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## New Leaders Take the Reins

Already the 2011 Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Bar Association and the Indianapolis Bar Foundation are at work. They officially began their terms January 1; but as is tradition within the Bar all members of the local legal community are encouraged to gather for a celebratory luncheon featuring the installation of the boards of directors of the Indianapolis Bar Association and Indianapolis Bar Foundation, as well as to recognize numerous judges and other dignitaries. The Installation Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 19, at noon at the Conrad Hotel.

Michael J. Hebenstreit, Whitham Hebenstreit & Zubek, LLP, will be the 2011 association board president and Robin L. Babbitt, Bingham McHale, LLP, will serve as the 2011 foundation board president. Register today at [www.indybar.org](http://www.indybar.org).

Meet the members of the Association Board of Directors to be installed include the following:

### OFFICERS



**Michael J. Hebenstreit,**  
President

Hebenstreit's practice at Whitham Hebenstreit & Zubek LLP focuses on business formation, contract negotiation, bankruptcy and work-out matters, general litigation and family law litigation. He currently serves as a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Panel Trustee. He has held a number of leadership positions in the Association, including chair of the Family Law Section and prior service on the Association Board of Directors. Hebenstreit is a graduate of Xavier University; he earned his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.



**A. Scott Chinn,**  
President-elect

Chinn, Baker & Daniels LLP, practices in the areas of litigation, appellate practice, state and municipal law, and economic development.

Mr. Chinn formerly served as Corporation Counsel for the city of Indianapolis and Marion County. He also was Special Counsel to Indiana Attorney General Jeff Modisett. Mr. Chinn previously served as counsel to the Association Board of Directors and as an at-large member. He is a graduate of Indiana University; he earned his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.



**Kerry Hyatt Blomquist,**  
1st Vice President

Legal Counsel for the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, a statewide organization dedicated to the elimination of domestic abuse in Indiana. Ms. Blomquist was the founding Executive Director of the Protective Order Pro Bono Project of Greater Indianapolis. A graduate of the Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis, Ms. Blomquist has worked in both the private and public sectors of the law, and has served the Association in numerous capacities including Chair of the

Women and Law Division and as Secretary to the Board of Directors.



**Christine H. Hickey,**  
Immediate Past President

Hickey is one of the managing partners at Rubin & Levin PC and practices in the area of commercial collections. She has long been an active member of the Association, serving on the board of directors culminating as President in 2010 and in numerous other capacities, including the Association's Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Indianapolis Bar/Marion County Bar Justice Center Task Force. She is also immediate past president of the National Conference of Bar Foundations, having also served as President of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation in 2006 & 2007. She received her undergraduate degree from Purdue University and earned her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.



**Jeffrey A. Abrams,**  
Treasurer

Abrams, Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff LLP, is widely recognized in the field of commercial real estate, as well for his practice in corporate and business transactions. Abrams represents banks and lending institutions, developers, landlords, tenants, builders, contractors and all types of business owners. He has been active in the Association and is a past president of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation. Mr. Abrams received his undergraduate degree from Miami University and his J.D., *cum laude*, from Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis.



**Nissa Ricafort,** Secretary

One of the three founding partners of Broyles Kight & Ricafort, LLP, Ms. Ricafort has significant experience in employment law and family law. In addition to her private legal work, Nissa has volunteered with Child Advocates, Inc. as a guardian ad litem for children involved in child abuse or neglect proceedings. She is a past chair of the Association's Pro Bono Standing Committee, a former at large member of the board of directors, and a Bar Leader Series Class III graduate. Ms. Ricafort graduated *cum laude* from DePauw University and received her law degree, *summa cum laude*, from the Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis.



**David K. Herzog,**  
Co-Counsel to the Board

Herzog is Chair of Baker & Daniels LLP's Business Litigation Practice Group and concentrates his practice in complex business and commercial litigation. From January 1998 through August 2000, David was Managing Partner of the firm's Indianapolis Office. He left the firm in September 2000 to become Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

of Conesco, Inc., where he served until February 2003. He then returned to Baker & Daniels as a Partner. Mr. Herzog is a former chair of the Association's Litigation Section, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Theological Seminary, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society.



