



GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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July Notes N' News

2025

Welcome

Welcome new member **Deema Hagehassan**.

Dues Statement

If you have already paid your dues - THANK YOU!!

If you have not already paid your dues, please return the statement with remittance. To pay via credit card, please phone the GCBA at 810-232-6000.

Committee Sign Up

Are you thinking of serving on a committee? Complete the Committee Sign-up form enclosed in this mailing. Check which committee(s) you are interested in, and return the completed form by mail or fax to the GCBA.

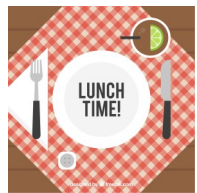
Genesee County Bar Foundation

Thanks to the following members who made a voluntary donation to the Bar Foundation through their dues statement: **Naila M. Aftab, LindaLee Mas-soud, Eric J. Mead, and Andrew O. Stout**.

Our condolences to Andrew Stout on the death of his father, **Attorney Otis W. Stout**, age 75, who passed away peacefully on July 7, 2025, with his wife of 45 years, Judy, by his side.

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

GCBA Senior Attorneys



The GCBA Senior luncheon will not be meeting in July or August. The next luncheon will be Thursday, September 11, 2025, at Redwood Lodge, located at 5304 Gateway Centre Blvd., off Hill Rd., close to US 23

and I-75. 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 gcbalaw.org.

Summer Hours

The GCBA will close at 4:00 p.m. on Fridays May 30th through August 29th.

47th Annual GCBA Golf Outing!



Thank you to everyone who participated in our 47th Annual Golf Scramble at the Flint Golf Club. The heat didn't stop anyone from enjoying a great day on the greens. Special thanks to our volunteers Mitchell Dembo, Brendan Docherty, Cheryl Tomaszewski, and Jackie White.

1st Place team: Steven M. Robb, Nick Horton, Spencer Spurlin, and Josh Hill.

Longest Drive Female: I'Lanta Robbins
Longest Drive Male: Josh Hill
Closest to the Pin Male: Mike Tomaszewski

LawPay



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Save the Date

Annual
Amy K. Harris
Criminal Law Seminar

Thursday, October 23, 2025 &
Friday, October 24, 2025

Sponsored by the
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Call for Articles – Bar Beat September 2025 Issue

Dear Genesee County Bar Association Members,

Summer is here and Fall will soon be on the horizon! The Bar Beat Committee is accepting and reviewing editorial content for the upcoming **September 2025 issue of Bar Beat**. Please submit your articles **by July 14, 2025**.



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

Submission Guidelines

We are seeking articles in the following categories:

- **Personal Interest Articles:** Maximum 750 words. This includes topics such as:
 - Your travel adventures, complete with photos.
 - 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 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



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Executive Director
Tatilia Y. Burroughs

2025-2026 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.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GCBA.

Committees

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ADR | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Outing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Appeals | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Dinner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bar Beat | <input type="checkbox"/> Lawyer Referral |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bench and Bar | <input type="checkbox"/> Marijuana |
| Subcommittees: | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Circuit Court; | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District Court; | <input type="checkbox"/> Negligence and Personal Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Court | <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Bono |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business and Real Estate | <input type="checkbox"/> Probate Committee |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law & Defender | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Court | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Lawyers |

Name _____
(Please Print)

Signature _____ Date _____

Email Address _____

RETURN BY August 31, 2025

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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

Zoo**LAW**gical

JULY 12, 2025

Learning Session 9:45-11:15am Full Event: 9 am to 5 pm

Event Includes Animal Law Learning Sessions, Lunch, and Admission to the Zoo

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BUSINESS LAW SECTION

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
ANIMAL LEGAL & HISTORICAL CENTER



Register Here

Tickets \$25 per person
(Children 2 and under
free)



Detroit Zoo
8450 W 10 Mile Rd, Royal
Oak, MI 48067

Genesee County Bar Association

Board of Directors' Statement on the Rule of Law

May 15, 2025

The Genesee County Bar Association Board of Directors fully supports the March 21, 2025, statement by the State Bar of Michigan officers, which reads:

STATEMENT FROM SBM LEADERSHIP ON UNPRECEDENTED THREATS TO RULE OF LAW

As officers of the State Bar of Michigan, we are committed to promoting the administration of justice and upholding the rule of law—core principles that are essential to the proper functioning of our democracy comprised of three co-equal branches of government.

The rule of law ensures that our legal system in the judicial branch of government operates with fairness, stability, and predictability, affording all individuals equal access to justice under established legal principles.

A strong and independent judiciary is fundamental to this framework, as it safeguards constitutional rights, resolves disputes impartially, and applies the law free from external influence. Judges must be able to decide cases based on the law and facts, rather than outside pressures. Efforts to undermine judicial independence—whether through threats to judicial security, calls for removal based on case outcomes, or actions that erode the public's trust in the courts—pose risks to the proper functioning of our justice system.

