



# GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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February Notes N' News

2024

## Welcome

Welcome new members: **Tracy L. Meyer.**

## GCBA Senior Attorneys

The GCBA Senior Luncheon is Thursday, March 14, 2024, at Logan's Roadhouse on Miller Rd. east of the Genesee Valley Mall. Lunch will be selected from the menu and may be ordered and paid for individually. All attorneys and their guests are welcome, regardless of age. Let us know if you are coming. RSVP to [gcbalaw.org](mailto:gcbalaw.org).

Luncheon




## Case Evaluation

Thank you to **Amy DeNise and Christine Wasserman** for donating their Case Evaluation late fees, which are placed in a restricted building account.

## Address Change

Have you recently moved? Changed your address? Be sure to update your information with the GCBA. Complete the attached [form](#) and fax to 810-232-8310 or email to [tyb@gcbalaw.org](mailto:tyb@gcbalaw.org).

## We Don't Know if You Don't Tell Us!

 Please email [gcbalaw.org](mailto:gcbalaw.org) to notify us of any special achievement, birth announcement, significant anniversary, change of address, retirement, or death notice (immediate family only) so we may share the information with our members.

## 125th Anniversary Book

Have you purchased your book yet? *Genesee County Bar Association: The First 125 Years of Excellence* examines the events that shaped the association, the trailblazers, the awards, and the affiliations that helped it grow. Purchase your copy today. Books are \$65.

## Condolences

Our Condolences to family, friends, and colleagues of **James P. Ricker** who passed away December 31, 2023, at the age of 95. His full obituary can be viewed at <https://www.beaconfh.com>.

Our condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of **Kathleen Buckley**, who passed away on January 9, 2024. A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 10 AM at Saint Matthew's Roman Catholic Church in Flint. The full obituary and tributes can be shared [here](#).

Our condolences to **D. John Kontorousis** on the death of his father, John Dimitrios (Yianni) Kontorousis, of Fenton, age 91, who passed away Sunday, January 14, 2024 at his residence. His full obituary can be viewed at <https://www.plumbsmithfh.com>.

## Genesee County Bar Foundation

Thanks to **Samuel Ragnone** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory Richard Ruhala, Dan Bremer, and Kathleen Buckley.

Thanks to **Clifford Hart** and the **GCBA** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory of James Ricker.

Donate to the Genesee County Bar Foundation by [clicking here](#).

## Grand Blanc Living Magazine

Grand Blanc Living, a local magazine for Grand Blanc residents, has given the GCBA space for an article monthly at no charge. We are in need of volunteers to contribute articles for Grand Blanc Living Magazine. This is a positive and free way to promote the Association as well as our members. Articles can be on any subject except for Estate Planning and Business Law (a local attorney has the exclusive ability to write on those two subjects.) Length: 500 words max. If you are interested please email me at [tyb@gcbalaw.org](mailto:tyb@gcbalaw.org) for more details.



### **Neithercut Legal Education Fund**

The Neithercut Fund of the Genesee County Bar Foundation is committed to the continuing legal education of our members who are either sole practitioners or members of law firms. This year the Foundation has increased the scholarship benefits for our members. The Board of the Foundation policy is to encourage seminar participation. Beginning December 1, 2020 and until further notice, the Neithercut Fund of the Genesee County Bar Foundation will now pay for 60% of the cost of tuition per attorney per year, not to exceed \$500 per Attorney per year, to any

- Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) Seminar of the State Bar of Michigan (SBM);
- American Bankruptcy Institute;
- Federal Bar Association Bankruptcy Section;
- Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan; and
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel.

This is not a need-based scholarship but a benefit available to every member whether they pay for their CLE or it is paid by their firm or partnership.

Details on the grant can be found [here](#). To take advantage of this opportunity please contact GCBA/GCBF Executive Director Tatilia "Tina" Burroughs at 810-232-6000 or by email at [tyb@gcbalaw.org](mailto:tyb@gcbalaw.org). This grant program can be discontinued at such time as the Foundation Board determines.

*The Neithercut Legal Education Fund was founded with gifts from Edward J. Neithercut, long-time Flint lawyer.*

### **John S. Beagle Scholarship**

Applications are being accepted for the John S. Beagle Scholarship established to assist students from Genesee County, Michigan with financial support while in their second or third level of law school.

For those interested in applying for the scholarship, it's crucial to note the following details:

**Eligibility Criteria:** Applicants must be law students from Genesee County, Michigan, and be in their second or third level of law school.

