



# GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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## May Notes N' News

2023

### Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers is Monday, May 15, 2023 at the Flint Farmers' Market, 12 noon. The Foundation meeting will immediately follow. Slate of proposed officers and directors: President **Craig R. Fiederlein**, Vice President **Angela N. Wheeler**, Treasurer **Elias J. Fanous**; Secretary **Eric J. Mead** and Directors **Jessica R. Mainprize-Hajek**, **David Roth**, **Andrew O. Stout**, and **Cara Willing**.

### Case Evaluation

Thank you to **Michael Guss** for donating their Case Evaluation late fees, which are placed in a restricted building account.

### Condolences

Our condolences **John Potbury** on the death of his father, William Robert Potbury, who passed March 22, 2023.

Our condolences to **Hon. Tabitha Marsh** on the death of her mother, Rhoda Marie Clark, who passed away April 21, 2023.

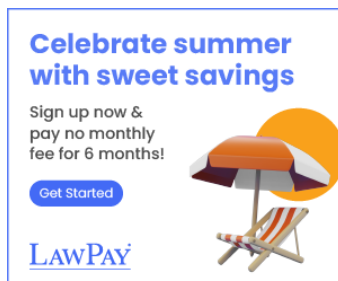
### Genesee County Bar Foundation

Thanks to **Judge Thomas Yeotis** for making a donation to the Foundation in memory Judge John Conover, Paul Lazar, and Donald Shaw.

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

### LawPay

Chase a sunset, not overdue invoices. LawPay, a modern payment solution developed for legal professionals, makes it simple to get paid faster and more reliably. Easily accept credit, debit, and eCheck payments anytime, anywhere. Plus, with fee financing powered by Affirm, you can accept the full amount upfront while your clients have the flexibility to pay in increments over time. Dive into summer savings that'll last all year—sign up by May 31 and you'll pay no monthly fee for 6 months! [LEARN MORE >>](#)



### Welcome New Members:

Welcome new members: **Matthew Abraham**, **Amir Abu-Aita**, **Stephanie Cannon**, **Cheryl A. Lopez**, **Andrew M. Saperstein**, **Shannon Zabolotny**, and Law Student Member: **Joshua Cambri**.

### Congratulations

**Francine Cullari** was sworn in to the Washington State Bar in April. She continues her practice in Grand Blanc as well.

### Volunteer Opportunity

The Community Action Committee will volunteer Saturday, June 10, 2023, from 9 am – 12 noon, at the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. Volunteers must be 12 or older. Volunteers under 18 need to be accompanied by an adult chaperone. If you would like to participate email [tyb@gcbbalaw.org](mailto:tyb@gcbbalaw.org).

### New Bar Beat Series

Are you a first generation attorney? We would love to hear from you. Bar Beat already did a series on multi-generational attorney families, so now we are going the opposite direction. Please complete this form with information about yourself. We will follow up to get additional details as needed. These entries will appear in the next several Bar Beat issues, as space allows. Thank you for participating. [Survey link](#)  
Or paste into your browser:  
<https://forms.gle/YDTXmztjTvqZMt3J9>

### GeneseeLegal.com

The new marketing campaign and website has launched. We encourage all members in need of marketing to participate. This program will go a long way to generating new clients for your practice, plus promote the use of local Attorneys. Those interested can call our program partner, Crossroads Marketing at (810) 654-0202 or email Preston Hards at [Preston@crcminc.com](mailto:Preston@crcminc.com).

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## 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](mailto: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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Honorable John A. Gadola  
Honorable Khary L. Hanible  
Honorable Ariana E. Heath

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Honorable Brian S. Pickell  
Honorable Dawn M. Weier

4/28/2023

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Case Evaluators  
Court Approved Mediators

The ADR Clerk for the 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court of Genesee County is accepting applications during the month of **May 2023** from individuals who are interested in serving as case evaluators.

This application process is in conjunction with MCR 2.404 and Local Administrative Order C07 2023-04J.

Current case evaluators who have served in excess of seven (7) years must reapply. The ADR Clerk will send electronic notification and an application to the email address on file with the State Bar of Michigan to those individuals who need to reapply.

