

December Notes N' News

2015

Welcome New Members

Welcome to our newest members **Sean P. Burns** and **Maurice C. Davis**.

Case Evaluation Late Fee Donations

Thank you to **Edward Powers, Lori Tallman, Eric McCormick, Michael Gildner, Ron Haldy**, and **Abner Tansil** for donating their Case Evaluation late fees, which are placed in a restricted building account.

Clean Slate Clinic Thank you

Thank you to GCBA attorneys **B.D. "Chris" Christenson, Richard Hetherington, Tara Parker, Tom Connolly, Dawn Scharer, Rhonda Stowers, Stephanie Hasley Sarno** and **Lanta Robbins** who participated in the Clean Slate Clinic at the Flint Farmers Market on Friday, October 30th.

Barristers' Ball Sponsors

Thank you to the following sponsors of the Barristers Ball:

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Baby Barristers

Congratulations to **Jarret and Kristen Pabst** on the birth of their son Grayson Conor Pabst, born on November 6, 2015, weighing in at 9 lbs., 6 oz. and 21.5 inches long.

Address Change

The **Hamo Law Firm** has moved. The new address is: 614 S. Grand Traverse St., Flint, MI 48502.

GCBA Senior Attorneys

The next GCBA Senior luncheon will be Thursday, December 10th at the Valley Family Restaurant located on the southwest corner of Miller and Linden roads. A luncheon is available from the menu and may be ordered and paid for individually. All attorneys and their guests are welcome, regardless of age.



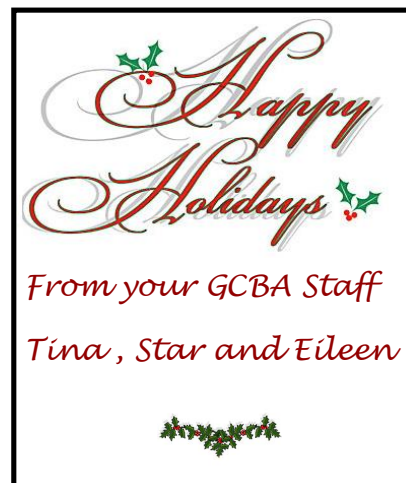
Calendar of Events

See attached flyers for more information

December 10th: GCBA Holiday Party at Brick Street

December 17th: Young Lawyers Lunch N' Learn

December 17th: 25th Annual Community
Holiday Dinner.



**Are You Yarning to Help?
Knitters, Crocheters and Donors Needed**



Thank you to those who have already submitted your knitted and crocheted hats and scarfs for our upcoming 2015 Holiday Dinner. Your work is greatly appreciated! It's not too late to submit knitted and crocheted items for this worthy cause. Store bought hats, scarves and mittens are also welcome.



2015 Holiday Dinner

Santa's Village—\$1,000 donation

Hon. Jennifer and Frank Manley
Tom R. Pabst, P.C.

Santa's Workshop—\$500 donation

JoRobin Davis
Garan Lucow Miller, P.C.
George Hamo

Santa's Helper — \$250 donation

Roger Isaac

Santa's Elf—\$ 150 donation

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Cristine Wasserman



Holiday Chef—\$100 donation

Rex Anderson
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Hon. Joseph Farah
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Greg Meihn
Tracey Merithew
Thomas R. Mitchell
Hon. Allen J. Nelson
Linda Pohly
William Shedd
Anthony J. Tomaszewski
Martin Tyckoski
J.D. Winegarden

Santa's Reindeer—\$1-\$99 donation

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It is not too late to donate. 100% of your donation is spent on the Holiday Dinner!

*Please make your check payable to:
Genesee County Bar Foundation
315 E. Court St.
Flint, MI 48502*

*****PRESS RELEASE*****

On January 2, 2016, the District Courts of Genesee County will join together as the 67th District Court. The former 68th District Court will be abolished and the Judges of that Court will now comprise the 5th Division of the 67th District Court.

The 67th District Court currently consists of four divisions serving the population of Genesee County outside of the City of Flint and is funded by Genesee County. The 68th District Court serves the City of Flint and is funded by the City of Flint. The new Court will be funded by Genesee County.

