



GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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January Notes N' News

2026

Welcome

Welcome new members: **Suzanne N. Anglewicz** and **Lisa Ierman**.

Law Day - Mock Trials

The Genesee County Bar Association is exploring the revival of its High School Mock Trial Program—and we need your help! Mock Trials are an invaluable opportunity for students to immerse themselves in a simulated courtroom environment, sharpening their legal skills and experiencing the thrill of argument and evidence presentation. If you're interested in participating, please email tyb@gcbalaw.org.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of **Heather V. Burnash**, who passed away on Monday, January 5, 2026, at the age of 50, after a battle with cancer. She was surrounded by a circle of friends and family who adored her. The full obituary can be viewed at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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



Genesee County Bar Foundation

Thanks to **Jeremy and Amy Piper Fund** for making a donation in memory of Glen N. Lenhoff.

Thanks to **Rachel Hawrylo** for being a Bronze Donor and **Julia Black, Birka Law, and LindaLee Massoud** for being a Friends Donor to the Courthouse Square Centennial Arts Project.

Thanks to **George Hamo** and **Alex Hamo** for making a donation to the Beagle Scholarship Fund.

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

January 19th: GCBA Closed - MLK Day

January 26th: Special Meeting (see enclosed notice)

January 26th: Membership Meeting featuring Dayna Harper, Ed.D., Executive Director, Community Resolution Center.

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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Executive Director
Tatilia Y. Burroughs

January 8, 2026

Re: GCBA Bylaws Amendment

Dear Members:

NOTICE IS HEREBY SERVED for a Special Meeting of the Members of the Genesee County Bar Association to be held on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 12:15 p.m., in the Ramsdell Room at the Flint Farmers' Market. This Special Meeting shall precede the regular monthly membership luncheon for the following purpose:

To vote on an amendment to the bylaws of the Genesee County Bar Association to allow for the addition of a Dissolution clause stating where our assets would go if our organization dissolved.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

Upon the dissolution of the Association and the winding up of its affairs, the remaining assets of the Association, after satisfaction of or reservation for all liabilities of the Association, shall be distributed to The Genesee County Bar Foundation and/or to such other nonprofit organizations recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Please plan to attend this Special Meeting. A quorum of 45 members is required to transact business at any meeting. This attendance can be in person, via the telephone, or electronically.

Immediately following this Special Meeting, the Monthly Membership Meeting will begin approximately at 12:30 p.m., featuring Dayna Harper, Executive Director of the Community Resolution Center.

Sincerely,

Elias J. Fanous, President

cc: enclosure





January Membership Meeting

Topic:

Mediation Beyond the Bench

- *A Look at the Third Party Effect*
- *In high states, high-cost, high-emotions arenas*
- *In deeply personal cases, on-going relationships*
 - *Facilitation to increase meeting efficiency*

Also, a look at CRC's Specialty Mediation Program

Featuring:

Dayna Harper, Ed.D.

Executive Director

Community Resolution Center

January 26, 2026 • 12 noon
Flint Farmers' Market
Ramsdell Room
300 E. 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502

CUSTOMER INFORMATION: Please print legibly

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Payment Information: Checks payable to the GCBA

Check # _____ Amount \$ _____

Credit card information:

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

Credit Card Account #: _____ Exp. date: _____

Last 3#’s on back of card: _____

Name as appears on card: _____

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Registration Fees:

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

Event Registration:

- January 26, 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
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Dessert Sponsor - \$150

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

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Email your logo in
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LEAD *for* JUSTICE

LEAD for Justice Social Media Toolkit

December 2025 through February 2026

What: The Great Lakes Political Academy's LEAD for Justice program recruits and trains attorneys who are interested in running for judicial office. This program offers a **5-week intensive training course** with experts across the state to give judicial candidates, and those who are interested in running to be a judge in the future, the best tools needed to launch and run a campaign.

When: The 2026 Lead for Justice training series will run for 5-weeks on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 between February 17 and March 17, 2026. The training dates in the series are Tuesday, Feb. 17, Feb. 24, Mar. 3, Mar. 10 and Mar. 17.

Where: Virtual via Zoom

Who: Attorneys throughout the state who are interested in running for a judgeship at any level of the bench in 2026 or later.

Cost: \$50

To Apply: Visit www.glpalead.com/lead-for-justice to apply by February 12.

Questions: Contact our Judicial Organizer, Sharon Trumpy, at sharon@glpacademy.com

Social Media Posts Suggested Copy:

LEAD for Justice is GLPA's judicial candidate recruitment & training program. This 5-week virtual course teaches everything you need to know to run for judicial office in Michigan. Visit www.glpalead.com/lead-for-justice to apply.

Are you interested in running for a judge in 2026? GLPA's LEAD for Justice program offers a virtual training course, with experts across the state, to equip you with the knowledge & motivation you need to run for judicial office! Visit www.glpalead.com/lead-for-justice to apply!

Attention 2026 aspiring judicial candidates! GLPA's LEAD for Justice program is offering a 5-week virtual training course focused on what you need to know to run a successful judicial campaign. Learn from campaign experts and past candidates. Visit www.glpalead.com/lead-for-justice to apply!

Accounts to Tag:

Facebook: @glpalead – “Great Lakes Political Academy – Leadership, Education, And Development”

Instagram: @glpalead



2025 Holiday Giving Project

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

Goal \$20,000

Amount collected \$22,455

Thanks to your generosity we have exceeded our fundraising goal!

Santa & Mrs. Clause - \$1,500
Jeremy and Amy Piper Fund

Santa's Village - \$1,000
Kay and Michael Behm
Hamo Law Firm
Cheryl Lopez
Eric J. Mead

Santa's Workshop—\$500
Rex Anderson
Philip Beauvais, III
CF Legal PC
Cline, Cline & Griffin
Jolynn Corlew
Jo Robin Davis
Lawrence J. and Jill S. Day Foundation
Henneke, Fraim & Dawes, PC
Dennis Lazar
Prosecutor David & Therese Leyton
Robert MacDonald
Simen, Figura & Parker, P.L.C.
Paul Watson
Barry A. Wolf

Santa's Helper - \$250
Duncan M. Beagle
William Brickley
Hon. B. Chris Christenson
Carol Fossee
Gregory Gibbs
Paul Goyette
Hon. Ariana Heath
Roger Isaac
Jessica Mainprize Hajek
Hon. Anthony McDowell
Barbara Menear
Payne, Broder & Fossee, P.C.
Randy Petrides
Daniel Rittman
Brooke Tucker
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Santa's Elf - \$150
Kurtis L.V. Brown
Ward Chapman
Community Resolution Cener
Hon. Judith Fullerton
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Ashley Prew
Hon. Robert & Lynne Ransom
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Scott Stensaas
Anthony Tomaszewski
Angela N. Wheeler

Santa's Chef - \$100
Tedd E. Bean
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Carolyn Boegner
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Nancy Chinonis
Thomas Connolly
Loyst Fletcher, Jr.
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Hon. Geoffrey Neithercut
Tammy Reitano
Qamar Stamos
Lori Tallman
Michael Tesner
Kristi Trigg-Johnson
Jerome D. Winegarden
Jeffrey Zilinski

Santa's Reindeer - \$25
Julia Black
Dolores Coulter
Carol Fulgencio
LindaLee Massoud
Marc Morse
Stephanie Hasley Sarno
John Sjoquist
Jack Tubbs



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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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