



GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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November Notes N' News

2023

Welcome

Welcome new members: **Austin S. Church, Megan Cottington-Heath, and Rebecca J. C. Kerr.**

Condolences

Our condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of **Reese W. Stipes** who passed away on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at the age of 92.

Our condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of **Richard "Dick" Ruhala** who passed away on Monday, October 16, 2023, at the age of 87. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, November 17, 2023. Details are available at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Our condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of **Daniel Bremer** who passed away on Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

Genesee County Bar Foundation

Thanks to **Samuel Ragnone** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory of **Michael Kowalko, Don Kuebler, Rosina Manley, Robert L. Shegos, Reese Stipes, and Roberta J.F. Wray.**

Thanks to **Clifford Hart** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory of **Robert L. Shegos and Reese Stipes.**

Thanks to **LindaLee Massoud, Jakeway, Jakeway & Jakeway, P.C.** and the **GCBA** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory of **Reese W. Stipes.**

Thanks to **GCBA** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory of **Richard "Dick" Ruhala.**

Thanks to the **National Association of Broadcast** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory of **Roberta J.F. Wray.**

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

Admission Ceremony

Congratulations to those who passed the State Bar Examination. The GCBA will host an admission ceremony for new admittees on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., in the courtroom of the Honorable Dawn M. Weier.

Thanks

Thanks to **Elias Fanous** for being our dessert sponsor at the October Membership Meeting.

Meet the Judges

Thanks to our sponsors: **Centennial American Inn of Court; Cline, Cline & Griffin, P.C.; Elias J. Fanous; Eric McCormick; Legal Services of Eastern Michigan; and the Piper Legal Fund.**

Case Evaluation

Thank you to **Jo Robin Davis, Michael Joliat and Sean Siebigteroth** for donating their Case Evaluation late fees, which are placed in a restricted building account.

Office Closed

The GCBA will be closed Friday, November 10th in observance of Veterans Day.



Thanksgiving

The GCBA will be closed November 23rd & 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Save the Date

Amy K. Harris Criminal Law Seminar

- Thursday, November 30, 2023
- Friday, December 1, 2023

Criminal Defense Bar: Using Forensics in Your Defense and Effective Cross Examination Tactics

- Thursday, December 14, 2023

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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The newest most comprehensive way to promote legal services in Genesee County! GeneseeLegal.com is an online directory of local legal services available to the members of the *Genesee County Bar Association*. Different from any other legal directory, GeneseeLegal.com is consistently promoted in the market to build site awareness and generate results!

Subscribers will have an opportunity to promote their legal services with company information, images and direct links to their office. Make your services more findable! On the web. Enhance your own websites ranking. Become part of a cooperative advertising platform and most importantly, generate new clients!

<u>Program Results:</u>	
As of October, 2023	
Website Visits	47,460
Clickthroughs to Subscriber websites	5,091
Direct Consultation Requests	193
Site Google Rank	#1-2
Multiple Categories of Law	

Results based on Just 10 months since launch!

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Program Benefits:

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Monthly Membership Meeting

Topic:

Litigation and Fraud Investigations

Speaker:

*Chuck Story, CPA, CFE
Principal, Director of Operations
Corporate Investigative Services*

This meeting is sponsored by:

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November 20, 2023 • 12 noon
Flint Farmers' Market
Ramsdell Room
300 E. 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502

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RSVP Deadline:
November 14th

Registration Fees:

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

Event Registration:

- ☐ November 20, 2023

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Sponsorship Opportunities Membership Meetings 2023-2024

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



Beverage Sponsor - \$150

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☐ Yes, I will be Sponsor! ☐ Meeting Sponsor ☐ Beverage Sponsor ☐ Dessert Sponsor

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

☐ January 22, 2024 ☐ February 26, 2024 ☐ March 18, 2024
☐ April 15, 2024 ☐ May 20, 2024

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2023 Holiday Giving Project

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In lieu of our traditional Holiday Dinner we will continue our successful Holiday Giving Project. The Holiday Giving Project consists of serving meals catered by local, non-franchised restaurants to Carriage Town Ministries, Shelter of Flint, Whaley Children's Center, East Side Mission and the family residential programs at the YWCA and Salvation Army. Additionally, gifts will be purchased for each of these shelters residents from their Christmas wish list.

Please consider funding this year's effort by making a donation to the Genesee County Bar Foundation. We have established a fundraising goal for this project of \$15,000 to ensure its success.