**Scholarship Amount:** A minimum scholarship of \$5,000 will be awarded.

**Application Deadline:** The application deadline is May 1, 2024. Potential candidates need to ensure that all required materials are submitted before this date.

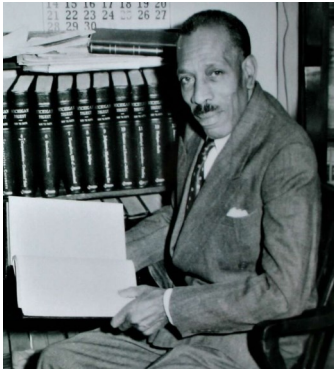
**How to apply:** Interested individuals can find more information and access the application at [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org).

GENESEE COUNTY  
BAR FOUNDATION





# Monthly Membership Meeting



featuring:

**Nancy Vogl**

*Lifelong Entrepreneur and Consultant*

Topic:

***SBM's 44th Legal Milestone:  
Percy J. Langster, The nation's first  
Elected Black prosecuting attorney***

Nancy Vogl, featured by the SBM in August 2023, unearthed a groundbreaking discovery while researching Idlewild, Michigan, for a screenplay. Ten minutes before the library closed, she found a misfiled folder containing a yellowed newspaper clipping from the Kalamazoo Gazette. This revealed the story of Percy J. Langster, the first African American elected prosecuting attorney in the United States. Vogl's research brought Langster's previously unknown tale to the forefront, capturing the attention of the American Bar Association and the State Bar of Michigan. Her work now aims to tell the untold and historic story of Percy J. Langster.

As a prolific writer, she has coauthored "Chicken Soup for the Single Parent's Soul" and penned award-winning children's books like "Am I a Color Too?" Her lyrical talents have garnered international recognition, with her song "Here I Am" winning the Grand Prize in Australia and "If Only For Today" earning high honors in Ireland for the International Song of Peace.

**This meeting is sponsored by a grant from the Genesee County Bar Foundation Piper Fund**

**February 26, 2024 • 12 noon  
Flint Farmers' Market  
Ramsdell Room  
300 E. 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502**

**CUSTOMER INFORMATION:** *Please print legibly*

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**RSVP Deadline:  
February 19th**

**Registration Fees:**

- Sustaining Member - Free
- GCBA Member - \$15
- Non-member - \$20
- Walk-ins - \$20
- Unpaid no-shows - \$20

**Event Registration:**

- February 26, 2024

**Cancellation Policy:**

No refunds for cancellations the day of the luncheon.



Mail: 315 E. Court St. • Flint, MI 48502. Fax: to (810) 232-8310. On-line: register at [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org). Telephone reservations are not accepted.



# Sponsorship Opportunities Membership Meetings 2023-2024

## Meeting Sponsor - \$350

- 6 ft. table at luncheon
- Introduction at luncheon
- Complimentary registration for two attendees
- Corporate logo on registration materials
- Recognition in Notes N' News



## Beverage Sponsor - \$150

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## Dessert Sponsor - \$150

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Yes, I will be Sponsor!       Meeting Sponsor       Beverage Sponsor       Dessert Sponsor

Dates are available on a first-come first-serve base. Please indicate your meeting date choice:

January 22, 2024       February 26, 2024       March 18, 2024

April 15, 2024       May 20, 2024

Please list my company/name as: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Monthly Membership Meeting

featuring:



## *Justice Richard Bernstein* *Michigan Supreme Court*

**March 18, 2024 • 12 noon**  
**Flint Farmers' Market**  
Ramsdell Room  
300 E. 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502

**CUSTOMER INFORMATION:** *Please print legibly*

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**RSVP Deadline:**  
**March 11th**

**Registration Fees:**

- Sustaining Member - Free
- GCBA Member - \$15
- Non-member - \$20
- Walk-ins - \$20
- Unpaid no-shows - \$20

**Event Registration:**

- March 18, 2024

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**GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of: (more than one can be chosen)

- |   |               |                                    |                           |
|---|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President | (1-year term) | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | (1-year term)             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer      | (1-year term) | <input type="checkbox"/> Director  | (3-year term) 4 positions |

Please list the nominee's **current** GCBA, State Bar, ABA, and specialty bar activities. Include all committee assignments, Law Day participation, financial contributions, Holiday Dinner activities, Foundation support, Board membership, and other related activities, including Specialty Bars. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list the nominee's **prior** activities as requested above. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list the nominee's **community** activities, including other boards. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Note: If you have not confirmed this nomination, do not submit the nominee's name until approval is obtained.*

- Yes. I have talked with this nominee who is agreeable to the submission of their name.  
 Yes. This is a self-nomination.