Additionally, the ADR Clerk is accepting applications during the month of **May 2023** from individuals who wish to serve as a mediator under the provisions of MCR 2.411, MCR 3.216 and the Local Administrative Order C07 2023-04J.

Current court approved mediators who have served in excess of seven (7) years must reapply. The ADR Clerk will send electronic notification and an application to the email address on file with the State Bar of Michigan to those individuals who need to reapply.

Applications may also be downloaded at <https://www.courts.michigan.gov/> or by contacting the ADR Clerk by calling 810.257.3252.

Applications are to be submitted to the ADR Clerk by mail to 900 S. Saginaw Street 204W, Flint MI 48502 or via email to [adrclerk@7thcircuitcourt.com](mailto:adrclerk@7thcircuitcourt.com).

David J. Newblatt  
Chief Judge  
7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court  
Probate Court



# Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

**May 15, 2023 • 12 noon**  
**Flint Farmers' Market**  
Ramsdell Room  
300 E. 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502

## ***Election of Officers & Board of Directors:***

President Craig R. Fiederlein	2023 – 2024
Vice President Angela N. Wheeler	2023 – 2024
Treasurer Elias J. Fanous	2023 – 2024
Secretary Eric J. Mead	2023 – 2024
Director Jessica R. Mainprize-Hajek	2023 – 2026
Director David Roth	2023 – 2026
Director Andrew Otis Stout	2023 – 2026
Director Cara Willing	2023 – 2026

*Genesee County  
Bar Foundation  
Annual Meeting  
to Immediately  
Follow*

This is an official business meeting and our bylaws state the following in Article III, section 3: "At least forty-five (45) members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any General Membership Meeting or the Annual Meeting." Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

## **CUSTOMER INFORMATION:** *Please print legibly*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Payment Information: Checks payable to the GCBA

☐ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express Charge my credit card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**RSVP Deadline:**  
**May 11th**

## **Registration Fees:**

- ☐ Sustaining Member - Free
- ☐ GCBA Member - \$12
- ☐ Non-member - \$15
- ☐ Walk-ins - \$15
- ☐ Unpaid no-shows - \$15

## **Event Registration:**

- ☐ May 15, 2023

## **Cancellation Policy:**

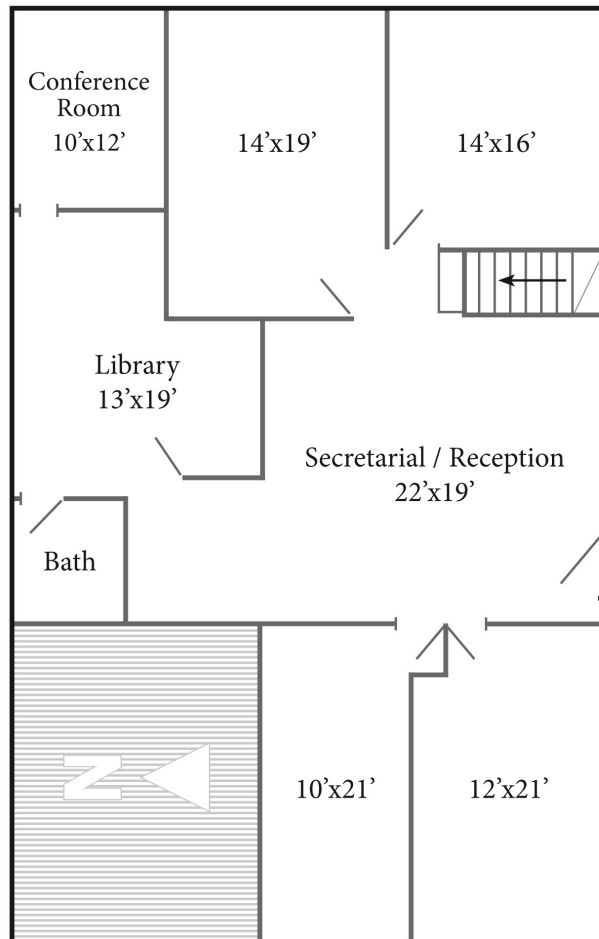
No refunds for cancellations the day of the luncheon.



