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St. Joseph County Bar Association

May 2014 Newsletter

The Family Law Committee

Presents:

“Legal and Clinical Response to Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse” (1.5 CLE)

Wednesday, May 28th, 2014

12 Noon– 2:00 p.m.

Presenters:

Carolyn Hahn, Executive Director CASIE Center

Jeff Burnett, PhD, Psychologist

Sharon Albrecht, J.D., St. Joseph County Department of Child Services

WNIT Studios, Community Room

300 W. Jefferson Blvd., South Bend, IN

\$35 SJCBA Members/\$70 Non-SJCBA Members

\$20 Students/Psychologists/Paralegals (No CLE)

A Buffet Lunch from Papa Vinos includes:

Tossed Salad, Pasta Con Pollo, Lasagna, Fresh Baked Italian Bread, Dessert and Drinks

Thursday, May 29th, 2014 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

“How to Start and Then Grow a Highly Ethical, Professional, and Profitable Law Firm”

Presented by R Jon Robins, Esq.

6 CLE, 2 Ethics \$125 SJCBA Members; \$150 Non Members

DoubleTree by Hilton, South Bend

Friday, May 30th, 2014 12:30 p.m. — 2:00 p.m.

“Legal Education Today”

Presented by Dean Andrew Klein

1.0 CLE \$35 SJCBA Members; \$50 Non Members

Tippecanoe Place, South Bend

Registrations available at www.sjcba.org.

FOR NEW ATTORNEYS ONLY JUDICIAL CLE SERIES

May 19

HON. STEVEN HOSTETLER

St. Joseph Superior Court, South Bend

June 2

HON MICHAEL G. GOTSCH

St. Joseph Circuit Court, South Bend

August 7

HON. MARGOT REAGAN

St. Joseph Superior Court, South Bend

Registration is REQUIRED for each of these sessions and is LIMITED to new attorneys (those attorneys who have been in practice 10 years or less.

Join the St. Joseph County
Bar Association for our

ANNUAL MEETING

Friday, May 30th, 2014

11:00 a.m.

St. Joseph County Courthouse
Judge Frese's Courtroom, 2nd Floor

Please join us in remembering
the Honorable **William Albright**
and **James Hall**

St. Joseph County Bar Association

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- May 6 Primary Elections — SJCBA Offices and St. Joseph County Courthouse CLOSED
- May 9 **TRIVIA NIGHT** — Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; Trivia at 7:00 p.m.—**Pre-Registration Required**
- May 19 **CLE** (for New Attorneys Only): Judge Hostetler, St. Joseph Co. Courthouse —(*Registration Required*)
- May 26 Memorial Day— SJCBA Offices and St. Joseph County Courthouse CLOSED
- May 28 **CLE:** The Family Law Committee —"Legal and Clinical Reports of Sexual Allegations in Child Custody Cases," 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m., WNIT Studios (1.5 CLE)
- May 29 **CLE:** "How to Manage a Small Law Firm," 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., Doubletree by Hilton (6 CLE)
- May 30 **SJCBA Annual Meeting**, 11:00 a.m., St. Joseph Courthouse, 2nd Floor
- May 30 **CLE:** "The Future of Legal Education," 12:30 p.m. —2:00 p.m., Tippecanoe Place (1 CLE)
- June 12 **Summer Kickoff for Law Clerks**, 5:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m., Parisi's Italian Restaurant
- June 18 **CLE:** JLAP Training for JLAP Monitors, 12 Noon — 2:00 p.m., WNIT Studios, South Bend
- June 26 **New Member Baseball Game & Family Picnic**, 6:00 pm Doors Open; 7:05 p.m. Game time
- July 17 **Annual Bar Association Golf Outing & Summer Dinner**, Juday Creek

President's Corner

By Cheryl R. Greene, President

In April, I had the pleasure of attending our first Judicial CLE Series for New Lawyers sponsored by our New Lawyers Committee under the direction of its Chair, **Mike Misch**. (Thanks, Mike!) This event is strictly for new lawyers with less than 10 years of practice, and it provides a wonderful opportunity for our newer members of the bar to meet with each other and to hear from our local judges. In turn, it provides an opportunity for each of our judges to share their experiences from the bench, provide advice for new attorneys, and to share some of their personal quirks and pet peeves in an informal setting.

We had a great turnout, and I was especially pleased that one of the people who first hired me as a new lawyer in the City Attorney's office, **Judge Jenny Pitts Manier**, volunteered to be our first speaker in the series. (Thanks, Judge!) In addition to gently admonishing the new lawyers to remember the "no hyphen rule" when spelling her last name, and to always treat court staff with respect, she delivered a very poignant message as to the importance of not only how we attend to our practice as lawyers, but the importance of who we are as persons in our daily life. Her tale of two lawyers included a recollection of another of our former colleagues from the City Attorney's Office, **Jeff Jankowski**. Jeff was probably better known for doing celebratory cartwheels when he coached his daughter's team won the World Series and trick-or-treating for Jell-O shots than he was for his legal scholarship. However, when Jeff died, the lines of people coming to pay their respects snaked through the church and circled around the block because of who Jeff was as a person and how many lives he touched in such a positive way during his all too short lifetime. Good things for all of us to remember whether we are new or we are seasoned lawyers.