	Categories of giving:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa and Mrs. Clause	\$1,500	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa's Elf	\$150
	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa's Village	\$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa's Chef	\$100
	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa's Workshop	\$500	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa's Reindeer	\$1-\$99
	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa's Helper	\$250		

100% of your donation is spent on the Holiday Giving Project! The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

[To donate online click here.](#) To mail a donation send a check payable to the Bar Foundation to: 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502.



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Goal \$15,000

Amount collected \$10,805

Thank you to our donors!

Santa & Mrs. Clause - \$1,500

Jeremy & Amy Piper

Santa's Village - \$1,000

Gault Davison, P.C

Hamo Law Firm

Santa's Workshop—\$500

Rex Anderson

CF Legal, PC

Jo Robin Davis

Elias Fanous

Prosecutor David & Therese Leyton

Matthew Norwood

Plunkett Cooney

Paul Watson

Santa's Helper - \$250

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Santa's Elf - \$150

Judge Peter & Alice Anastor

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Michael Tesner

Anthony Tomaszewski

Santa's Chef - \$100

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Santa's Reindeer - \$25

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Problem Oriented Policing

Speaker:

*Chief Ray Hall,
University of Michigan Chief of Police
&
James L. Wheeler, Jr.,
Public Information Officer*

January 22, 2024 • 12 noon
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GCBA Conference Room Rental Rates



Member Rate

The conference room available free of charge to all GCBA members. Approval necessary for room rental prior to 9:00 a.m. or after 5:00 p.m., with at least two weeks prior notification. In the absence of prior arrangements being approved, the following charges will be assessed for conference room usage outside of the GCBA's normal business hours.

- Prior to 9 a.m.: \$25 dollars for every 1/2 hour increment
- After 5 p.m.: \$25 dollars for every 1/2 hour increment

Non-Member Rate

The conference room is available to non-members at the following rates:

- \$100 dollars for a half day rental (4 hours or less)
- \$200 dollars for a full day rental (anything over 4 hours)

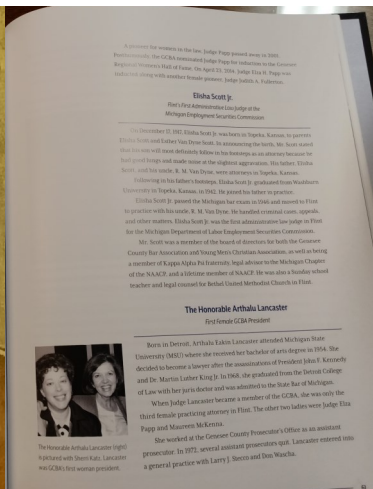
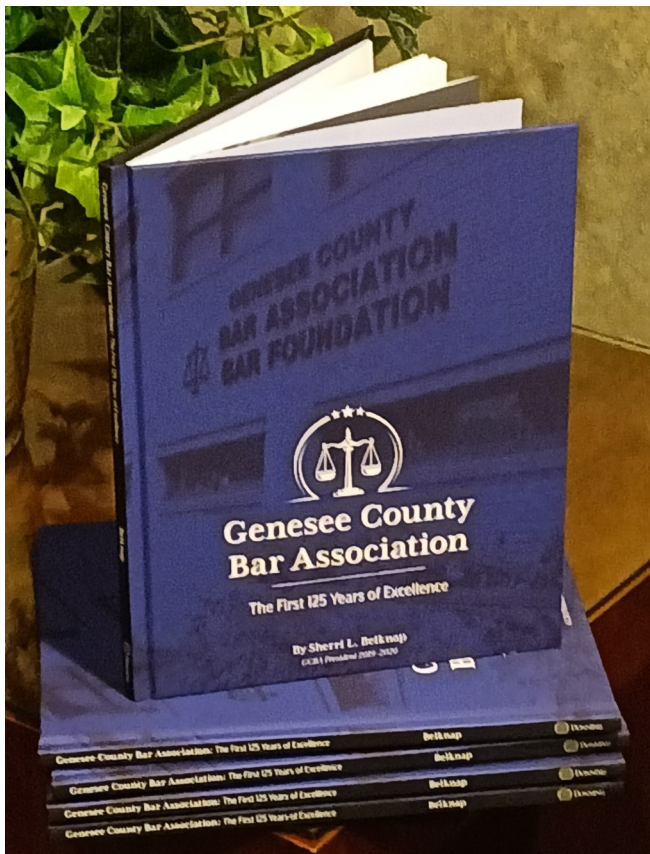
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Amenities Include:

- Television
- DVD Player
- Computer/Internet Access
- WI-FI
- Dry Erase Board & Markers
- Complementary coffee, tea, and water.

For more information or to rent the conference room please contact the Genesee County Bar Association at (810) 232-6000. Thank you.



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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

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