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April Notes N' News

2023

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers is Monday, May 15, 2023 at the Flint Farmers' Market, 12 noon. The Foundation meeting will immediately follow. Slate of proposed officers and directors: President **Craig R. Fiederlein**, Vice President **Angela N. Wheeler**, Treasurer **Elias J. Fanous**; Secretary **Eric J. Mead** and Directors **Jessica R. Mainprize-Hajek**, **David Roth**, **Andrew O. Stout**, and **Cara Willing**.

Condolences

Our condolences to the Mary Lazar on the death of her father **Attorney Paul Lazar** who passed away March 5, 2023.

Our condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues, of **Judge John Conover** who passed away Friday, March 10, 2023.

Genesee County Bar Foundation

Thanks to **Judge Duncan Beagle** for making a donation to the Foundation in memory Judge John Conover.

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

U.S. Supreme Court Admission Ceremony

The Genesee County Bar Association is sponsoring a Swearing-in Ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington D.C. on April 23, 2024. The admission ceremony is open to twelve (12) GCBA members and one guest on a first-come, first-serve basis. To be admitted to the Supreme Court you must be in good standing with the State Bar of Michigan and have practiced law for three years. Prior admittees are welcome to attend if there is space available. If you have any questions or are interested in attending please feel free to contact Tatilia Burroughs at the GCBA at (810) 232-6000 ext. 101 or tyb@gcbalaw.org. Sign-up will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

Case Evaluation

Thank you to **Tedd Bean**, **William Cavanaugh**, **Nancy Chinonis**, **Chris Ebbott**, **Scott Fraim**, **Michael Kowalko**, **David Lattie**, **Eric McCormick**, and **Peter Mooney** for donating their Case Evaluation late fees, which are placed in a restricted building account.

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 for more details.

GeneseeLegal.com

The new marketing campaign and website has launched. We encourage all members in need of marketing to participate. This program will go a long way to generating new clients for your practice, plus promote the use of local Attorneys. Those interested can call our program partner, Crossroads Marketing at (810) 654-0202 or email Preston Hards at Preston@crcmnc.com.

Find The Right Lawyer, Right HERE!

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Attention, Experience, Results!

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

Please email 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.

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; and
- Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

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. 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. A minimum scholarship of \$5,000 will be awarded. The application deadline is May 1, 2023. Scholarship applications can be found [here](#).





Monthly Membership Meeting

Featuring

Catherine Tang

*Associate Regional Director at
Everytown for Gun Safety*

April 17, 2023 • 12 noon
Flint Farmers' Market
Ramsdell Room
300 E. 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502

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RSVP Deadline:
April 13th

Registration Fees:

- ☐ Sustaining Member - Free
- ☐ GCBA Member - \$12
- ☐ Non-member - \$15
- ☐ Walk-ins - \$15
- ☐ Unpaid no-shows - \$15

Event Registration:

- ☐ April 17, 2023

Cancellation Policy:

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To facilitate service of process on the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office (GCPO) we have deployed the email address:

ServiceOnGCPO@geneseecountymi.gov

Instead of using regular mail our office will agree to receive service from attorneys on their CRIMINAL cases, DELINQUENCY cases, and NEGLECT-ABUSE cases. We agree that this email service will comply with MCR 2.107(C)(4) by way of (G) which was added to encourage electronic service of process "to the greatest extent possible."

Of course, mail service and personal service will still be accepted as is traditionally contemplated under the court rules.

MCR 2.107(C) has long provided for the availability of electronic service if the parties in an individual case agreed. Doing so in every criminal case is untenable. Therefore, we hope this offer will assist us as we interact in the interests of justice AND efficiency. I have outlined the major provisions below which were contemplated by MCR 2.107(C) for parties agreeing to electronic service.

If you are including large videos with your text documents, please contact our office at 810-257-3210 BEFORE sending same via email, as it may be too large to be received. An alternative arrangement will need to be made.

Within the subject line, please include the classification of the filing you are serving (e.g., MOTION, ORDER, BRIEF etc.) Def/Juvenile Last name, first name and case number if you have it. On Neglect-Abuse cases, indicate case name (i.e., "In re ____") and the party submitting correspondence.

