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## October 2014 Newsletter

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Monthly Newsletter

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NEW LAWYERS ONLY!!!

*October 27, 2014*  
*Hon. James N. Fox,*  
*Juvenile Justice Center,*  
*11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.*

*Location:*  
*Juvenile Justice Center,*  
*1000 S. Michigan Street*  
*South Bend IN 46601*

Dear William,

There has been a lot of activity this month at the bar association!

The results of our annual judicial survey are now available on our website at: [Judicial Survey 2014 Results](#). Look for an editorial in the South Bend Tribune tomorrow about this.

Please join us for the many **upcoming CLE Luncheons!** See below for more information. Here is a link for registration information: [Link to register for upcoming CLEs](#)

**TODAY!!** Monday, October 6, 2014 is the Red Mass at The Basilica of Sacred Heart at Notre Dame at 5:15 p.m. This is annual Mass celebrated to invoke divine guidance and strength to the court in the coming year.

Also, this month, on Friday, **October 24th**, The Volunteer Lawyer Network will host another **Trivia Night**. Plan your team now to compete in this challenging and entertaining night!

This week is also the Annual Indiana State Bar Association Meeting. This year's event is in Indianapolis. We will be hosting a Thursday President's Reception at the event. Check out: [ISBA Meeting Info](#) for more details and registration information.

Hope to see you soon!

Matt Kaczmarek, President



11/17  
The Ins and Outs of Probate  
Court  
(2 CLE Luncheon)

11/19  
Cyber Liability  
(1.5 CLE Luncheon)

12/5  
New Traffic Code  
(2 CLE Luncheon)

12/11 & 12/12  
IN Law Survey  
(12 CLE, 2 Day ISBA Video  
Replay)

[IN Law Survey Dec. Registration](#)

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correct) and state the IC code the expungement falls under. Please use the term expunge or seal as appropriate for that IC code. Also please be sure to order ALL court CCS/files that pertain to the Expungement. Thank you!

**Attorney Numbers** - Please include your State Bar Number on ALL filings. Small Claims Court because of the volume need it on Filings and CCS Minute Sheets submitted. The number makes it much easier to find your name in the Odyssey system and associate it with your case.  
Thank you for your help!

**Access to St. Joseph County records** not converted to Odyssey is available through a subscription service with the Division of State Court Administration. The charge for enhanced access is \$50.00 per month or \$600 per year. Contact Mary Kronoshek at [317-234-2710](tel:317-234-2710) or email at [mary.kronoshek@courts.in.gov](mailto:mary.kronoshek@courts.in.gov)

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

## BAR FOUNDATION UPDATE

The St. Joseph County Bar Foundation recently awarded a \$5,000 grant to Lavar R. Barnett, a first year student at Notre Dame Law School, to assist with his educational expenses. Mr. Barnett is an engaging young man whose rise from a rough part of Chicago to attend Culver Academy and NDLS was the subject of a recent article in the South Bend Tribune. Assisting law students is part of the Foundation's philanthropic mission. The Board members are in the process of developing criteria for future grant awards, and welcome input from Bar Association members. Please contact Rich Hill, Cheryl Greene, or Tim Abeska to share your

ideas.

For those who will respond to Rich Hill's recent solicitation of contributions in the coming weeks, 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.  
Thanks for your support!

## The Volunteer Lawyer Network

### Upcoming Ask A Lawyer

The Volunteer Lawyer Network will be having it's next Ask-A-Lawyer event at the main branch of the South Bend Public Library on **Monday October 20, 2014**, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the afternoon. Let Shawnda at our office know at [volunteerinc@att.net](mailto:volunteerinc@att.net) if you will be able to attend and offer brief legal advice to members of the public. The attorney-client relationship will last only as long as your consultation, so you have nothing to be afraid of! And it's a satisfying experience as well.



