

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2018 ELKHART CITY BAR MEETING

President Ryan Fountain began the meeting asking for a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Brian Clark moved to approve and someone seconded. It passed by acclimation.

President Fountain made the following announcements:

- The March meeting will have a forum of the three candidates for Elkhart County Sheriff, John Perry, Jeff Siegel and Fred Mock.
- The president of the Indiana Bar Association will be attending the April 12, 2018 Goshen City Bar Association for a meet and greet.
- Attorney Mark Wagner of Plymouth, Indiana has passed away.
- The President of the ECBA receives about three phone calls a day seeking referrals. There is a referral sheet to which members can add their name. Contact Ryan Fountain to be added to the list.

Ian Forte gave the Treasurer's report: The current paid membership totals 57.

New Business:

Mike Roose wants ideas for recipients for the Liberty Bell Award, a non-lawyer who has served the community and the service is somewhat related to the law.

Victoria Wolf reported an upcoming event, the Young Lawyers Section of the Indiana State Bar Association will be hosting a Judicial Reception at the Double Tree by Hilton in South Bend on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 from 5pm to 7pm. She mentioned that there is a financial contribution that can be made to support the event. Betsy Bellin suggested sponsoring this event in the amount of \$250. Chuck Grodnik moved to increase the amount to \$500. Bill Lavery seconded his motion. That motion passed.

Mark Torma reported on behalf of The Volunteer Lawyer Network that their annual appreciation dinner will be held March 6, 2018. Also, on March 14, 2018 the Ask a Lawyer event will be held. Four attorneys have signed up. He would like to have 10 attorneys. It will be conducted at the Elkhart Public Library for two to three hours.

Doug Mulvaney gave a wonderful one hour CLE presentation that wasn't about ethics!

Maryellen Baker
Secretary ECBA

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

**ASSISTANT FEDERAL DEFENDER
South Bend Division**

**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEFENDERS, INC.**

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEFENDERS, INC., a non-profit, private corporation funded by the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, is accepting applications for a position of assistant federal defender in our South Bend Division. The federal defender organization operates under authority of the Criminal Justice Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A, to provide defense services to individuals charged with federal criminal cases and related matters, who are financially unable to retain counsel.

Requirements. The successful applicant will commence employment on or about September 1, 2018. An assistant federal defender must be: (1) a graduate of an accredited law school and admitted to practice in good standing before the highest court of a state; (2) licensed to practice in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana; and (3) licensed to practice law in a state bar. The applicant may be encouraged to become licensed in the State of Indiana within a reasonable period of time after the appointment. Appointment may also be subject to a satisfactory background investigation to include interviews with former employers and other professional contacts and a criminal history check.

Duties. The assistant federal defender will represent clients charged with federal criminal offenses, including trial, appellate and ancillary matters. At times, the position requires extended hours that will require work on evenings and weekends. The position requires considerable travel for investigation, litigation, and training. Assistant federal defender may not engage in the private practice of law.

Selection Criteria. The successful applicant will have an established capacity or clearly demonstrated aptitude for excellence in criminal defense practice, a commitment to the representation of indigent accused persons, and a reputation for personal integrity. Trial experience is strongly preferred. **The successful applicant should have significant trial experience in either state, federal or military courts. At a minimum, the successful applicant should have participated in at least 10 jury trials in either state or federal court during his or her career. However, extraordinary applicants will be considered regardless of trial experience.**

Salary. The salary of an assistant federal defender is commensurate with that of an assistant U.S. attorney with similar qualifications and experience.

How to Apply. Qualified persons may apply by e-mailing a letter of interest, résumé (outlining trial experience), and representative writing sample to: Kasia_Zadykowicz@fd.org. The letter of interest should be addressed to the following: Jerome T. Flynn, Executive Director, Northern District of Indiana Federal Community Defenders, Inc., 2929 Carlson Drive, Suite 101, Hammond, Indiana 46323. No phone calls please. Position announced March 7, 2018; applications accepted until April 30, 2018.

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