Please send the documents in PDF format so that there is no concern that something has been altered.

Signatures may be attached or signed in accordance with MCR 1.109(E).

If the transmission is sent at or before 11:59 pm, it shall be deemed served that day. If sent on a Saturday, Sunday, legal holiday, or other day of court closure pursuant to court order, then it will be deemed served the next business day, per MCR 2.107(C)(4)(g).

Please retain "send receipts" until the conclusion of the case. If you receive an undeliverable message after attempting electronic service, you may try again later, but you may need to serve via traditional methods if time is of the essence. Please retain any messages received that the message and its contents were undeliverable.

Feel free to courtesy copy (cc) the APA you believe to be assigned to the case. By using the above email, instead of only sending to a specific APA, this ensures that the documents will pass through our clerical team's hands so that correct docketing entries will occur, and your filings will be linked to our official file and will reach the correct APA (in case your initial belief was in error).

Hopefully, this will save time and money for us all and make us more responsive to each other, the courts, and those we serve.



AMY K. HARRIS

CRIMINAL LAW SEMINAR

Sponsored by the Genesee County Bar Association
& Genesee County Bar Foundation



Amy K. Harris
June 25, 1980 to May 11, 2015

The Neuroscience of Decision-Making in the Genesee County Criminal Justice System: Accuracy, Excellence and Equity

featuring
Kimberly Papillon, Esq.

Three Part Virtual Series

Thursday, April 27, 2023 • Thursday, May 4, 2023
Thursday, May 11, 2023

1pm to 3pm EST

GCBA Members: The reduced rate for this seminar courtesy of the Genesee County Bar Foundation
Neithercut Trust Fund. For membership information call (810) 232-6000.

CLE Requirement: Attendance at the Genesee County Bar Association, Amy K. Harris, Criminal Law Seminar has been approved for up to 6 hours of CLE credit towards MIDC Standard I for attendance at all sessions. MIDC funding pays up to \$150 of registration fees for attorneys accepting court appointed cases in Genesee County. Contact Public Defender Program at (810) 257-3484 for more information.

This is a live presentation only.
This series will not be recorded.
Please plan to be in attendance for all three presentations.



Limited to the first 100 registrants!

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Virtual Three Part Series
April 27th • May 4th • May 11th

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REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- ☐ \$ 0.00 Genesee County Public Defender List
- ☐ \$ 25.00 GCBA Affiliate Members
- ☐ \$ 25.00 GCBA New Admittee/Young Lawyer (5 or fewer years of practice or those under the age of 35)
- ☐ \$ 35.00 GCBA member
- ☐ \$ 70.00 Non-member (payment must accompany registration)
- \$ _____ Total amount enclosed

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Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made within three days of the seminar will be assessed a \$10 handling fee. No refunds for cancellations the day



Tigers v Mets

Wednesday, May 3, 2023
6:40 pm



Open to all
Members, family, staff, and friends are welcome!

Hosted by the GCBA Young Lawyers

\$30 Per Person Includes:

- Transportation to and from Comerica Park.
- Tickets in Section 124.
- \$10 in fun money to be used at any of the concession stands or souvenir stands.

Schedule:

4:00 p.m. Meet at NCG Trillium Cinema
Grand Blanc. Park in lot
directly across from Taboon.
4:30 p.m. Depart Trillium
6:40 p.m. Tigers v Mets game

Deadline April 21, 2023
Only 50 Tickets Available. Order Early!