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*All nominees will be considered by the Genesee County Bar Association Nominating Committee which will recommend a final slate to be elected at the Association's Annual Meeting.*

***Send forms to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502;  
fax# (810) 232-8310; or email to tyb@gcbalaw.org.  
THE DEADLINE TO RESPOND IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024, at 5:00 P.M.***





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## 2024 HERBERT A. MILLIKEN, JR. CIVILITY AWARD NOMINATING FORM

### Standard

The nominee is a long-time, practicing member of the Genesee County Bar Association who is recognized for the habit of offering professional guidance and advice to their fellow attorneys and being widely recognized as a professional role model who demonstrates the highest standards of professional courtesy and civility combined with a zealous and thorough advocacy on behalf of their clients.

*For a list of past recipients please visit [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org)*

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why this nominee should be awarded the 2024 Herbert A. Milliken, Jr. Civility Award:

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All nominees will be considered by the Genesee County Bar Association Professional Practice Committee who will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. The award recipient will be recognized at the Bar Association's Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

The deadline to respond is Friday, March 15, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. Please send this form to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502 or; fax (810) 232-8310.



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## BRIAN M. BARKEY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD 2024 NOMINATING FORM

The Brian M. Barkey Community Service Award recognizes a GCBA attorney member or affiliate member who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to community service and provided volunteer services to charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental or educational organizations which have improved Genesee County.

Criteria Guidelines:

The recipient has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to community service by volunteering in the following ways:

- Community service hours which show a length and degree of the recipient's service and dedication to community service.
- All services provided must be voluntary, uncompensated, and not compelled.
- The recipient should serve as a role model for compassion, service, and strive to make the Genesee County community a better place.
- The recipient's actions have made a lasting or meaningful contribution to the community.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why this nominee should be awarded the Brian M. Barkey Community Service Award.

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Please list agency, organization, board or other charitable organization where the nominee performed community service and dates.

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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***The deadline to respond is Friday, March 15, 2024, by 5:00 p.m.*** Please send this form to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502 or to our temporary fax (810) 355-2691.



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GCBA'S ANNUAL  
BARRISTERS' BALL

*Saturday, September 28, 2024*

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**GeneseeLegal.Com**

The newest most comprehensive way to promote legal services in Genesee County! GeneseeLegal.com is an online directory of local legal services available to the members of the *Genesee County Bar Association*. Different from any other legal directory, GeneseeLegal.com is consistently promoted in the market to build site awareness and generate results!

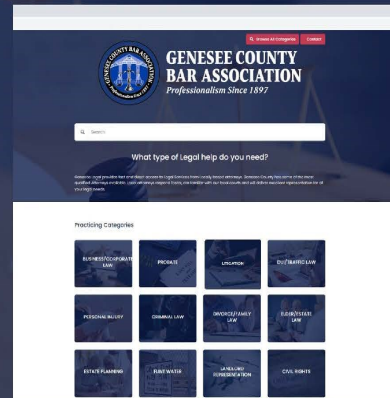
Subscribers will have an opportunity to promote their legal services with company information, images and direct links to their office. Make your services more findable! On the web. Enhance your own websites ranking. Become part of a cooperative advertising platform and most importantly, generate new clients!

**Program Results:**

As of October, 2023

Website Visits	47,460
Clickthroughs to Subscriber websites	5,091
Direct Consultation Requests	193
Site Google Rank	#1-2
Multiple Categories of Law	

Results based on just 10 months since launch!



**Program Benefits:**

- Makes You Findable, Easy to Contact
- Lead Generation Direct to You
- Enhance Your Individual Website SEO
- Exponential Advertising Power
- Association with Established Group
- Quarterly Reporting and Accountability

For more information or to Join the Program, Please contact Preston Hards at (810) 654-0202 or [Preston@crcminc.com](mailto:Preston@crcminc.com)



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Executive Director  
Tatilia Y. Burroughs

### GCBA Conference Room Rental Rates



#### **Member Rate**

The conference room available free of charge to all GCBA members. Approval necessary for room rental prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m., with at least two weeks prior notification. In the absence of prior arrangements being approved, the following charges will be assessed for conference room usage outside of the GCBA's normal business hours.