Please don't forget to mark your calendar for the **SJCBA Annual Meeting on Friday, May 30th at 11:00 a.m.** I hope to see you there.

St. Joseph County Bar Foundation

Submitted By Timothy Abeska

At its Quarterly Meeting on March 12, 2014, the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph County Bar Association unanimously approved an application for grant funding received from Mark J. Torma, Executive Director of the Volunteer Lawyer Network ("VLN"). The application proposed (a) \$4,000 to support rent for office space, for which the VLN pays \$10,395 per year, (b) \$1,200 to support phone and internet service expenses, which total approximately \$3,000 per year, (c) \$500 to support Ask-A-Lawyer events in St. Joseph County, and (d) \$300 to support some of the email marketing and contact management expenses incurred by the VLN. The Board voted to fund all four VLN proposals in the total amount of \$6,000, consistent with the Foundation's mission of promoting pro bono services.

Support from attorneys makes these contributions possible. 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 North Michigan Street, South Bend, IN 46601.* Thank you for your support!

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The Clerk's Corner
By Terri Rethlake

Happy Spring! We are one (1) month into our new computer system. I thank you for your patience with us as we navigate our way. If there are changes in a case, please let the clerks know and they will update the case. In order for the system to work properly, lines of communication must be open between the attorneys and clerks.

Reminder:
Since it will take us longer to put a new case in, Small Claims clerks ask the attorneys who bring in pre-dated filings 45 days before the court date they receive. If they are brought in at the last minute, there may not be enough time to have the claims served.

We are still setting up financials both in Upper Court & Small Claims cases for the garnishment checks we receive. We are doing the best we can to catch up.

On that note, any attorney or law firm that receives funds from this office MUST have a W-9 on file to receive checks. If that information is not in the Odyssey system, check(s) will not cut. Please send or bring in the W-9 to the basement Clerk's Office!

Public Access to Court Records: <https://mycase.in.gov>

The Volunteer Lawyer Network
By Mark Torma

Many thanks to the attorneys who volunteered at our Ask-a-Lawyer event in South Bend on April 28: Aladean Derosé, Mark Kundmueller, Trevor Gasper, Renee Skeete, Randy Arndt, Ben Blatt, Deb Tuttle, Carrie Gaines, Tom Dixon, Chris Spataro, and Ted Benchik. And to the Paralegals: Autumn Cardona, Vicki Caturla, and Liz Whitelegg.

We were able to help 60 members of the public with their legal problems, which is an incredible amount of service to our community.

Michiana Paralegal Association Update
Submitted by Cherylan Shearer

The Paralegal Association promotes the paralegal profession and provides professional development opportunities for local paralegals.

Our next dinner meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 12, at 6:00 p.m.** at Papa Vino's in Mishawaka. Our speaker for the evening will be *B. Douglas Hayes, Esq.*, a Board Certified Indiana Trust and Estate Lawyer by the Trust & Estates Specialization Board. Doug will be speaking to our group on **Elder Law**. *Bill Wilson* of Anderson, Agostino & Keller, P.C. will speak to the group regarding why it is important for paralegals to become members of the local bar association. If you would like further details regarding the upcoming dinner meeting, please contact *Cherylan Shearer* at CShearer@yaub.com. Non-members are welcome!! Please show support to your paralegal or legal assistant by paying their dues to become members of our Association.

Go to www.SJCBA.org to see more information about how and why you should join the Michiana Paralegal Association!



Friday, May 9th, 2014

Emceed by Magistrate David T. Ready

All proceeds go to support the mission of the VLN.
Bring your own snacks! Cash drinks available.

Location: Jewish Federation, 3202 Shalom Way, South Bend.
Time: Doors open at 6:00 P.M. Games begin at 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$150 per team – 8 players per team

Teams must register in advance; SPACE IS LIMITED and will sell out!!
Sponsorship opportunities are available as well beginning at \$100!
Contact Mark Torma at volunteerc@att.net or 574-277-0075 for more details.

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ICLEF Video Replays in South Bend

MAY 2014

5/14 Probate Litigation (6 CLE)
5/21 Today's Adoption Law (6 CLE)

JUNE 2014

6/19 54 Practical Issues Tips & Traps for Employment Lawyers (6 CLE)
6/24 Recent Developments in DWI Defense (6 CLE)**

** Indicates a moderator is needed.

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

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

Most books are available for an additional \$25 or online at <http://community.iclef.org>

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