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September Notes N' News

Welcome

Welcome new member: **John Robinson**.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Glenn Simmington** on being appointed to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission to represent members submitted by the Criminal Defense Attorneys Association of Michigan for a term commencing August 29, 2024 and expiring April 1, 2028.

Thanks

Thanks to **Piper Law** for being our Dessert Sponsor for the September, November, February, and April Membership Meetings.

Case Evaluation

Thank you to **Ricky Carlson, Chris Ebbott, Glenn Lenhoff, David Stewart, and Jerry Winegarten** for donating their Case Evaluation late fees, which are placed in a restricted building account.

Genesee County Bar Foundation

Thanks to the following members who made a voluntary donation to the Bar Foundation through their dues statement **Nalia M. Aftab, K.C. Baran, Carolyn Boegner, Ernest Gifford, Morgan Jakeway, Matthew Karr, Eric J. Mead, Kraig Sippell, Andrew O. Stout, Anthony Tomaszewski and John Zintsmaster**.

Thanks to **Hon. Judith J. Fullerton** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory of David Beaudry, Francine Cullari, Sally Shaheen Joseph, and Timothy MacDonald.

Thanks to **Carolyn Martin, Christine LaBeau, and Russell Funsch** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory of Robert J.F. Way to be designated for Law Day.

Thanks to **Carl L. Bekofske** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory of Judge Stewart Newblatt, Robert Chimovitz, Reese Stipes, Kathleen Buckley, and Richard Ruhala.

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

GCBA Senior Attorneys

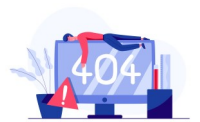
The GCBA Senior luncheon will be Thursday, September 12, 2024, 12 noon, at Redwood Lodge, located at 5304 Gateway Centre Blvd., off Hill Rd., close to US 23 and I-75. Lunch will be selected from the menu and may be ordered and paid for individually. All attorneys and their guests are welcome, regardless of age. Let us know if you are coming. RSVP to gcba@gcbalaw.org.

Luncheon



GCBA Website

We are currently experiencing technical issues with our website and are unable to process payments online. To make your payment, please call our office at 810-232-6000, and our staff will be happy to assist you with processing your payment over the phone.



Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Save the Date

Annual

Amy K. Harris Criminal Law Seminar

Thursday, September 26th &
Friday, September 27th, 2024

Speakers include:

Chief Nathaniel Perry, Public Defenders Office
Joshua Pease, SADO
Steven Fishman
Samuel Olson, Genesee County Probate Court
Elaine Dougherty, Michigan State Police
Alec Karakatsanis, Civil Rights Corp.
Breana Benham
Hon. Mark Latchana
Captain Macey, Genesee County Sheriff's Office
Anne Yantus

Registration will be open soon!

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.





Monthly Membership Meeting

Topic:

Circuit Court Update:
*The Legal Resource Center
Legal Records Division
Courthouse Square Centennial Art Project*

Speaker:
Barbara A. Menear,
Circuit Court Administrator

Thanks to Piper Legal for being our Dessert Sponsor

September 16, 2024 • 12 noon
Flint Farmers' Market
Ramsdell Room
300 E. 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502

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RSVP Deadline:
September 10th

Registration Fees:

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

Event Registration:

- September 16, 2024

Cancellation Policy:

No refunds for cancellations the day of the luncheon.

Dessert Sponsor:



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 2024-2025

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

- Corporate logo on registration materials
- Recognition in Notes N' News

Dessert Sponsor - \$150

- Corporate logo on registration materials
- Recognition in Notes N' News

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:

September 16, 2024 October 21, 2024 November 18, 2024 January 27, 2025
 February 24, 2025 March 17, 2025 April 21, 2025 May 19, 2025

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OFFICIAL INVITATION

Genesee County Bar Association
& Mallory, VanDyne, Scott,
Bar Association present

BARRISTERS' BALL THE BRIDGERTON EXPERIENCE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024

6:00PM EST

Sloan Museum

1221 E KEARSLEY ST,
FLINT, MI 48503

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF ELEGANCE THAT WILL
BE THE PINNACLE OF THE SOCIAL SEASON.

\$100 PER GUEST

INCLUDED: COMPLIMENTARY VALET,
BUFFET DINNER AND 2 DRINK TICKETS
THEMED ATTIRE ENCOURAGED!

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS AT
WWW.GCBALAW.ORG.



Thanks to the following sponsors for our
2024 Barristers Ball



Silver Sponsor \$2,500
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Hamo Law Firm

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Hamo Law firm

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Valet Sponsor \$1,000
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Program Sponsor \$500
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Hon. Jessica J. Hammon
James & Angela Wheeler

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Law Office of Glenn M. Simmington

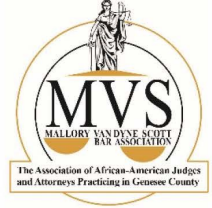


Sponsorships are still available
at www.gcbalaw.org and in this Notes N' News





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THE 2024 BARRISTERS' BALL
**Sponsored by: Genesee County Bar Association &
Mallory, VanDyne, Scott, Bar Association**
THE BRIDGERTON EXPERIENCE

The GCBA and MVSBA proudly present the 2024 Barristers' Ball - The Bridgerton Experience- on Saturday, September 28, 2024. We are excited to hold this year's event at The Sloan Museum. The Sloan Museum is a hands-on and interactive science and history museum located within the Flint Cultural Center. It was re-opened in 2022 after an extensive expansion and renovation. Attendees will have access to the wonderful displays during the evening with plenty of exhibits to explore and enjoy.