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

# OFFICE SPACE IN DOWNTOWN FLINT WITH PARKING - 226 W. COURT STREET



WEST COURT STREET

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- LOCATED ONE BLOCK FROM THE CIRCUIT & FEDERAL COURTS
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[HGHATTAS@COMCAST.NET](mailto:HGHATTAS@COMCAST.NET) OR PH (810) 238-1331,  
FOR A PERSONAL SHOWING & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.





# 2023 Genesee County Bar Association 45th Annual Golf Scramble



**Monday, June 12, 2023**  
**1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start**  
**Flint Golf Club**  
**3100 Lakewood Dr., Flint, MI**

## Schedule

- 11:00 a.m. Registration  
Complimentary Driving Range
- 11:00 a.m. Hot Dog Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

## Games (additional cost):

- 50/50 Raffle
- Door Prize Raffle
- Lottery Ticket Board Raffle

## Prizes

- 1st Place, 2nd Place
- Longest Drive male & female
- Closest to the Pin male & female

- Buffet Dinner immediately following scramble

## \$150 Price Includes

**Driving Range • Golf & Cart • Hot Dogs Lunch • Buffet Dinner**

**Register by May 1, 2023 for the \$125 Early Bird rate**

*Golf fees are not waived for members. Dress Code: Shirts with collars; no metal spikes, tank tops, gym shorts, cutoffs or blue jeans.*

**TEAM** (4 person scramble) **Team captain's email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Captain)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual golfers will be assigned to a team.

## GOLF FEE

\$125 p/golfer x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Payment received by May 1st

I cannot attend but would like

\$150 p/golfer x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Payment received after May 1st

to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## BUFFET DINNER ONLY

☐ \$40 for buffet dinner only x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ADVERTISEMENT AND DONOR OPPORTUNITY (May 24th: deadline for flag and sign advertisements)

\$150 tee/green sign x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$200 embroidered flag x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT

Enclosed is a check made payable to the GCBA in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Payment: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Charge my credit card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*Return to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502; or email to [gcbalaw.org](mailto:gcbalaw.org); or register on-line at [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org).  
For more information contact the GCBA at (810) 232-6000. Early registration payment due by May 1, 2023. No refunds for  
cancellations made within five days of the scramble or thereafter.*

**Register by Tuesday, May 30, 2023 • Please support your local Bar Association**



# 2023 GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 45th ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Monday, June 12, 2023 @ Flint Golf Club



## FLAG & TEE/GREEN ADVERTISING FORM

- ☐ **YES!** I will sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ embroidered personalized tee flag(s) for \$200 each, as a souvenir of the Scramble. Only 18 will be sold! Hole choice: \_\_\_\_\_ (first come, first served)

Name you wish to appear on the flag (you may use two lines):

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- ☐ **YES!** I will sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ personalized tee/green sign(s) for \$150 each. Tee/Green hole choice: \_\_\_\_\_ (first come, first served)

Name you wish to appear on the tee/green (you may use two lines):

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- ☐ I will donate \_\_\_\_\_ as a door prize for your scramble. The value is \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Please contact me about donating door or golf prizes.
- ☐ Please contact me about playing in the scramble.

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT

Make checks payable to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. For credit card payment, phone in to the GCBA office at (810) 232-6000, or complete the following and email to the GCBA at [gcba@gcbalaw.org](mailto:gcba@gcbalaw.org).

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ Last 3#'s on back of card \_\_\_\_\_

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Account # \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE: MAY 24th**



# 45th Annual Golf Outing

Thanks to everyone who supported the 2023 Annual Golf Outing

## **Flag Sponsors:**

Prosecutor David Leyton  
George Brueck Mediation Services  
Security Credit Union  
Piper Legal— Jeremy R. M. Piper  
Eugene Butler, Private Investigator  
Bail My Tail Bail Bond Agency  
Jeff Wright, Drain Commissioner  
Legal Services of Eastern Michigan  
Dort Financial Credit Union  
Judge Christenson  
Judge Jessica J. Hammon — 67th District Court  
Eric J. Mead, Attorney at Law PLLC

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The Law Office of Elias J. Fanous  
In Loving Memory of Kimberly Bayyok Fanous

## **Tee/Green Sponsors:**

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Mitchell Dembo, Attorney  
Lawrence J. Day P.C. Attorney and Mediator  
Cline Cline & Griffin  
White Horse Tavern  
Security Credit Union  
Jeff Wright, Drain Commissioner  
Judge McCabe  
Matthew Norwood