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Email: _____

Payment Information: *Checks payable to the GCBA*

\$30 p/ticket x _____ = \$ _____ ☐ Check # _____ ☐ Amount \$ _____

Credit card information:

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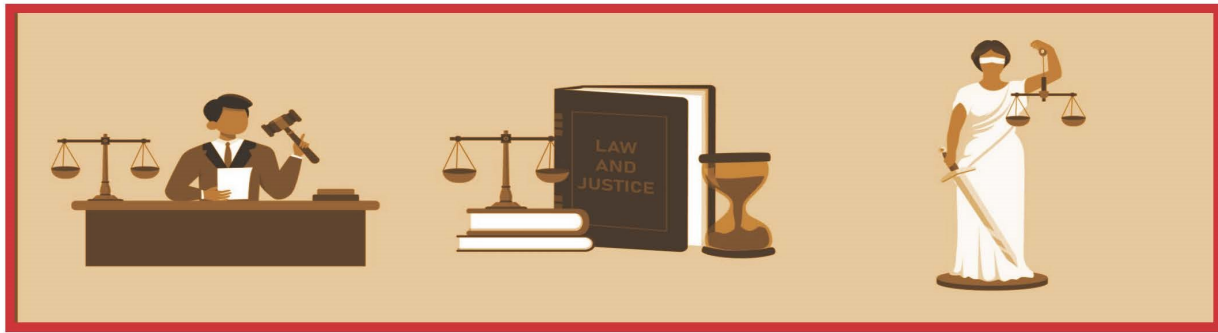
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Thanks to a grant from the Genesee County Bar Foundation Earl Cline Young Lawyers Fund for helping to offset costs of the event.



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PRO BONO ATTORNEYS OF THE MONTH MARCH 2023

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (LSEM) and the Pro Bono Committee of the Genesee County Bar Association (GCBA) are pleased to honor the following attorneys as the March 2023 Pro Bono Attorneys of the Month:

Charles Desotelle
Elias Fanous
Jessica Mainprize-Hajek
Diana Olesko
Dawn Scharer

In partnership with the GCBA and GenWEL United, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan held a Criminal Expungement Clinic on March 10, 2023. The event was a great success because of the hardwork and commitment to pro bono service exhibited by each of the above attorneys. Nearly 100 low income individuals received advice regarding their criminal records and eligibility to petition for an expungement. In addition, applications were completed to set aside more than 60 felony and misdemeanor convictions.

LSEM and the Pro Bono Committee would also like to recognize LSEM Board member Erwin F. Meiers for his exceptional contribution, as well as Stephon Young from Michigan Works! Association and members of the Michigan State Police for their assistance with the application fees and onsite fingerprinting. Special thanks also to Calvary United Methodist Church for generously donating their space and hosting this event.

Pro Bono attorneys are always in demand. Attorneys interested in volunteering may contact Stacy Davis at sdavis@lsem-mi.org or Stacy Olivier at solivier@lsem-mi.org.



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2023 ANNUAL PROBATE COMMITTEE SEMINAR

From the GCBA Probate Committee
Wednesday, May 10, 2023 ♦ Mott Community College

PLEASE REGISTER BY MAY 3, 2023

WEDNESDAY, May 10, 2023

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 - 1:00 p.m. Mott Community College RTC1301

REGISTRATION FEE

- ☐ \$25 GCBA member
- ☐ \$25 GCBA member staff (per person)
- ☐ \$50 Non-member (fee must accompany registration)
- ☐ \$15 Added for walk-ins

\$ _____ Total amount enclosed.

Fee includes: Materials and refreshments. Seating and material not guaranteed for late registrations

Genesee County Bar Association Members: The reduced rate for this seminar is brought to you by the Genesee County Bar Foundation Louis D. McGregor Continuing Legal Education Fund. For more information, or to join the GCBA, call (810) 232-6000. ***Please RSVP by 5/3/2023***

METHOD OF PAYMENT

☐ I have enclosed check # _____ payable to the GCBA.

Credit Card Payment: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard
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Mail registration form with check to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. **Fax** registration and credit card information to the GCBA at 810-232-8310. **Online** registration may be made at www.gcbalaw.org

Cancellations made within three days of the seminar will be assessed a \$10.00 handling fee. No refunds for cancellations the day of seminar or thereafter.

