

Governor Daniels Addresses Bail Agents at Spring Meeting

Governor Daniels spent 45 minutes addressing ISBAA members and taking their questions. The governor described himself as being in favor of the private sector providing services wherever possible and that includes bail agents.

Governor Daniels seemed genuinely concerned about the state of pretrial release in Indiana and the significant number of failures to appear of defendants released on 10 percent bonds. The governor said, "There are no consequences for failing to appear in court", when released on a 10 percent bond. He urged ISBAA and its members to gather statistical data from the criminal courts to demonstrate why the use of commercial bail bonds is in the best interest of the citizens of Indiana.

Also speaking at the meeting were Carl Brizzi, Marion County Prosecutor, Jim Atterholt, Insurance Commissioner and Chief Deputy Commissioner Carol Mihalik. 2008-2009 ISBAA Members who attend the entire meeting received 4.25 hours of continuing education for this meeting.