

As I write for the February Newsletter, it's a "balmy" 28 degrees outdoors, and like many of you, I am hoping to never hear the term "Polar vortex" again, still waiting to find out whether Punxsutawney Phil will see his shadow to predict yet another 6 more weeks of winter, and also wondering whether Peyton Manning will utter the word "Omaha" on Super Bowl Sunday! But, in spite of the cold, the snow, and the windchill, the SJCBA is as busy as ever starting with plans for the Winter Bar Gathering at LaSalle Grill on Thursday, February 20th.



Don't let the cold and snow this year keep you away from the Winter Bar. Last year, over 100 of our members attended, and enjoyed some terrific food while catching up with friends. If you are a new member of the bar, please do make a special effort to join us as this is a great opportunity to get acquainted with many of the judges who regularly attend this event and to meet other members of the bar. It's a fun and friendly crowd, so please do join us.

Finally, if you haven't paid your 2014 dues yet, please make it a priority. As a member in good standing, you receive discounts on CLE's and are welcome at all of the SJCBA events. Last year, we held over 15 events including the Local Practice Seminar, the summer golf outing, and the New Lawyer baseball game. But, we are always working to improve, so if you have any ideas for events or you are willing to help plan or coordinate an event, please let Amy McGuire know.

The New Lawyer Committee

Submitted by Michael Misch

Are you a "New Lawyer?"

As the chairman of the New Lawyer Committee, I would like to officially welcome all of our New Lawyers. The St. Joe County Bar Association defines a "New Lawyer" as a lawyer in practice for 10 years or less. This upcoming year will be filled with networking events, discounted CLE opportunities, and philanthropic events that will be directed at and sponsored by New Lawyers.

The New Lawyer Committee of the St. Joe County Bar Association firmly believes that involvement with the Bar Association and your peers is integral to success as an attorney in St. Joseph County. We do our best to bring you meaningful CLE opportunities focused at career development and developing a successful practice. We also believe a major part of success is knowing who you are practicing with and getting to know the other lawyers in the area. To that end we have two networking events already planned for this year.

- Pre-Winter Bar Gathering Meet and Greet- The New Lawyer Committee cordially invites all new lawyers to come to the Winter Bar Gathering 30 minutes early to meet your fellow new lawyers before the official gathering commences. **5:00 p.m. Thursday, February 20th** LaSalle Kitchen & Tavern (115 W. Colfax, South Bend, IN 46601) Don't forget to register for the Winter Bar Gathering, as it is required for attendance.

- New Lawyer Networking Event- The New Lawyer Committee cordially invites all new lawyers to on **Thursday, March 13th**, to come to the Exchange (located in the lobby of 112 W. Jefferson) for an opportunity to mingle with your peers and have a drink. The event will be open house style from 5:00-7:30 pm with your first drink provided for you by Michael Misch and Anderson Agostino & Keller P.C.

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DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

By Victoria Wolf

On Friday, March 28, 2014, the ISBA Diversity Committee and SJCBAs Diversity Committee will host a combined meeting in SOUTH BEND. All SJCBAs members are welcome to attend. RSVP is required as lunch will be provided. They can RSVP to me at vwolf@leonehalpin.com.

The Volunteer Lawyer Network

By Mark Toma

FREE CLE!

On March 13, at 1 pm at the WNIT studios, the Volunteer Lawyer Network will host a live CLE presentation by Kerry Hyatt Blomquist of the Indiana Coalition for Domestic Violence, "*When Your Client is a Survivor: Best Practices in Working with Victims of Violence in Family Law Cases*". There is no charge for attending; attorneys will merely have to commit to taking 2 pro bono cases through the Volunteer Lawyer Network over the next two-year period. Take advantage of this opportunity to enhance your law practice and increase your ability to handle some of the more challenging, and deserving, cases.

Trivia Night —May 9, 2014!!

The next Volunteer Lawyer Network TRIVIA NIGHT will be held on May 9, at the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph County. Tables of eight can be reserved for \$150, and space is limited, so don't wait! Reserve your table right now by calling [574-277-0075](tel:574-277-0075), or by writing to volunteerinc@att.net.

THANK YOU!!!

Many thanks to all of the attorneys, even one from Indianapolis, who volunteered at our Ask-A-Lawyer event that was held on January 20, in honor of Martin Luther King Day. We served fifty-two members of the public, in almost every area of law. Our next Ask-A-Lawyer will be in late April, in honor of Law Day - look for more details in this space.

The St. Joseph County Bar Foundation

Please consider starting the New Year by making a tax deductible contribution to The St. Joseph County Bar Foundation, Inc. The Foundation Board will consider requests to support civics education and undertakings, pro bono services, and other causes of public importance related to the legal community. Support from attorneys makes this possible. Based on contributions received through January 23, 2014, the Foundation recognizes the following Sustaining Members:

Life Patron Fellow (\$2,500 +)

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Fellow (\$750)

What about you?

Checks for contributions should be made payable to the Foundation and sent to Tim Abeska at 700 1st Source Bank Center, 100 North Michigan Street, South Bend, IN 46601. Thank you for your support!

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ICLEF Video Replays in South Bend

FEBRUARY 2014

2/11 CME for Civil Mediation (6 CLE)

MARCH 2014

3/6 Recent Developments in Employment Law (6 CLE)**
3/7 Family Law Essentials (6 CLE)

APRIL 2014

4/16 How to Analyze and Understand Financial Statements (6 CLE, 6 CPE)**
4/24 Section 1031 Exchanges (6 CLE)**

Please call ICLEF at 317-637-9102 or go to www.ICLEF.org to register.

*** Indicates a moderator is needed.*

Please note: Printed books are no longer included with seminar cost.

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