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ST. JOSEPH COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
2016-2017 BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The following attorneys were elected to serve as officers and members of the Board of Governors of the St. Joseph County Bar Association for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Victoria R. Wolf, President, is an attorney at Leone Halpin in South Bend. She has served as Chair of the Bench & Bar, Diversity, and New Lawyer Committees. She also has served on the Nominating Committee, and Budget Committee of the Bar Association as well as on the board of the St. Joseph County Bar Foundation. She has also served in many leadership roles with the Indiana State Bar Association, including Chair of the Diversity Committee, a member of the Long Range Planning Committee and Young Lawyers Section Council. Victoria is a recipient of the 2016 Chamber of Commerce “40 Under 40.” She is a graduate of Indiana University with a BS in Accounting and a Masters in Business Administration. She received her JD from the Valparaiso School of Law. The office of President is a one-year term.

Angela Kelper-Hall, President Elect, is a partner in the South Bend office of Faegre Baker Daniels. Angela, a graduate of St. Mary’s College and Indiana University Maurer School of Law, is the chair of the Bench & Bar Committee of the St. Joseph County Bar Association. The office of President Elect is a one-year term, with automatic succession to the President seat.

David R. Pruitt, Vice President, a partner at Barnes & Thornburg LLP concentrates his practice in commercial and intellectual property litigation. David has a BBA and JD from the University of Notre Dame. The office of Vice-President is a one-year term, with automatic succession to the President Elect seat.

Nicholas J. Derda, Secretary, is an attorney with Sopko Nussbaum Inabnit & Kaczmarek. He served in this position in 2015-2016 and was re-elected to serve again in this position.

Mario J. Zappia, has been elected as Treasurer. Mario has served on the Board or in Committees for many years, and is also a past-president of the Board. The term of Treasurer has historically been ongoing, although the Treasurer position is a position voted for by the Nominating Committee.

Trevor Q. Gasper, is the only new member to our Board of Governors this year. He is in practice at May Oberfell Lorber in Mishawaka.

Returning to the Board of Governors are: **Jason Cichowicz, Timothy Curran, Hon. Jenny Pitts Manier, Stephanie Steele, Jamie Woods.**

Serving in an Ex-Officio capacity as the co-chairs of the New Lawyer Committee are **Elizabeth Klesmith**, an attorney with Tuesley Hall Konopa, and **Danielle Campbell**, an attorney with Leone Halpin. Ex-Officio appointments to the Board are chosen every year by the nominating committee and voted upon in the general election.

Additional Ex-Officio Members of the Board of Governors include **Michael G. Gotsch**, recently appointed as a magistrate of the United States District Court for the Northern District. St. Joseph Circuit Court Judge. **Mitchell R. Heppenheimer**, partner at Heppenheimer & Korpala and **Angelika Mueller** of Indiana Legal Services.