**April E. Sellers,**  
Co-Counsel to the Board

Sellers concentrates her practice in business litigation, representing clients in a variety of trial, pretrial and post-trial proceedings before state and federal courts as well as in arbitration. A partner at Baker & Daniels, Ms. Sellers began her career at Baker & Daniels prior to serving as Deputy Chief of Staff to former Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson. She rejoined the firm in 2006. She earned her undergraduate degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and her J.D. *magna cum laude*, from Indiana University Maurer School of Law - Bloomington.

### VICE PRESIDENTS



**Christopher E. Baker,**  
Vice President

Baker focuses his practice at Hostetler & Kowalik LLP in creditors' rights and commercial and bankruptcy litigation. He formerly served on the Association board in various capacities. He is a graduate of Wabash College. He earned a master's degree from Indiana University and his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.



**Marie D. Castetter,** Vice President

Castetter is a deputy prosecutor at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. Currently she is the Director of Training & Development. Ms. Castetter has served on the Association's Monthly Meeting of Members Committee and currently is a member of the Bench Bar Committee and the IndyBar's Bar Leader Series Steering Committee. She is also an alumna of the IndyBar's Bar Leader Series, Class V. Ms. Castetter completed her undergraduate degree at Purdue University and earned her J.D. from Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis.



**Kevin P. McGoff,** Vice President

McGoff focuses his practice at Bingham McHale LLP on providing representation for lawyers in disciplinary proceedings, defense in criminal cases, and matrimonial law. McGoff is a past-president of the Association and has served on the Bar's professionalism and legislative committees. Mr. McGoff is a graduate of Indiana University-Indianapolis and he earned his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.



**Brian K. Zoeller,** Vice President

Zoeller concentrates his practice in the area of Family Law. He represents clients at the state and appellate court levels and focuses his litigation practice in contested and non-contested marriage dissolution, contested custody disputes and modifications, child support matters, adoptions, contested and non-contested paternity actions, and complex family law jurisdiction actions. Mr. Zoeller graduated *cum laude* from the University of Indianapolis and received his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.

### MEMBERS AT LARGE



**Elisabeth M. Edwards,**  
At-Large Member

Edwards focuses her practice at Jocham Hardin Dimick Jackson PC on all areas of family law litigation and is a registered domestic relations mediator. She has served on the Association's Pro Bono Standing Committee and the Bar Leader Series Steering Committee. She is an alumna of the IndyBar's Bar Leader Series, Class IV, and has co-chaired the Bench Bar Conference. Ms. Edwards completed her undergraduate degree at Hanover College and went on to earn her J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.



**Kelly R. Eskew,** At-Large Member

Eskew, of Clarian Health, worked in medical education and rural outreach program development before entering law school. While in private practice Ms. Eskew focused on appellate work. Her work involved in a diverse range of legal issues, including insurance bad faith litigation, horse racing regulation, international child abduction and medical malpractice. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in U.S. history and also teaches at Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis where she earned her J.D.



**Aaron M. Freeman,**  
At-Large Member

A lawyer with The Freeman Law Office LLC, Mr. Freeman previously served for nearly five years as a Marion County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. During his tenure, Mr. Freeman served in the misdemeanor, grand jury and homicide divisions. His practice now includes representation of clients in a wide range of criminal, civil, family and probate matters. Mr. Freeman is also a member of the City-County Council. He received his undergraduate degree from Bradley University and his J.D. from the University of Dayton School of Law.

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**Rebecca W. Geyer,** At-Large Member  
Geyer is an attorney at Hollingsworth & Zivitz PC, where she is chair of the Estate Planning/Elder Law Team. Certified as an Indiana Estate Planning and Administration Specialist, she assists clients primarily with estate planning and elder law issues. She has been active in the Women & the Law Division and with various Association pro bono programs, and is an alumna of the IndyBar's Bar Leader Series. A graduate of Indiana University, Geyer earned her J.D. from Indiana University Maurer School of Law-Bloomington.



