

### Dues

Dues statements have been mailed. Please return the statement with remittance.

### New Members

Welcome to our newest members: **David Houbeck, Paul Scott, Nathan Collison, Beth Schlosser and Lia Clarkson.**

### Foundation Dues Donations

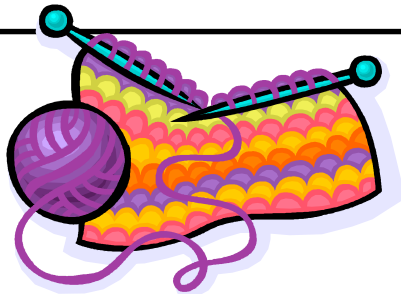
Thanks to the following members who made a voluntary donation to the Bar Foundation through their dues statements as of 8-10-13: **Sherri Belknap; Howard Bueche; Ward Chapman; JoRobin Davis; Ernest Gifford; Peter Goodstein; Timothy Hartner; Edward Henneke; Edwin Jakeway; Lynnmarie Johnson; David Karr; Matthew Karr; LindaLee Masoud; Thomas McKenney; Eric Mead; Edward Neithercut; Hon. Allen Nelson; Jill Nylander; John Pavlis; James Ricker; Richard Ruhala; Jack Straley; Earl Swain; Philip Swann; Henry Thoma; Christopher Trainor; and Roberta Wray.**

### Case Evaluation Late Fee Donors

Thanks to **Julie Gafkay; Paul Goyette; Donald Rockwell; Richard Szymczak; and Dean Yeotis** for donating their Case Evaluation late fees, which are placed in a restricted building account.

### Change of Address

**Terrance P. Sheehan**, Attorney at Law, PLLC, 12741 S. Saginaw St., Ste. 503, Grand Blanc, MI 48439; Phone: (810)771-4719.



### State Bar of Michigan News

- ◆ Congratulations to **Donald Rockwell** who will serve as Treasurer for the State Bar of Michigan for the 2013-2014 bar year. He will be sworn in on Thursday, September 19, 2013 during the SBM Annual Meeting in Lansing.
- ◆ **Francine Cullari** has been appointed by the President of the State Bar of Michigan Brian Einhorn to serve as Chairperson of the Awards Committee (a position she previously held for a number of years) and to continue as Chairperson of the Publications and Website Advisory Committee. Francine continues to practice law in Grand Blanc and to teach Business Law, Human Relations Law and International Business Law in the School of Management at UM-Flint.

### GCBA Senior Attorneys

The GCBA senior attorneys will meet on September 12th, October 10th and November 14th at 12 noon at Valley Coney Island, at Linden and Miller Rd. Anyone over 65 (retired or not) is welcome to attend.

### Summer Hours

The GBCA closes at 4:00 p.m. on Fridays through September 2nd.



### Free Legal Writing Books

The following three books have been donated to the GCBA. Please phone the GCBA, (810) 232-6012, if interested.

- ◆ *A Practical Guide to Legal Writing and Legal Method*, Dernbach and Singleton.
- ◆ *Clear & Effective Legal Writing*, Charrow and Erhardt.
- ◆ *Plain and Accurate Style in Lawsuit Papers*, Altman.

### Are You Yarning to Help?

The GBCA still needs volunteers to knit and crochet hats, scarves, and mittens for our guests at the Annual Community Holiday Dinner. There is plenty of yarn available to anyone who is willing to help – lawyers, staff, family members, or friends. Just come to the GCBA office to pick up whatever materials you think you will be able to use. Contact Linda Pohly at 733-7480, for patterns and project ideas.

Thanks to Gladys Buchanan (Diane Chema's mom) for taking time out of her summer to knit for the cause.

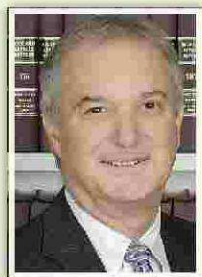
### Photo to Share?