- Prior to 9 a.m.: \$25 dollars for every 1/2 hour increment
- After 5 p.m.: \$25 dollars for every 1/2 hour increment

#### **Non-Member Rate**

The conference room is available to non-members at the following rates:

- \$100 dollars for a half day rental (4 hours or less)
- \$200 dollars for a full day rental (anything over 4 hours)

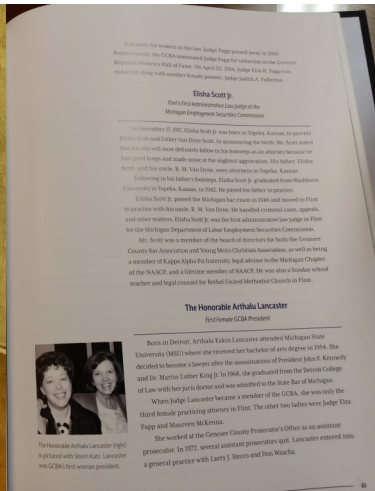
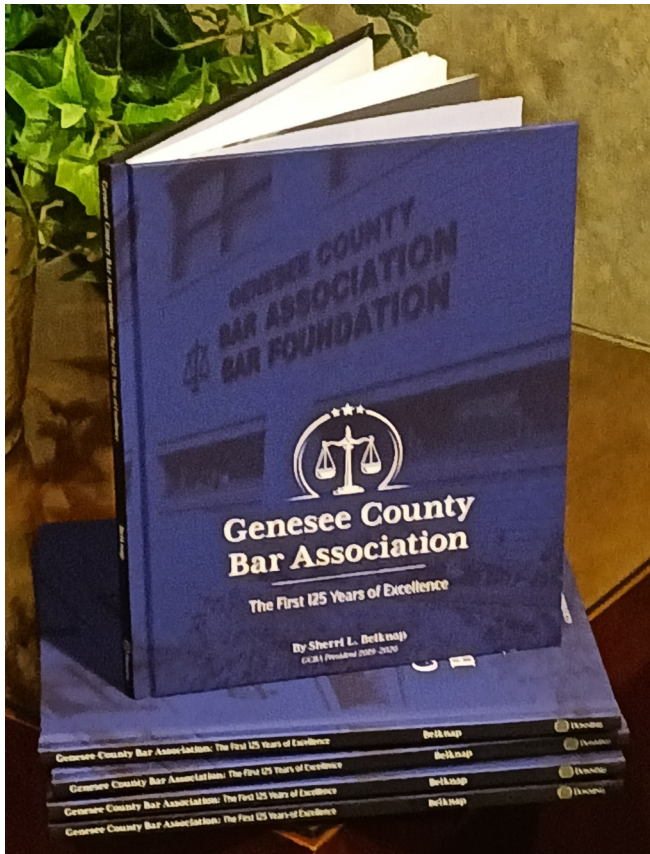
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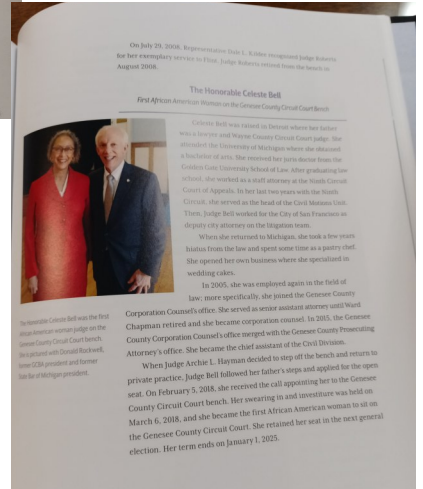
#### **Amenities Include:**

- Smart TV
- Computer/Internet Access
- WI-FI
- Dry Erase Board & Markers
- Complementary coffee, tea, and water.

For more information or to rent the conference room please contact the Genesee County Bar Association at (810) 232-6000. Thank you.



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## THE FIRST 125 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

On November 18 and 19, 1897, the Honorable George H. Durand and 64 other attorneys met to form the Genesee County Bar Association “to promote social intercourse among the members of the profession and to advance the best interests of the commonwealth by improving the administration of justice.” This year, the Genesee County Bar Association celebrates 125 years. This book examines the events that shaped the association, the trailblazers, the awards, and the affiliations that helped it grow.

**Price \$65.00**

### Genesee County Bar Association “Celebrating the First 125 Years of Excellence”

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to purchase a book. \_\_\_\_\_ # of books  
 \_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up at the next Monthly Meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up at GCBA Office.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Please ship the book. \$15 shipping and handling fee.

Payment Methods (Please circle one)

Cash      Check      Visa      Mastercard      AmEx

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Checks should be payable to Genesee County Bar Association.

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