FACULTY AND TOPICS

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|------------|---|
| 8:30 a.m. | Registration. Breakfast will be served. |
| 9:00 a.m. | Real Estate Transactions in Estate Planning and Probate Proceedings
Craig R. Fiederlein, CF Legal, PC |
| 9:50 a.m. | Creditor Claims in Estate Administration
Alexandra Nassar, Shaheen Law Firm |
| 10:20 a.m. | Medicaid and other Government Benefits update for Elder Law
Amir Abu-Aita, Abu-Aita Law Firm PLLC |
| 10:50 a.m. | Break |
| 11:00 a.m. | Impact of Bankruptcy in Estate Administration
Zachary Tucker, Winegarden Haley Lindholm Tucker & Himelhoch PLC |
| 11:50 a.m. | Mediation & Alternative Disputes Resolution in Probate Proceedings
Timothy H. Knecht, Cline, Cline & Griffin |
| 12:20 a.m. | Probate Court/SCAO update with Court Administration
Samuel Olson, Genesee County Probate Court |

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

LOCATION



Mott Community College
Regional Technology Center - 1301
1401 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48503



Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

May 15, 2023 • 12 noon
Flint Farmers' Market
Ramsdell Room
300 E. 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502

Election of Officers & Board of Directors:

President Craig R. Fiederlein	2023 – 2024
Vice President Angela N. Wheeler	2023 – 2024
Treasurer Elias J. Fanous	2023 – 2024
Secretary Eric J. Mead	2023 – 2024
Director Jessica R. Mainprize-Hajek	2023 – 2026
Director David Roth	2023 – 2026
Director Andrew Otis Stout	2023 – 2026
Director Cara Willing	2023 – 2026

*Genesee County
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Annual Meeting
to Immediately
Follow*

This is an official business meeting and our bylaws state the following in Article III, section 3: "At least forty-five (45) members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any General Membership Meeting or the Annual Meeting." Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

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RSVP Deadline:
May 11th

Registration Fees:

- ☐ Sustaining Member - Free
- ☐ GCBA Member - \$12
- ☐ Non-member - \$15
- ☐ Walk-ins - \$15
- ☐ Unpaid no-shows - \$15

Event Registration:

- ☐ May 15, 2023

Cancellation Policy:

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2023 Genesee County Bar Association 45th Annual Golf Scramble



Monday, June 12, 2023
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Flint Golf Club
3100 Lakewood Dr., Flint, MI

Schedule

- 11:00 a.m. Registration
Complimentary Driving Range
- 11:00 a.m. Hot Dog Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

Games (additional cost):

- 50/50 Raffle
- Door Prize Raffle
- Lottery Ticket Board Raffle

Prizes

- 1st Place, 2nd Place
- Longest Drive male & female
- Closest to the Pin male & female

- Buffet Dinner immediately following scramble

\$150 Price Includes

Driving Range • Golf & Cart • Hot Dogs Lunch • Buffet Dinner

Register by May 1, 2023 for the \$125 Early Bird rate

Golf fees are not waived for members. Dress Code: Shirts with collars; no metal spikes, tank tops, gym shorts, cutoffs or blue jeans.

TEAM (4 person scramble) **Team captain's email:** _____

Name _____

(Captain)

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Telephone Number: _____

Individual golfers will be assigned to a team.

GOLF FEE

\$125 p/golfer x _____ = \$ _____

☐ Payment received by May 1st

I cannot attend but would like

\$150 p/golfer x _____ = \$ _____

☐ Payment received after May 1st

to make a donation of \$ _____

BUFFET DINNER ONLY

☐ \$40 for buffet dinner only x _____ = \$ _____

ADVERTISEMENT AND DONOR OPPORTUNITY (May 24th: deadline for flag and sign advertisements)

\$150 tee/green sign x _____ = \$ _____

\$200 embroidered flag x _____ = \$ _____

PAYMENT

Enclosed is a check made payable to the GCBA in the amount of \$ _____

Credit Card Payment: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Charge my credit card for \$ _____

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For more information contact the GCBA at (810) 232-6000. Early registration payment due by May 1, 2023. No refunds for
cancellations made within five days of the scramble or thereafter.*

Register by Tuesday, May 30, 2023 • Please support your local Bar Association



2023 GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 45th ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Monday, June 12, 2023 @ Flint Golf Club



FLAG & TEE/GREEN ADVERTISING FORM

- ☐ **YES!** I will sponsor _____ embroidered personalized tee flag(s) for \$200 each, as a souvenir of the Scramble. Only 18 will be sold! Hole choice: _____ (first come, first served)

Name you wish to appear on the flag (you may use two lines):

- ☐ **YES!** I will sponsor _____ personalized tee/green sign(s) for \$150 each. Tee/Green hole choice: _____ (first come, first served)

Name you wish to appear on the tee/green (you may use two lines):

- ☐ I will donate _____ as a door prize for your scramble. The value is \$_____.
☐ Please contact me about donating door or golf prizes.
☐ Please contact me about playing in the scramble.