**Kathleen Hart,** At Large Member  
Hart is a partner in the Litigation Group of Bose McKinney & Evans LLP. She handles a variety of commercial, business, employment and general litigation matters, many of which seek emergency relief, such as temporary restraining orders and injunctions in federal and state courts. Ms. Hart previously co-chaired the Association's Professionalism Committee. She received her undergraduate degree from Indiana University and her J.D. from Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis.



**Jimmie L. McMillian,** At-Large Member  
McMillian, Barnes & Thornburg LLP, is a member of the firm's Litigation Department. He is a past-president of the Marion County Bar Association and has served on the IBA board as that organization's representative. He is a graduate of the IndyBar's Bar Leader Series and is a lecturer for IndyBar Review. McMillian earned his undergraduate degree from Indiana University and his J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.



**Hon. Anthony J. Metz III,** At-Large Member  
Judge Metz has been a U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge since 1997. Prior to that, he was a commissioner on the Marion Circuit Court and a judge in the Marion Superior Court. Judge Metz's law career includes several years as a private practice attorney and as an assistant attorney general in the Indiana Attorney General's Office. Judge Metz earned his J.D. from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law-Bloomington.



**Master Commissioner Jason G. Reyome,** At-Large Member  
Reyome serves as Presiding Master Commissioner for Marion Superior Title IV-D Court which is responsible for the establishment of paternity and enforcement of child support orders. Prior to his position on the bench, he helped establish A.Demos & J.Reyome, Attorneys and Counselors at Law, L.L.C and worked at the Marion County Public Defender Agency. Mr. Reyome is current

chair of Association's Solo/Small Firm Executive Committee, and also serves on the Association's Legal Services Advisory Committee. He has been a contributing editor to the Association's pro-bono legal guide, and has volunteered for the Hospice, Witness Assistance, and Ask a Lawyer Programs. He is an alumna of the IndyBar's Bar Leader Series Class VI and matriculated out of the Sagamore American Inns of Court as an Associate in 2003. Mr. Reyome earned his undergraduate business degree from The University of Oklahoma, but returned home to obtain his law degree from Indiana University School of Law- Indianapolis.



**Hon. Marc T. Rothenberg,** At-Large Member  
Judge Rothenberg currently presides over Marion County Superior Court Criminal Division Room 9, where he hears cases involving D-Felony offenses. He has previously served on the Bench Bar Conference Committee, and is currently serving on the 2011 Bench Bar Conference Committee. Judge Rothenberg completed his undergraduate degree at Indiana University in Bloomington, and earned his J.D. from the Valparaiso University School of Law in Valparaiso, Indiana.



**Andrew Z. Soshnick,** At-Large Member  
Soshnick concentrates his practice at Baker & Daniels LLP in counseling and representing individuals in a wide array of family law matters, with particular emphasis on the economic aspects of marriage and marital dissolution. He is a past chair of the Association's Family Law Section. Soshnick holds BA and MBA degrees from Northwestern University, and he earned his J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law.

## REPRESENTATIVES



**Phil Isenbarger,** American Bar Association Delegate to the House  
A partner with Bingham McHale, LLP, Mr. Isenbarger received his J.D. from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law-Bloomington and also received his undergraduate degree from Indiana University. During his career he has mediated and arbitrated hundreds of cases, and serves as counsel, mediator and arbitration panelist. He has also overseen litigation in a multitude of settings including complex business litigation, products liability, medical and legal malpractice, environmental, fire, trucking, personal injury, antitrust, unfair competition, copyright, trademark, trust, probate and defamation. Mr. Isenbarger is a Distinguished Fellow of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation and a past president of the Indianapolis Bar Association. He served as chair of the Young Lawyers Division of the Indianapolis Bar Association before moving on to the Board as its secretary, vice president and counsel.