### Trivia Night -- October 24, 2014

The Volunteer Lawyer Network will also be having its next Trivia Night Fundraiser on **Friday, October 24, 2014** at 7:00 p.m. at the Jewish Federation of St. Joseph Valley. Complete and submit a form to register your team; if you don't have a team to bring, just register yourself and we'll find some teammates for you.

[Click here to register now!!](#)

## Indiana Legal Answers

Allows you to offer pro bono services via computer



Don't have time to take on a full pro bono case?

Register to give online brief legal advice

at [www.indianalegalanswers.org](http://www.indianalegalanswers.org) - the site collects legal questions from the public, and lawyers can take the questions they want and answer them at their own convenience. The site also records your hours for you, so you don't have to bother. The Volunteer Lawyer Network will be making a push to get attorneys in our area registered, so be one of the first ones to register.

## Pro Bono Committee Update

Pursuant to the newly adopted Rule 6.7 of the Rules of Professional Conduct, effective with the 2016 annual registration in 2016, Indiana attorneys will be required to report:

- (1) the number of reportable pro bono legal services they provided during the previous calendar year ending December 31.
- (2) and either (a) the extent of any financial contribution made to the Indiana Bar Foundation or qualified legal service organization located in Indiana or (b) the extent of any in-kind contribution qualifying legal service organizations or local pro bono districts.

This information will not be publically disclosed on either an individual or firm-wide basis. The obligation to report is mandatory; the nature of the obligation to provide pro bono services is governed by Rule 6.1 of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

As you prepare for this requirement, please know that Indiana Legal Services is a qualified legal service organization for these purposes and The Volunteer Lawyer Network is St. Joseph County's local pro bono district administrator. Your provision of pro bono services and your financial contributions are both appreciated.

A pro bono option with which you may not be familiar is IN Legal Answers. IN Legal Answers is a project of the Indiana Bar Foundation and the Indiana Pro Bono Commission. The system screens

clients for eligibility and, if qualified, allows them to post a question to a private messaging system. The questions are answered by private attorneys volunteering their time. A client has the ability to check the system for answers at any time. Only the name of the client is shared with the volunteer attorney assisting them. All other information is anonymous to insure complete privacy. Check it out: <http://www.indianalegalanswers.org/>

## Calendar of ICLEF Videos

-----OCTOBER-----

**10/8 at 10:30 a.m. -- 12:30 p.m.**

Advising & Complying with Subpoenas in Federal Court  
(2 CLE)

-----NOVEMBER-----

**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.](#)

\*\*Indicates a Moderator is needed.

*(At this point, all of our moderator spots are filled through the end of the year. If you would like to be listed as a "sub" if someone cancels, contact Amy at [stjoobar@gmail.com](mailto:stjoobar@gmail.com))*

[Note: A moderator is a member (in good standing) who attends the program at no charge (provided there are other attendees) and moderates the program.]

## Classifieds

### Did you know?

**There is a new bicycle delivery service for lunch, documents or other errands downtown?**

**Call South Bend Bicycle Delivery for more info [574.222.7362](tel:574.222.7362).**

#### In Search of Wills

#### **In Search of Last Will & Testament for Leroy King**

Does anyone have information relating to a Last Will and Testament for Leroy King? He passed away on August 1, 2014. We know of a Will that was prepared in 2010 by Atty. James Olson, but we are unsure as to whether a subsequent Will was executed.

*Please contact attorney Lindsey Pianowski with any information. Her phone number is [574-294-1499](tel:574-294-1499) and email is: [lpianowski@riverwalklaw.com](mailto:lpianowski@riverwalklaw.com)*

#### **In Search of Will & Testament for Avis R.**

**Chambers.** She passed away on August 29, 2014.

*Please contact attorney Mitch Heppenheimer at [574-232-5883](tel:574-232-5883) or via email [mitch@hepkorlaw.com](mailto:mitch@hepkorlaw.com).*

## About The St. Joseph County Bar Association

### ARTICLE III.

*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.*

## Board of Governors

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