



November 2014 Newsletter



Message from the President



Dues notices are now going out and are due by the end of the year. You should receive your dues notice by the end of this month.

Our new, printed membership directory is currently in progress. You may receive a call or email from E&M Publishing on our behalf. They are the company printing the directories and need our support to help make this directory possible. If you would like to advertise in the directory or know someone who may be interested contact them at 800-572-0011 or Amy McGuire in the bar office.

Please check out our Local CLEs being offered by fellow bar members. There is over 12 hours of LOCAL, LIVE CLE available between now and December 19th!

There will be NO CLE hours (video or live programming) available after December 23rd this year! **GET YOUR CLE HOURS NOW!!!**

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The St. Joseph County Bar Foundation

Earlier this month The St. Joseph County Bar Foundation made a \$5,000 contribution to the Indiana Bar Foundation, to support civics education and other IBF programs. Tim Abeska presented the check to the IBF during its Board meeting held in conjunction with the Indiana State Bar Association Annual meeting. Tim updated the IBF Board about the Foundation's work locally. The IBF was deeply appreciative of the Foundation's support.

Contributions from attorneys allow the Foundation to fulfill its mission. For those who will respond to Rich Hill's recent solicitation of contributions in the coming weeks, checks for tax deductible 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.

Thanks for your support!

Clerk's Corner /From the Bench



NEW LOCAL RULE - Destruction of Evidence

Local Rule 112.3 has been amended. Effective

Do You have a Paralegal in your office?

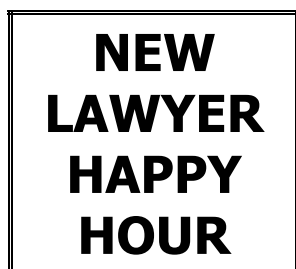
Please share this with paralegals in your office.

The Michiana Paralegal Association is conducting a survey of area paralegals who are not currently members of MPA. If that is you, we would be grateful if you would take a minute out of your day to give us your feedback by answering 10 brief questions.

[Click here for survey!](#)

Please check out their new website:

<http://michianaparalegalassociation.org/>



Thank you to **Sopko, Nussbaum, Inabnit & Kaczmarek** for hosting our New Lawyer Happy Hour this past week!

For more information on future dates or to offer to host the first drinks next month, contact Ben Jonas bwj@hajlaw.com or Tommy Walz at tjwalz@hahnwalz.net.

The St. Joseph County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Program

Are you aware that the Bar Association offers an attorney referral program? For an annual fee of \$75 per attorney we help by putting the general public in touch with local attorneys.

This process is done through our Lawyer Referral Specialist, Autumn Cardona, who will screen the client and their needs and put them on the right track to contact you!

We NEED attorneys in the following areas:

January 1, 2015, attorneys filing civil cases will be required to tender to the Clerk, along with the initial pleading and summons, sufficient copies of a prescribed notice advising all parties to the action of their rights and obligations concerning the retrieval of evidence and the destruction of evidence. Please take the time to acquaint yourself with this rule.

You can find a copy at the following link: <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/files/stjoseph-plr.pdf>

Please check December's Bar Association Newsletter for additional information.

Upcoming LIVE CLEs

"Internet Gambling, Corruption and Cryptocurrencies"

Thursday, November 13th, 2014

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

1.5 CLE

Presented by Elihu Feustel

[Full details & Register Now!](#)

"TPR/CHINS"

Friday, November 14th, 2014

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

6 CLE

*Presented by Marion Public Defender Council/
St. Joseph Co. Public Defenders and Michelle Laux*

[Full Details & Register Now!](#)

"Probate Court: The Ins and Outs of Probate Court"

Monday, November 17th, 2014

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

2 CLE

Presented by Hon. James N. Fox, Magistrate Aric Rutkowski, Magistrate Graham Polando, and Magistrate Joel Gabrielese

[Full Details & Register Now!](#)

"Cyberliability: How it Effects You, Your Firm & Your Clients"

**Wednesday, November 19th, 2014
12 Noon - 1:30 p.m.
1.5 CLE**

Presented by Adam Gawlenty, Ritman & Associates

[Full Details & Register Now!](#)

DETAILS COMING...

Medicaid CLE

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

2 CLE

*Presented by Douglas Germann
& Jennifer VanderVeen*

Mediation Seminar

Thursday, December 11, 2014

Presented by Mike Jenuwine

Changes in DUI/HTV Cases

Tuesday, December 16th, 2014

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

2 CLE

Presented by Mark Kopinski

**Indiana State Bar
Video Replay
of
"Indiana Law Survey"
12 CLE/1 Ethics**

These video replays will be held at the Law Library.

Click here for the [Agenda](#) for this program.

December 11 & 12 at 9:00 a.m.

\$375 for both days of this program
\$250 for one-day of the program

[To register for the December Dates CLICK HERE.](#)

**Calendar of ICLEF
Videos**

*At this time all "moderator" spots are filled.
Thank you for your interest.*

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11/6 at 9:00 a.m.

**Special Issues in Automobile Accident Cases
(6CLE)**

11/10 at 1:00 p.m.

**Main Event: Divorce Law vs. Estate Law &
Designated Beneficiaries
(3CLE)**

11/12 at 9:00 a.m.

**Practical Tips for Estate Planning &
Administration
(6CLE)**

11/13-11/14 at 9:00 a.m.
ELDER LAW INSTITUTE
(12CLE/3 Ethics)

11/20-11/12 at 9:00 a.m.
12th Annual Family Law Institute
(12CLE/2 Ethics)

[Click here to register now.](#)

CLASSIFIEDS

Office Space Rent

One office for rent with large desk and bookcases for sole practitioner in the Chase Tower, Suite 1720 with indoor parking included. For further information and showing, *call Senior Judge Michael Scopelitis at 574-532-6875.*