



GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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February Notes N' News

2026

Welcome

Welcome new members: **Claudnyse D. Holloman** and **Robert McCall**.



GCBA Senior Attorneys

The GCBA Senior luncheon will meet this **Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 12 noon**, at Brickstreet of Grand Blanc, 1223 E. Grand Blanc Rd., in Grand Blanc. 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 gcba@gcbalaw.org.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of **Alan J. Butler**, who passed away on Thursday, January 29, 2026, at the age of 43. His service is scheduled for Friday, February 20, 2026. The obituary detailing service and visitation times can be viewed at www.paradisefuneralchapel.com.

Genesee County Bar Foundation

Thanks to the **Genesee County Bar Association** for making a donation in memory of Alan J. Butler.

Donate to the Genesee County Bar Foundation by [clicking here](#) or mail a check made payable to Genesee County Bar Foundation, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502.

Calendar of Events

February 23rd: Membership Meeting featuring Lottie Ferguson, Vice President, Development and Donor Services, Community Foundation of Greater Flint.

March 16th: Membership Meeting featuring Lisa J. Hamameh, President of the State Bar of Michigan.



Genesee County Bar Foundation Scholarship Opportunities

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 tvb@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.

Beagle Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the 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, 2026. 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.



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Call for Articles – Bar Beat March 2026 Issue

Dear Genesee County Bar Association Members:

We are looking forward to spring! The Bar Beat Committee is accepting and reviewing editorial content for the upcoming **March 2026 issue of Bar Beat**.

Please submit your articles **by February 13, 2026**.

Your content matters. The Committee is here to assist, ensuring that your valuable insight and expertise reach GCBA members.



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Submission Guidelines

We are seeking articles in the following categories:

- **Updates from GCBA Committee Chairpersons:** including Criminal Law Group, Probate Committee, Young Lawyers Group
- **Personal Interest Articles:** Maximum 750 words. This includes topics such as:
 - ◊ Your travel adventures, complete with photos;
 - ◊ Public service, volunteer or charitable activities, including pro bono work;
 - ◊ Educational activities, such as speaking engagements or programs that interact with students to enhance their knowledge of the law and the justice system;
 - ◊ Health and wellness topics of interest to the legal community.
- **Pro & Con Articles:** Collaborate with another attorney to explore opposing views on a legal issue. These pieces provide a balanced discussion on important topics. Maximum is 1,500 words for both perspectives, “pro” and “con.”
- **Legal Topic Articles:** Maximum 1,500 words.
 - ◊ Review updates in court rules, legislative changes, or topics specific to a particular area of law.
- **Additional Notes**
 - ◊ **Intern Contributions:** Articles may be submitted by law students or interns, provided they are sponsored or co-authored by a member in good standing with the Genesee County Bar Association.
 - ◊ **Citations and Endnotes:** Any research or references used in your article should be properly cited with endnotes.

How to Submit

Please send all article submissions to the Genesee County Bar Association at gcba@gcbalaw.org. If you need assistance with your article—whether structuring it or brainstorming ideas—our committee is here to help!

We look forward to your contributions. Your insights are what make this publication a true reflection of our legal community and help us connect with one another.

With much appreciation,

Julie A. Winkfield, Bar Beat Editor



Membership Meeting

February Membership Meeting Monday, February 23, 2026

Featuring:

Lottie Ferguson

Vice President, Development and
Donor Services
Community Foundation of
Greater Flint



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

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Visa MasterCard American Express Charge my credit card for \$ _____

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Registration Fees:

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

Event Registration:

- February 23, 2026
- March 16, 2026

Cancellation Policy:

No refunds for cancellations the day of the luncheon.



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



Sponsorship Opportunities Membership Meetings 2025-2026

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

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

September 15, 2025 October 20, 2025 November 17, 2025 January 26, 2026
 February 23, 2026 March 16, 2026 April 210, 202 May 18, 2026



Beverage Sponsor - \$150

- Corporate logo on registration materials
- Recognition in Notes N' News

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

September 15, 2025 October 20, 2025 November 17, 2025 January 26, 2026
 February 23, 2026 March 16, 2026 April 210, 202 May 18, 2026

Dessert Sponsor - \$150

- Corporate logo on registration materials
- Recognition in Notes N' News

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 February 23, 2026 March 16, 2026 April 210, 202 May 18, 2026

Yes, I will be Sponsor! Please indicate your sponsorship level above. Dates are available on a first-come first serve base.

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Email your logo in
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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

Vice President (1-year term)
 Treasurer (1-year term)

Secretary (1-year term)
 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. _____

Please list the nominee's prior activities as requested above. _____

Please list the nominee's community activities, including other boards. _____

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: _____

The Genesee County Bar Association Nominating Committee will consider all nominees and recommend a final slate for election 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 FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026, at 5:00 P.M.



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2026 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

Name of Nominee: _____

Please explain why this nominee should be awarded the 2026 Herbert A. Milliken, Jr. Civility Award:

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 13, 2026, 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 2026 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.

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

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 13, 2026, 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.

2026 Roberta J.F. Wray Award

for Excellence in Legal Advocacy

Nomination Form

Standard

The Roberta J.F. Wray Excellence in Legal Advocacy award honors an attorney, mock trial attorney advisor, or media person who demonstrates an exceptional commitment to legal education in our community.

- Attorney (or judge) who promotes and participates in Law Day activities; or
- Mock trial attorney advisor; or
- Respected reporter/media person with exceptional reporting of a local legal case.

For a list of past recipients please visit www.gcbalaw.org

Name of Nominee: _____

Position or Activity: _____

Please explain why this person should be awarded the Wray Legal Advocacy Award

Nominated by: _____

Telephone number: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

All nominees will be considered by a committee that will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. The award recipient will be recognized at an Association event.

The nomination deadline is Friday, March 20, 2026. by 5:00 p.m.
Please send this form to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502
or fax to (810) 232-8310.

Lawyer Referral & Information Service



Join the Genesee County Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS)

Are you looking to grow your practice and connect with clients who need your expertise? The Genesee County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) is the perfect opportunity to expand your reach and make a difference in your community.

Why Join LRIS?

- **Tailored Referrals:** Choose the areas of law for which you want to be contacted. You decide where you want to focus. Practice areas include Bankruptcy, Criminal, Employment, Family, Real Estate, Probate, Social Security and many more.
- **Pre-Screened Clients:** The LRIS team carefully screens all potential clients to ensure they match your chosen practice areas before referring them to you.
- **Community Impact:** Help individuals in need of legal assistance by providing them with professional and reliable guidance.

How It Works:

1. **Panel Membership:** Sign up to become a panel member and select your preferred practice areas.
2. **Client Screening:** When someone contacts the GCBA for legal advice, the LRIS staff assesses their needs and determines the appropriate area of law.
3. **Attorney Referral:** Once matched, the client is referred to you for consultation and potential representation.

Benefits of Membership:

- Increased visibility for your practice.
- Access to a steady stream of potential clients.
- A simple and effective way to grow your client base.

Get Started Today!

Join the LRIS panel and become part of a trusted network of legal professionals dedicated to serving the community. For more information or to sign up, contact the Genesee County Bar Association at 810-232-6000 ext. 101 or email tyb@gcbalaw.org.

Your next client could be a LRIS Referral!



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