Do you have a lovely picture to share? Send it/them to [barbeat@gcbalaw.org](mailto:barbeat@gcbalaw.org) in digital form. Include a short description of the picture: who took it, who is in the picture (if there are people), when and where you took it. Perhaps you would want to include why you took it?

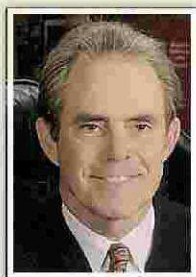
Selected pictures will be featured in future issues, some of which have a theme. For example, the May/June issue promotes our Golf Outing, the September/October issue kicks off the fall, and November/December issue celebrates the holiday seasons. Share theme-related or other photos. (Please do not submit any pictures that would require a copyright waiver.) Since *Bar Beat* goes to print thirty days prior to the publication date, earlier submission is better than late!



## 25th Anniversary of the Genesee County Bar Foundation



**President**  
Walter P. Griffin



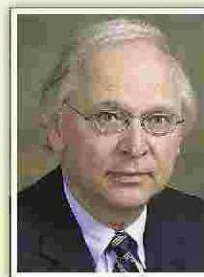
**Vice President**  
Hon.  
Duncan M. Beagle



**Secretary**  
Kathleen  
Buckley-O'Neill



**Treasurer**  
Jeffrey D. Rocco



**Past President**  
Carl L. Bekofske

### Trustees:

Carl L. Bekofske  
Francine Cullari

Patric A. Parker  
Randolph P. Piper

Hon. Thomas C. Yeotis  
James J. Wascha, Ex-officio

Tatilia Y. Burroughs,  
Executive Director

# Thank You

for supporting your Foundation for the last 25 years

## CARL E. MASON AGENCY

717 S. GRAND TRAVERSE  
FLINT, MI 48502  
(810) 234-4554, fax (810) 767-0898  
CarlMasonAgency@aol.com

July 15, 2013

Dear Counsel,

For the last thirty years, we, Carl E. Mason and Richard McNally, have operated our separate professional pursuits from different floors of the same building, 717 S. Grand Traverse in Flint. Carl has served the Flint community for sixty-five years.

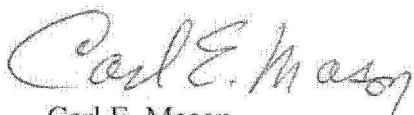
Today we are pleased to tell you that over the last several months, Richard has been working with Carl toward the goal of assuming Carl's bonding agency so Carl can concentrate on other pursuits, such as his real estate appraisal service and title company, now known as the Mason Burgess Title Agency.

That effort has now been completed, and as of July 12, 2013, Richard will continue to operate the Carl E. Mason Agency. Carl will serve as a consultant. The voice phone number and address will remain the same as above, although the office will be located on the first floor of the building. The new fax number is (810) 767-0898, and the email address is CarlMasonAgency@aol.com.

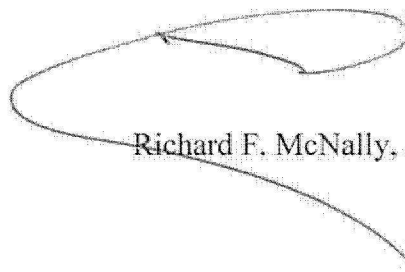
Richard will be taking advantage of advances in technology to better serve you, such as online issuance of bonds and direct billing by the bonding companies. Please contact us for the forms you will need. As an actively practicing attorney, Richard will be sensitive to your professional needs. In addition to the Agency's traditional services of providing Probate Court fiduciary bonds, we also offer services to you and your clients in the form of other surety bonds, including License & Permit, Fidelity, and Contract (bid, performance, payment, etc.) and other court bonds. As before, we will not offer jail bail bonds.

Carl can now be reached at his office at Mason Burgess Title Agency, (810) 396-3200, and Richard will continue his law practice at (810) 767-5550, concentrating on personal injury and wrongful death claims. We appreciate your past business, and look forward to serving you, your clients and your colleagues in the future. We welcome your referrals.