The Court will continue to have locations in Grand Blanc, Fenton, Burton, Davison, Mt. Morris, Flint and Flushing. Hours will be Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition, the Court will continue to be open on weekends and holidays at a Court located in the Genesee County Jail to handle criminal arraignments, PPO violations, bench warrants and bond reviews.

Felony matters will be heard at the Flint Court based on a countywide blind draw system among the judges of the five divisions. Misdemeanors, traffic, landlord-tenant matters, small claims and civil cases will continue to be heard at current court locations.

Judge Christopher R. Odette will serve as the Presiding Judge of the 67th District Court. Judge William H. Crawford will serve as the Presiding Judge Pro-Tem. Dena Altheide will serve as the Director of Court Operations. Judge Richard B. Yuille serves as the Chief Judge of the Genesee County Courts.



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Pro Bono Involvement Program

We are writing to urge your participation in the Legal Services of Eastern Michigan Pro Bono Program. This is your call to join your colleagues in supporting a vital service that only attorneys within our community can provide. While we all receive countless requests from charitable organizations on behalf of many worthwhile causes, the contribution of your legal skills to the poor is something you are uniquely able to provide.

Many flexible opportunities are available by which every attorney can become involved. The State Bar of Michigan recommends providing representation without charge to three low income individuals or providing 30 hours of legal assistant to low income individuals each year. Other options for attorneys in Genesee County include participation in community education activities, volunteering for LSEM's monthly legal advice clinics, drafting pro se materials, or making a financial contribution.

Your opportunity for pro bono participation may consist of making a suggested \$300 annual contribution to support legal aid for needy people. Many lawyers give both money and service so that low-income families have the legal help they need. Any contribution, either time or financial, will be greatly appreciated.

Please take a moment to follow the link below to complete your enrollment survey today. If you would prefer a paper version of the enrollment survey, please contact me at (810) 234-9039 ext. 115 or mbarone@lsem-mi.org.

Link to the Enrollment Survey:

https://docs.google.com/a/lsem-mi.org/forms/d/1d1j_Qp6lj7iwA_T9YAZeGLnJQcRecTJ5lyr8wxDjTSM/viewform

Best wishes,

Meghan Barone
Pro Bono Coordinator
Legal Services of Eastern Michigan
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Seasons Greetings



The Genesee County Bar Association

&

Friends of the Legal Community

Holiday Party 2015

Thursday, December 10th

at

Brick Street Bar & Grill

1223 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Directions: east of Fenton Road and just west of Dort Hwy.

Coming from US-23 take Exit #88. Coming from I-75 take Exit #109.



Who is Invited

Genesee County 67th & 68th District Courts, Circuit Court, Family Court, Probate Court and staff, All Federal Courts and staff. Federal Bankruptcy Court and staff. All Judges and staff. Genesee County Sheriff, Friend of the Court, Prosecutor, Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Drain Commission & Clerks Offices and staff. All Attorneys, paralegals and support staff. Court Reporters, Process Servers, Title Companies

For Reservations contact 810-232-6012 or on-line at www.gcbalaw.org



The Genesee County Bar Association and the Criminal Defense Resource Center of the State Appellate Defender Office invite you to attend:

B.Y.O.C. Sentencing Clinic

Bring your own case (B.Y.O.C.) to work on during this hands-on felony sentencing clinic led by some of the state's top criminal defense professionals. Learn how to identify a variety of legal sentencing objections, prepare your client for allocution and outcomes, develop a mitigation plan, write an effective sentencing memorandum, and improve your sentencing advocacy skills.

Presented by: State Appellate Defender Office

With instruction by Assistant Defenders: Jeanice Dagher-Margosian, Jacqueline Ouvry and Marilena David-Martin, and Social Worker Katherine Root

Friday, December 11, 2015

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration from 12:30-1:00 pm

Sentencing Guidelines Discussion: 1:00-2:30 pm (Open to All)

B.Y.O.C. Sentencing Clinic from 2:30-5:00 pm (Open to Defense Attorneys Only)

Location: 503 S. Saginaw Street, 5th Floor Conference Room, Flint, MI

**The seminar is free of charge. Advance registration is required.
Space is extremely limited so early registration is recommended. Lunch will be provided.**

Register online at: <http://obsurvey.com/survey/BYOCSentencingClinic>

For question, please contact Heather Waara, hwaara@sado.org or 313-256-9833

Follow SADO on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sadomich
Visit the Genesee County Bar at <http://www.gcbalaw.org/>

The seminar is supported in part through a generous grant from the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards.

