



GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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May Notes N' News

2026

GCBA Senior Attorneys



The GCBA Senior luncheon will meet this **Thursday, May 14, 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.

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers is Monday, May 18, 2026, at the Flint Farmers' Market, 12 noon. The Foundation meeting will immediately follow. The slate of proposed officers and directors are: President **Eric J. Mead**, Vice President **Richard D. Hetherington**, Treasurer **Rachel Hawrylo**, Secretary **Jessica Mainprize-Hajek**, and Directors **Shoyneese Chiles**, **Kyle Lawrey**, **Andrew O. Stout**, and **Brooke E. Tucker**. 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. RSVP today!

Annual Awards Night

The GCBA and Centennial American Inn of Court will have a joint awards night on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. outdoors at Brick Street of Grand Blanc. We are proud to recognize this year's honorees: **Barbara A. Menear**, recipient of the 2026 Herbert A. Milliken Jr. Civility Award; **Andrea L. LeGendre**, recipient of the 2026 Brian M. Barkey Community Service Award; and **Bodman PLC**, the recipient of the LSEM Pro Bono Attorneys of the Year Award. Additionally, the following Law Day Awards will be presented to **Jared Field**, recipient of the Roberta J.F. Wray Award for Excellence in Legal Advocacy; **Dr. Kimberly Saks**, recipient of the Golden Apple Award; and Jury Board Members **Karen Aldridge-Eason**, **Henry Hatter**, and **Paul Rozycki**, recipients of the Liberty Bell Award. RSVP today!

Admission Ceremony

Congratulations to those who passed the State Bar Examination. The GCBA will host an admission ceremony for new admittees on Friday, May 29, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., in the courtroom of the Honorable Khary L. Hanible, Genesee County Circuit Court, 900 S. Saginaw Street, Flint. If you wish to participate in the ceremony, please register by Friday, May 22, 2026, at <https://forms.gle/FT6pyVfc39ptzvjp7>.

Genesee County Bar Foundation

Thanks to the **GCBA** for making a donation to the memory of William A. Shaheen, Jr.

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

May 18th: Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
June 2nd: Annual Probate Seminar
June 5th: Annual Awards Night
June 18th: 48th Annual Golf Outing



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Genesee County Bar Foundation Scholarship Opportunity

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.

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.

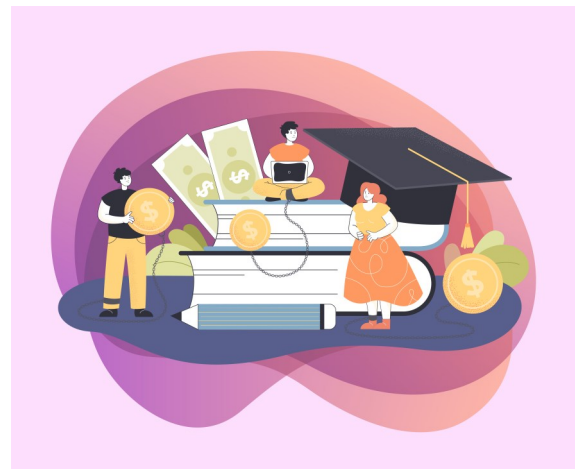


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Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

May 18, 2026 • 12 noon
Flint Farmers' Market
Ramsdell Room
300 E. 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502

Election of Officers & Board of Directors:

President Eric J. Mead	2026 – 2027
Vice President Richard D. Hetherington	2026 – 2027
Treasurer Rachel Hawrylo	2026 – 2027
Secretary Jessica Mainprize-Hajek	2026 – 2027
Director Shoyneese Chiles	2026 – 2029
Director Kyle Lawrey	2026 – 2029
Director Andrew O. Stout	2026 – 2029
Director Brooke E. Tucker	2026 – 2029

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RSVP Deadline:
May 13th

Registration Fees:

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

Event Registration:

- ☐ May 18, 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.