**John F. Kautzman,** Metropolitan Bar Caucus  
Kautzman, of Ruckelshaus Kautzman Blackwell Bemis & Hasbrook, concentrates his practice on both civil and criminal litigation. He was elected by local metropolitan bar associations around the country to serve as member of the Board of Directors of the national organization, The Metropolitan Bar Caucus. Mr. Kautzman is a past-president of the Association and is a past member of the Indianapolis Bar Foundation Board of Directors. He is also chair of the Indianapolis Bar/Marion County Bar Justice Center Task Force. Mr. Kautzman is a graduate of Indiana University; he received his J.D. from the Indianapolis University School of Law-Indianapolis.



**Kristin D. Arthur,** Law Student Division Chair  
Arthur is a student in the evening division at Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis and expects to graduate in May 2011. She previously worked as a paralegal at Rubin & Levin P.C. and is currently clerking at the firm, Mishkin & Duvall P.C. Arthur is a graduate of Indiana University.



**Hon. Robyn L. Moberly,** Senior Counsel Division Chair  
Judge Moberly has been on the Marion Superior Court bench since 1997. Judge Moberly is currently assigned to Civil Division Court 5. She has served as Associate Presiding Judge of the Marion Superior Court. Prior to being elected judge, she was in private practice. Judge Moberly is a certified family and civil mediator. She has served as secretary of the Association Board of Directors and as chair of the Association's Pro Bono Standing Committee. Judge Moberly earned her B.A. from Indiana University and her J.D. from Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis.



**Germaine Winnick Willett,** Women & the Law Division Chair  
Practicing primarily in the Firm's Employment Litigation Group, Ms. Willett assists employers faced with employment discrimination, wage and hour, contract, and other employment-related litigation. She received a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, from DePauw and her J.D. cum laude, from Indiana University Maurer School of Law-Bloomington.



**Colleen M. Powers,** Young Lawyers Division Chair  
Ms. Powers focuses her practice on corporate transactional law, health care law and tax and tax-exempt law. She graduated from Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis and completed the Health Law Concentration with honors. While in law school, she was the Executive Business Editor of the Indiana Health Law Review and has served on the Indianapolis

Bar Association's Board of Directors. Ms. Powers received her undergraduate degree from Pennsylvania State University.



**Gary R. Roberts,** Dean, Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis  
Dean Roberts joined Indiana University in the summer of 2007. Before coming to IU, he was a faculty member at Tulane University Law School for 24 years, where he directed the Sports Law Program, served as Vice Dean for Academic Affairs and was Deputy Dean. Previously, Dean Roberts practiced at the firm of Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C., where he engaged in antitrust, sports, labor, contract and trademark litigation. Dean Roberts graduated from Bradley University and earned his J.D. from Stanford Law School.



**Robin L. Babbitt,** Indianapolis Bar Foundation President  
Babbitt, of Bingham McHale LLP, practices in the areas of administrative law, toxic torts, professional liability defense, products liability and business litigation. He has tried several high profile cases to verdict involving doctors, lawyers and public officials. He has served as "outside counsel" to the Indiana Horse Racing Commission since 1993. Babbitt graduated *magna cum laude* from Indiana University Maurer School of Law-Bloomington and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Evansville, *cum laude*.



**Jeffrey S. Dible,** Indiana State Bar Association 11th District  
Dible concentrates his practice in estate planning, taxation and general business law. Mr. Dible regularly lectures to attorneys and other estate planning professionals on a variety of estate planning and tax topics. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel and has been certified as an Indiana Trust and Estate Lawyer by the Indiana Trust and Estate Specialty Board (TESB). He is also past chair of the Association's Estate Planning & Administration Section. Mr. Dible graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Purdue University and received his J.D. *magna cum laude* from Indiana University Maurer School of Law-Bloomington.

**Dana J. Phillips,** Marion County Bar Association  
A Staff Attorney with the Indiana Department of Child Services, Ms. Phillips' practice focuses on state government contracts, grants and leases. She has served as an administrative law judge for the agency and is currently a mediator-member of the Shared Neutrals Mediation Program. She is the immediate past president of the Marion County Bar Association and a Board of Director for 2011. She is also an active volunteer in the Reach for Youth, Inc. Teen Court Program. Ms. Phillips earned her Bachelor(English) and Master of Science(Library Science) degrees from Clark Atlanta University and her J.D. from Indiana University School of Law - Indianapolis. •