Sincerely,



Carl E. Mason



Richard F. McNally, Jr.



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

U.S. COURTHOUSE

600 CHURCH STREET

FLINT, MICHIGAN 48502

CHAMBERS OF  
**MARK A. GOLDSMITH**  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

(810) 341-7060

August 9, 2013

Dear Members of the Legal Profession and Concerned Citizens:

I am delighted to announce the launching of the Flint Youth Initiative ("FYI") – an innovative project designed to keep young people in Flint on the right side of the law.

Conceived by the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Michigan, the initiative will reach out to students at the elementary school level, with the goal of inculcating the values of good citizenship, personal safety and productive lifestyles. By reaching children at a critically formative stage, we hope to save as many as possible from the fate of many Flint children -- a life devalued and degraded by drugs and violence. Those of us involved in the court system see the tragic outcomes far too often. Here is our chance to prevent some of those tragedies.

FYI will consist of two components. A "Lunch Buddy" program will pair up one adult with an individual student for a half-hour lunch period, once a week for one semester. Studies show such intensive, one-on-one encounters offer the best hope of creating a positive and long-lasting impact on a young person. A second component will be presentations to larger groups of students on citizenship, the law and personal safety, at various times during the school year. While we hope eventually to see FYI in place at a number of Flint schools, we will start with a pilot program at the Doyle/Ryder Elementary School, located at University Avenue and Saginaw Street in downtown Flint.

We will be holding an initial informational meeting for those interested in participating in either component of FYI. This one-hour meeting (with coffee and donuts provided) will take place on Friday, September 13, 2013 at 9 a.m. at our Flint courthouse. If you can join us, please RSVP to my case manager, Deborah Goltz, [deborah\\_goltz@mied.uscourts.gov](mailto:deborah_goltz@mied.uscourts.gov). If you cannot make the meeting, but are interested in participating, please let her know that as well. If you know of others involved in the legal profession or the administration of justice – or other suitable candidates -- who might be interested in participating, please share this letter with them.

I firmly believe FYI can have far-reaching consequences for the betterment of our community. As an ancient legal maxim teaches, "If you save a single life, you save an entire world." Your involvement will make a world of difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Goldsmith", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark A. Goldsmith  
United States District Judge





# September Membership Meeting

featuring

David S. Leyton  
Genesee County Prosecutor

September 16, 2013 ♦ 12 noon

Masonic Temple

**CUSTOMER INFORMATION:** Please print legibly

☐ September 16th    ☐ Sustaining Member - Free    ☐ GCBA Member - \$10    ☐ Non-member - \$15  
\*\*\*\$15 for walk-ins. Unpaid no-shows will be billed \$15.\*\*\*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Information:    ☐ Note the attached check # \_\_\_\_\_    Checks payable to the GCBA

Credit card information:    ☐ Visa    ☐ MasterCard    Charge my credit card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date: \_\_\_\_\_ Last 3#'s on back of card: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address for card: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL** registration form with check to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. **FAX** registration form with credit card information to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310. **ON-LINE** register on-line at [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org). **Telephone reservations are not accepted.**



## 2013-2014 Committee Registration Form

The GCBA is looking for you to sign up for a committee by placing a check in the space to the left of each committee you are willing to serve on.

Fax this form by September 27, 2013 to the GCBA at 810-232-8310 or mail to:

Genesee County Bar Association  
315 E. Court St.  
Flint, MI 48502

**PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GCBA.**

### Committees

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> ADR                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Bar Beat                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bench and Bar                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law & Defender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Court                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Court            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Practice               | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Outing             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Law Day                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer Referral         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Aid                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Probate Committee       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice & Ethics |  |

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 27, 2013  
FAX TO (810) 232-8310**

"Like" us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Genesee-County-Bar-Association/142757561178>

**315 E. COURT STREET, FLINT, MI 48502**  
**PHONE (810) 232-6000**  
**FAX (810) 232-8310**  
**WWW.GCBALAW.ORG**