Call for Articles – Bar Beat June 2026 Issue

Dear GCBA Members,

There's already exciting momentum building for the June 2026 issue of Bar Beat.



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If you've ever wondered whether your voice, your experiences, or even your interests outside the courtroom have a place in Bar Beat... the answer is yes—and what's currently in the works proves it.

Here's a little behind-the-scenes preview of what we're hearing:

- There may be a few self-proclaimed SCOTUS enthusiasts among us—closely following recent decisions from Supreme Court of the United States—who are considering breaking things down for the rest of us in a way that is both insightful and accessible;
- Some of our very own GCBA members have recently stepped into the spotlight as guest speakers and presenters, and there's buzz about sharing photos, highlights, and reflections from those experiences;
- Others are out in the community, quietly doing meaningful work—volunteering across Genesee County—and are preparing to submit stories that capture both their service and its impact;
- There are even whispers of articles exploring classic films through a legal lens—offering thoughtful, creative insights that remind us how law shows up in unexpected places;
- And we are beginning to see interest in collaborative and partnership-driven articles, where members share practical knowledge, emerging issues, and professional insights that benefit our broader legal community.

In short—Bar Beat is evolving into more than just a publication. It's becoming a reflection of the many dimensions of who we are as legal professionals.

Now the question is: what could you contribute?

Whether you're analyzing case law, reflecting on a professional experience, highlighting community involvement, or simply sharing a perspective that others can learn from—we invite you to be part of what's next.

Your voice adds depth. Your experiences create connection. And your willingness to share strengthens our entire community.

Stay tuned—and we hope to feature you in an upcoming issue.

Warm regards,
Julie Winkfield
Editor, Bar Beat



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2026 ANNUAL PROBATE COMMITTEE SEMINAR

From the GCBA Probate Committee
Tuesday, June 2, 2026 ♦ Mott Community College

PLEASE REGISTER BY MAY 22, 2026

TUESDAY, June 2, 2026

8:30 - 8:50 a.m. Registration

8:50 - 1:00 p.m. Mott Community College RTC1301

REGISTRATION FEE

- ☐ \$25 GCBA member
- ☐ \$25 GCBA member staff (per person)
- ☐ \$50 Non-member (fee must accompany registration)
- ☐ \$15 Added for walk-ins

\$ _____ Total amount enclosed.

Fee includes: Materials and refreshments. Seating and material not guaranteed for late registrations

Genesee County Bar Association Members: The reduced rate for this seminar is brought to you by the Genesee County Bar Foundation MacGregor Fund. For more information, or to join the GCBA, call (810) 232-6000. ***Please RSVP by 5/22/2026***

METHOD OF PAYMENT

☐ I have enclosed check # _____ payable to the GCBA.

Credit Card Payment: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard
☐ American Express

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Mail registration form with check to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. **Fax** registration and credit card information to the GCBA at 810-232-8310. **Online** registration may be made at www.gcbalaw.org

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

8:30 a.m. *Registration. Breakfast will be served.*

8:50 a.m. *Opening Remarks*
Eric J. Mead, Chairperson of the GCBA Probate Committee and Mead & Stout, PLLC

9:00 a.m. *Fraudulent issues in Banking for Elderly Citizens*
Choice One Bank, Fraud Department:

10:00 a.m. *Notary Law: What Attorneys Need to Know*
Leslie Hocker, President of Michigan Notary Association

11:00 a.m. *Working with AI: A Practiced Guide for Attorneys*
Vivek Sankaren, University of Michigan Clinical Professor of Law, Co-Director of AI Law & Policy Clinic

12:00 p.m. *Updates to Probate Law & Court Rules*
Zachary Huckabay,
Genesee County Probate Court Administrator

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

LOCATION

**Mott Community College
Regional Technology Center - 1301
1401 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48503**

This event is not sponsored or endorsed by
Mott Community College.

GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
AND
CENTENNIAL AMERICAN INN OF COURT
JOINT AWARDS NIGHT

4 | JUNE | 2026

PROGRAM

5:30 pm - Social Networking/ 6:00 pm Dinner and Program

We will be honoring the outstanding achievements
of the following award recipients:



Herbert A. Milliken Jr. Civility Award

Recipient: Barbara A. Menear



Brian M. Barkey Community Service Award



Recipient: Andrea L. LeGendre

LSEM Pro Bono Attorneys of the Year Award

Recipient: Bodman PLC



Brickstreet of Grand Blanc
1223 E. Grand Blanc Rd

\$30 for non-Inn of Court Members -Cash Bar

RSVP to: gcbalaw.org

Checks can be made payable to and mailed to GCBA or brought the night of the event



48th Annual Golf Outing

Thanks to everyone who supported the 2026 Annual Golf Outing

Flag Sponsors:

- Prosecutor David Leyton
- Jeremy R.M. Piper, PLC
- Andrea LeGendre for Probate Court Judge
- The Fireplace Bar & Grill
- CF Legal PC
- Brooke Tucker for District Judge
- Cheryl Lopez For Judge
- The Law Office of Elias J. Fanous In Loving Memory of Kimberly Bayyouk Fanous
- Judge Christenson
- Cline, Cline & Griffin
- Brooke Tucker & Craig Datz on Behalf of the GCBA Young Lawyers
- Jeff Wright, Drain Commissioner
- Renaissance Spine & Injury Center
- Judge Jessica J. Hammon, 67th District Court
- Mead & Stout PLLC
- Cislo Insurance Partners
- Hamo Law Firm

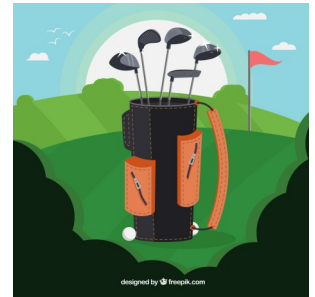
Only 2 flags left!

Donors & Door Prize Sponsors:

- The Fireplace of Lake Fenton
- Italia Gardens
- Records Deposition
- Judge Jessica J. Hammon

Tee/Green Sponsors:

- Jeff Wright, Drain Commissioner
- Larry Day Mediation Services
- Cline, Cline & Griffin
- Cheryl Lopez for Judge
- Judge Mark C. McCabe
- Mead & Stout PLLC
- Hamo Law Firm
- McCredie Insurance Agency



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 or 810-232-6000 ext. 101 for more information.



2026 Genesee County Bar Association 48th Annual Golf Scramble

Monday, June 15, 2026
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

Schedule

- 11:00 a.m. Registration
Complimentary Driving Range
- 11:00 a.m. Hot Dog Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
- Buffet Dinner immediately following scramble

Games (additional cost):

- 50/50 Raffle
- Door Prize Raffle

Prizes

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

\$175 Price Includes

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

Register by May 1, 2026 for the \$150 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

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

☐ Payment received by May 1st

I cannot attend but would like

\$175 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 26th: 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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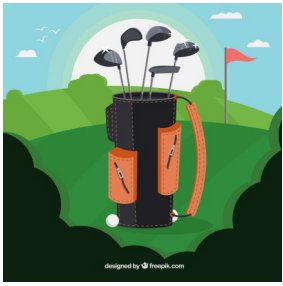
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Return to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502; or email to gcbalaw.org; or register on-line at www.gcbalaw.org.

For more information contact the GCBA at (810) 232-6000. Early registration payment due by May 1, 2026. No refunds for cancellations made within five days of the scramble or thereafter.

Register by Friday, May 29, 2026 • Please support your local Bar Association
ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL IS TO BE BROUGHT OR CONSUMED
ON FGC PROPERTY!



2026 GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 48th ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Monday, June 15, 2026 • 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):

- ☐ **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):

- ☐ 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 _____

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SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE: MAY 26th



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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 20, 2026~~ ☐ 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.

Please list my company/name as: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment Information: Checks payable to the GCBA

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Credit card information:

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Email your logo in
jpeg or pdf format to
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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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