Equally fundamental to the rule of law and the proper administration of justice is the ability of lawyers to advocate for clients, even when those clients and their causes may be difficult or controversial. Our democracy depends on lawyers being able to provide representation to others as a means of ensuring that legal rights are properly asserted and that courts are presented with full and fair arguments.

We affirm the State Bar of Michigan's commitment to supporting the fair and impartial administration of justice in the proper functioning of the courts. We encourage respect for the judicial process and the roles of judges and lawyers in our legal system. We invite members of the bar and the public to visit the State Bar of Michigan's [webpage \(https://www.michbar.org/ruleoflaw\)](https://www.michbar.org/ruleoflaw) for further information on the importance of the rule of law in our democracy.

In accordance with our mission and responsibilities at the State Bar of Michigan, we will continue to provide resources, education, and advocacy that support an independent judiciary, the legal profession, and the rule of law, in furtherance of the administration of justice and the proper functioning of our courts now and in the future.

This statement is made by the duly elected officers of the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners, not on behalf of all individual SBM members. It does not necessarily reflect the views of officers' employers.

As attorneys, we stand firm in our dedication to the oath we swore—to uphold both the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and to honor the integrity of our courts and the judiciary. Today, we reaffirm this solemn pledge. We call upon our fellow members of the legal community—and those who rely on it—to join us in re-committing to the fundamental values that sustain our justice system, our profession, and the communities we proudly serve.

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Mark Your Calendar

2025-2026 Monthly Membership Meetings

*September 15, 2025 • October 20, 2025
November 17, 2025 • January 26, 2026
February 23, 2026 • March 16, 2026
April 22, 2026

Annual Meeting & Elections of Officers

May 18, 2026



Ramsdell Room
300 E 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502

Luncheon **FREE** to Sustaining Members;
\$15 members; **\$20** non-members; **\$20** walk-ins.
Unpaid no-shows will be billed **\$20**.

Exciting details about our September Membership Meeting will be coming soon!



47th Annual Golf Outing

Thanks to everyone who supported the 2025 Annual Golf Outing

Flag Sponsors:

- Piper Legal In Memory of Harry Barrett
- The Fireplace of Lake Fenton
- Judge Dawn M. Weier
- CF Legal PC
- Judge Jessica Hammon, 67th District Court
- In Loving Memory of Mitra Pagonis
- Jeff Wright, Drain Commissioner
- Judge Chris Christenson
- Rule Eye Care Associates
- Mead & Stout PLLC
- James & Angela Wheeler
- Prosecutor David Leyton
- Law Office of Bruce Leach
- The Law Office of Elias J. Fanous
In Loving Memory of
Kimberly Bayyouk Fanous
- Hamo Law Firm

Tee/Green Sponsors:

- Hamo Law Firm
- The Fireplace of Lake Fenton
- McCredie Insurance Agency, Inc
- Soggy Bottom Bar & Wolverine Bump & Paint
- Judge Mark C. McCabe
- Cline, Cline, & Griffin
- Kickers
- Mitchell S. Dembo
- Jeff Wright, Drain Commissioner
- Mead & Stout PLLC
- Attorney Matthew L. Norwood
- Shane Adams Group



Door Prize Sponsors:

SweetGrass Golf Club	Soggy Bottom Bar	The Fireplace of Lake Fenton
Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill	Ruggero's	Atlas Valley Golf Club
Copper Ridge Golf Club	Goodrich Country Club	North End
Fenton Farms Golf Club	Brick Street of Grand Blanc	The Majestic at Lake Walden
Little Joe's Tavern	Dr. Brian Beissel	Pine Koob Golf club
Spring Meadows Country Club	Sharky's Sports Bar	Italia Gardens
Redwood Steakhouse	111	Luigis
Brick Street of Grand Blanc	Elks Lodge	IMA Brookwood Golf Course
Flushing Valley Golf	Kickers	Pita Way
On the Bricks	EnZo's	Community Resolution Center
Great Harvest Bread Company		

Donors:

Dr. Brian Beissel	Eugene Butler	Mitchell Dembo
Hon. Mary A. Hood	Bruce Leach	Hon. Brian S. Pickell
Anthony Tomaszewski		

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 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.

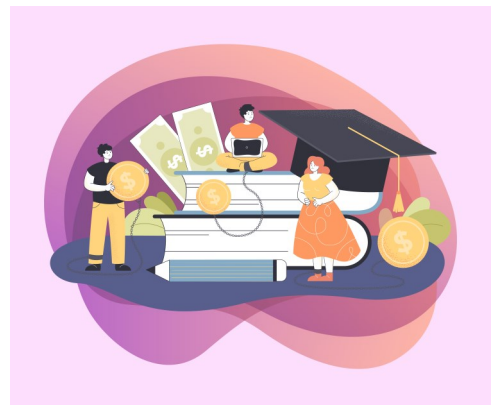


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