Contact Person _____ Telephone Number _____

Name of Business _____

Address _____

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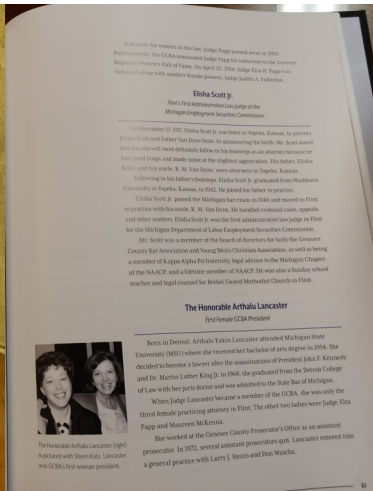
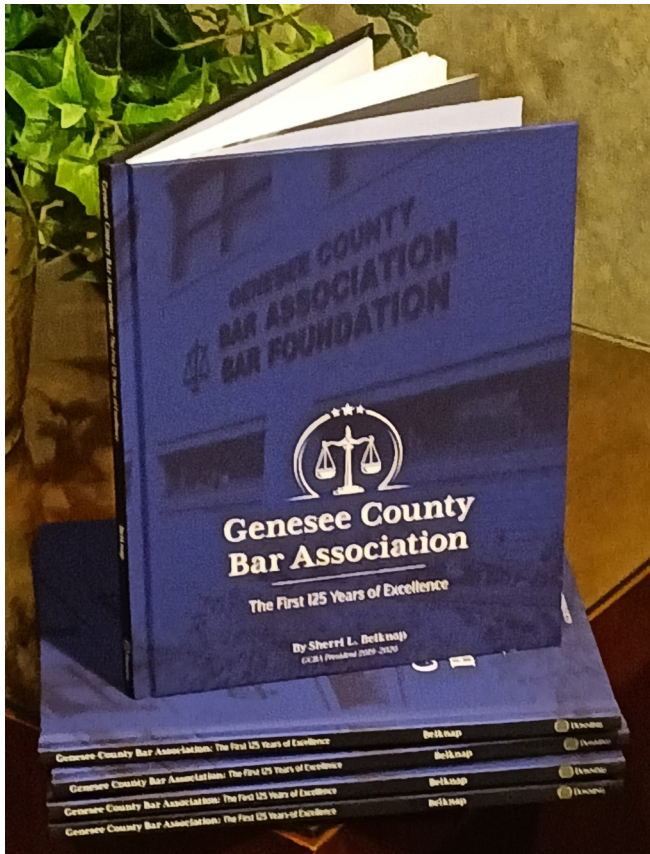
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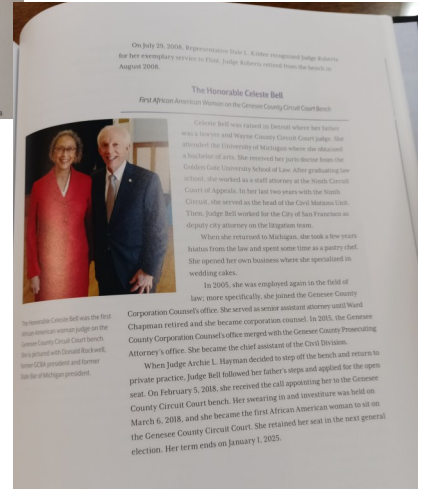
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SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE: MAY 24th



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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

Name on card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CCV: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Checks should be payable to Genesee County Bar Association.

Any questions please contact the GCBA at (810) 232-6000

Forms may be faxed to (810) 232-8310

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