## **Donors & Door Prize Sponsors:**

Thanks to the following members and businesses for donating door prizes:

Tyrone Hills of Michigan  
Jeff Clothier  
Copper Ridge Golf Club—Kevin Morgan  
Luigis Restaurant & Pizzeria—Tom Beaubien

## **Goody Bag Donors:**

Security Credit Union

## **Cart Sponsor**

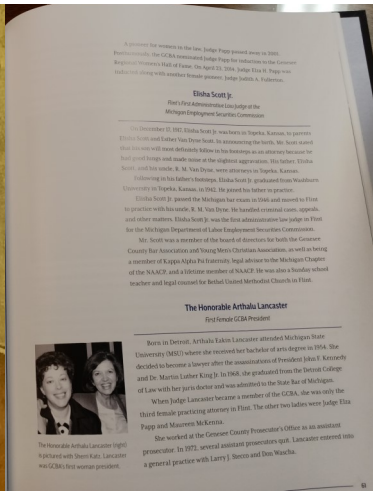
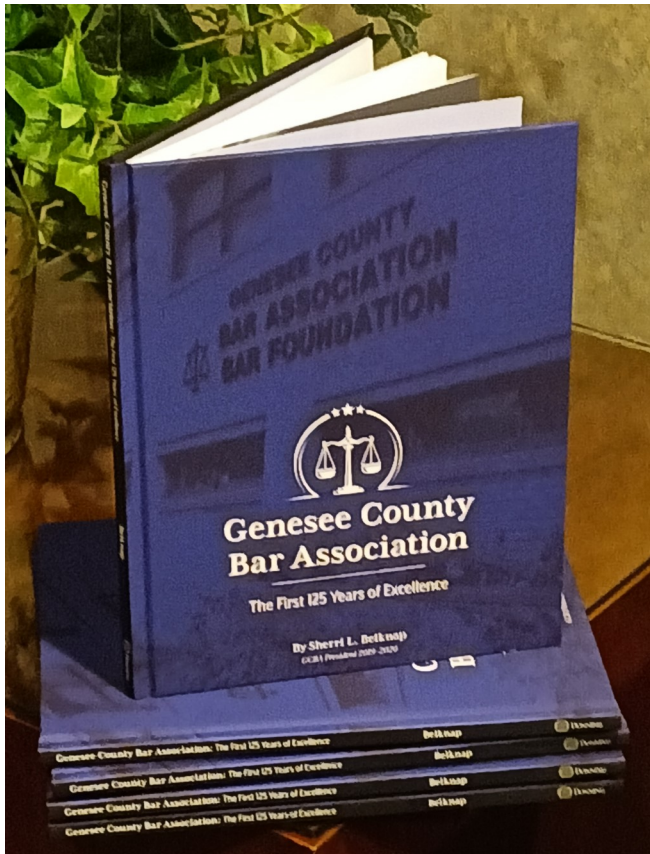
The Fireplace Bar & Grill and Gilberts Lakeside Market

### **Donations Needed**

Please consider donating a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant for a door prize at the golf outing.

Contact Tina at [tyb@gcbalaw.org](mailto:tyb@gcbalaw.org) or 810-232-6000 ext. 101 for more information.





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## THE FIRST 125 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



On November 18 and 19, 1897, the Honorable George H. Durand and 64 other attorneys met to form the Genesee County Bar Association “to promote social intercourse among the members of the profession and to advance the best interests of the commonwealth by improving the administration of justice.” This year, the Genesee County Bar Association celebrates 125 years. This book examines the events that shaped the association, the trailblazers, the awards, and the affiliations that helped it grow.

**Price \$65.00**

### Genesee County Bar Association “Celebrating the First 125 Years of Excellence”

\_\_\_\_\_ I want to purchase a book. \_\_\_\_\_ # of books

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up at the next Monthly Meeting. \_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up at GCBA Office.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please ship the book. \$15 shipping and handling fee.

Payment Methods (Please circle one)

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AmEx

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Checks should be payable to Genesee County Bar Association.

Any questions please contact the GCBA at (810) 232-6000

Forms may be faxed to (810) 232-8310

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