Veronica Simon's Retirement Party

Saturday, December 12, 2015

Luxe Lounge

1519 W. Bristol Rd.

6:00 p.m. until . . .



Veronica Simon is retiring. Come and wish her well as she starts a new chapter in her life. (She says she's leaving the state).



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December 11 - 13 • 10 am - 6 pm at Sam's Club®



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FREE Rotisserie Chicken
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Not ready to join yet? Simply bring this invitation** to the Member Services Desk at your local Sam's Club for a pass to shop for one day during the event.

A 10% service fee applies on all non-member purchases when shopping with this One-Day Pass (not applicable in CA, SC or Elmsford, NY).

* Join or renew during the event December 11 - 13, 2015, to receive these offers. Offers can be redeemed up to 30 days after joining or renewing. Individual offers can be redeemed one time only. Limited availability. No substitutions or rain checks. No cash value. Offer applies to current non-members. Special savings offer includes one free Rotisserie Chicken, one free 16" Take N Bake Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, \$3 off one 40 pack of Member's Mark Purified Water and \$4 off one 3-lb. Red Seedless Grapes. All terms and conditions apply. Special savings offers are Instant Savings items and are subject to availability and dates. Select Instant Savings are available online and for Club Pickup purchases. State and local laws may require sales tax to be charged on the pre-discounted price of an item. No money shall be returned to the member if the price of the item falls below zero after applying the Instant Savings discount. To view your Instant Savings account, visit SamsClub.com/instantavings or download the Sam's Club app. Member must have a registered email on SamsClub.com in order to access the Instant Savings account page online. Visit SamsClub.com/instantavings for program details and terms and conditions. Instant Savings may take up to 14 days to load to a membership account and are available in U.S. clubs with a U.S. membership, excluding Puerto Rico.

** This invitation allows you to shop at your local Sam's Club for one day only. Only original invitations will be accepted. Information necessary to assign a One-Day Pass number will be collected at time of use. No other conditions or privileges of annual membership apply. You must pay for purchases with cash; debit card (see club for qualifying networks); or Walmart® Credit, MasterCard®, Discover® or American Express® card only (no checks). You may apply for annual membership, subject to qualifications, while visiting SamsClub.com or any Sam's Club location. Visit SamsClub.com/privacy to view our privacy policy. This invitation cannot be used on Black Friday and during designated members-only events, including VIP events. This invitation is valid December 11 - 13, 2015, only.

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GCBA & GCBF



2015 COMMUNITY HOLIDAY DINNER

Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 4:00 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Temple, Downtown Flint

DONOR FORM:

Donations are needed to support this program, which are used exclusively to purchase items for the dinner. Categories of giving:

Santa's Helper	\$250	pays for 50 toys for 50 children
Santa's Elf	\$150	pays for 150 children's pictures with Santa
Santa's Chef	\$100	pays for a meal for 25 guests
Santa's Reindeer	\$1-\$99 every \$5	pays for a child's toy

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ made payable and sent to:
Genesee County Bar Foundation, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. As required by relevant Federal Statute we hereby confirm that we did not provide any goods or services in exchange for your gift.

GIFT WRAPPING PARTY:

We will have a gift wrapping party on Monday, December 7, 2015, at the GCBA/GCBF office. Pizza will be served. Please join us! 4 p.m. - until completed _____

VOLUNTEER FORM:

Thursday, December 17, 2015

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your shift
Children 12 & older welcome with a parent

1:30-3:30 p.m.	Decorations/Set up	_____	
3:30-5:30 p.m.	First Shift	_____	Assignments will be made upon arrival
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Second Shift	_____	Assignments will be made upon arrival
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Clean Up	_____	
Time: TBD	Sing/Entertainment	_____	

Are there any special considerations that should be noted in assigning volunteer duties?:

If you want to volunteer a few hours of your time to this worthwhile cause, please fill out the form and return by fax to the GCBF/GCBA at (810) 232-8310. (form may be photocopied/one volunteer per form)

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

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Monthly Membership Meetings

Presented by
Genesee County Bar Association



featuring
Hon. Karen Weaver
Mayor, City of Flint

January 25, 2016 • 12 noon

Masonic Temple • 755 S. Saginaw St. • Flint, MI 48502

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Registration Fees:

- Sustaining Member - Free
- GCBA Member - \$10
- Non-member - \$15
- Walk-ins - \$15
- Unpaid no-shows - \$15

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.

GCBA Affiliates Sack Luncheon

featuring



Come Meet Your Fellow Affiliates - Start Networking

Join us

on

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

12 noon

at the

Genesee County Bar Association

315 E. Court St. • Flint, MI 48502

Lunch is provided

REGISTRATION: *Please print legibly*

REGISTER NOW

MAIL registration form to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. FAX registration form to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310. ON-LINE register on-line at www.gcbalaw.org. Telephone reservations are not accepted.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Limited seating



Second Annual Bankruptcy Seminar February 5, 2016

presented by GCBA Bankruptcy Committee

LOCATION

Holiday Inn—Gateway Centre
5353 Gateway Centre
Flint, MI 48507

REGISTRATION FEES

- \$25.00 Chapter 7 Session Only for GCBA Members
- \$50.00 Chapter 7 Session Only for Non-Member

- \$25.00 Chapter 13 Session Only for GCBA member
- \$50.00 Chapter 13 Session Only for Non-Member

- \$40.00 both sessions for GCBA Members
- \$80.00 both sessions for Non-Members

\$_____ Total amount enclosed:

**Fees include: Continental Breakfast for Morning Session,
Snack for Afternoon Session and Written
Materials; Lunch is not included.**

*GCBA Members: The reduced rate for this seminar is courtesy of
the Genesee County Bar Foundation Louis D. McGregor CLE Fund.
For membership information call (810) 232-6012.*

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

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Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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MAIL registration form with check to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. **FAX** registration with credit card information to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310. **ONLINE** registration at www.gcbalaw.org.

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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 - Chapter 7

8:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m.— 9:10 a.m.	Opening Remarks
9:10 a.m.—9:40 a.m.	Case Law, Bankruptcy Forms and Rules Update Speaker: Sherri L. Belknap
9:40 a.m.—10:25 a.m.	Objections to Exemptions Speaker: Thomas L. Beadle
10:25 a.m.—10:35 a.m.	Break
10:35 a.m.—11:15 a.m.	Preferences, Fraudulent Transfers How to recognize, object & resolve Speakers: Stacy Davis & Kimberly Lubinski
11:15 a.m.— 11:45 a.m.	Views from the Chapter 7 Trustees Speakers: Samuel D. Sweet
11:45 a.m.—12:00 p.m.	Questions & Answers

FACULTY AND TOPICS - Chapter 13

12:30 p.m.— 1:00 p.m.	Registration
1:00 p.m.— 1:10 p.m.	Opening Remarks
1:10 p.m.—1:40 p.m.	Case Law, Bankruptcy Forms and Rules Update Speaker: Sherri L. Belknap
1:40 p.m.—2:10 p.m.	Social Security Speaker: Laura D. Breckenridge
2:10 p.m.—2:40 p.m.	Objections to Schedule I & J Speakers: Butler, Butler & Rowse-Oberle Trustee's office
2:40 p.m.— 2:55 p.m.	Break
2:55 p.m.—3:25 p.m.	Views from the Chapter 13 Trustee Speaker: Carl L. Bekofske
3:25 p.m.—4:10 p.m.	Views from the Judge Speaker: Honorable Daniel S. Opperman
4:10 p.m.—4:20 p.m.	Questions & Answers



YMCA of Greater Flint Membership Information for Genesee County Bar Association

Adult Membership \$47 / Month

Family Membership \$76 / Month

No Initiation Fee \$50 Savings

Please use the code GCBAYMCA when activating your membership.

YMCA of Greater Flint Member Benefits

- **Unlimited access to both the Downtown and Pierson Road Branches**
- **Family friendly facilities**
- **Free water aerobics classes**
- **Free group fitness classes**
- **High quality cardio equipment with personal TVs**
- **Discounts on YMCA programs such as swimming lessons and other youth programs**
- **Access to certified personal trainers**
- **The AWAY Program—use your YMCA membership at other YMCAs while traveling**

Learn more about what the Y has to offer at: www.flintymca.org.