This buffet dinner event will be a black-tie/period costume elegant affair with visually stunning entertainment, dancing, and activities. We hope that you will consider being a part of our night by attending as well as electing to sponsor at one of the levels below. Every Sponsor will be recognized in the GCBA Bar Beat, and the GCBA Notes N' News. Additional recognition will be based upon your sponsorship level. We look forward to seeing you there!

PLATINUM SPONSOR \$10,000

- * Your company's name on the event page of the GCBA website
- * Your company's name on the event promotional gift
- * Your company name displayed on all guest tables and projected on displayed event screens
- * 2 tables of 8 in a preferred location
- * Front inside cover in the event program
- * Recognition in the GCBA Bar Beat and the GCBA Notes N' News

GOLD SPONSOR \$5,000

- * Your company's name on the event page of the GCBA website
- * Your company name displayed on guest tables
- * 1 table of 8 in a preferred location
- * Back inside cover in the event program
- * Recognition in the GCBA Bar Beat and the GCBA Notes N' News

SILVER SPONSOR \$2,500

SOLD

- * Your name displayed at the event as well as announced at the event
- * 6 tickets to the event
- * 1 page advertisement in the event program
- * Recognition in the GCBA Bar Beat and the GCBA Notes N' News

BRONZE SPONSOR \$1,500

- * Your name displayed at the event as well as announced at the event
- * 4 tickets to the event
- * 1 page advertisement in the event program
- * Recognition in the GCBA Bar Beat and the GCBA Notes N' News

~~DESSERT SPONSOR \$1,000 (ONE EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY)~~ **SOLD**

- * Your company's name on the event page of the GCBA website
- * Your company name displayed on the Dessert Station
- * 2 tickets to the event
- * 1 page advertisement in the event program
- * Recognition in the GCBA Bar Beat and the GCBA Notes N' News

~~BEVERAGE SPONSOR \$1,000 (ONE EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY)~~ **SOLD**

- * Your company's name on the event page of the GCBA website
- * Your company name displayed at the Beverage Station
- * 2 tickets to the event
- * 1 page advertisement in the event program
- * Recognition in the GCBA Bar Beat and the GCBA Notes N' News

~~ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR \$1,000 (ONE EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY)~~
SOLD

- * Your company's name on the event page of the GCBA website
- * Your company name displayed on the Entertainment Station
- * 2 tickets to the event
- * 1 page advertisement in the event program
- * Recognition in the GCBA Bar Beat and the GCBA Notes N' News

~~VALET SPONSOR \$1,000 (ONE EXCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY)~~ **SOLD**

- * Your company's name on the event page of the GCBA website
- * Your company name displayed on the Valet Station
- * 2 tickets to the event
- * 1 page advertisement in the event program
- * Recognition in the GCBA Bar Beat and the GCBA Notes N' News

PROGRAM SPONSOR \$500

- * Your name displayed at the event as well as announced at the event
- * 2 tickets to the event
- * ½ page advertisement in the event program
- * Recognition in the GCBA Bar Beat and the GCBA Notes N' News

BUSINESS CARD SPONSOR \$100

- * Your name displayed at the event as well as announced at the event
- * Business card size advertisement in the event program
- * Recognition in the GCBA Bar Beat and the GCBA Notes N' News

RAFFLE PRIZE SPONSOR

- * I will donate _____ as a raffle prize for the event.
The value is \$_____.

2024 Barristers' Ball Sponsorship Form

____ Yes, I will be a Barristers' Ball Sponsor!

Sponsorship Level: _____ Sponsorship Amount: _____

*Please note that the deadline to send in your advertisement for the program is September 13, 2024. We will try our best but any ads submitted after this date cannot be guaranteed to be included!

Please list my company/ name as: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Payment Methods (Please circle one)

Cash Check Visa Mastercard AmEx

Name on card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ CCV: _____

Billing Address if different from above: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

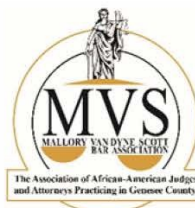
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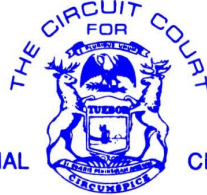
Email advertisement content in jpeg or pdf format to gcbalaw.org.

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THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN

Honorable Celeste D. Bell
Honorable B. Chris Christenson
Honorable Khary L. Hanible
Honorable Ariana E. Heath

900 SOUTH SAGINAW ST., FLINT, MICHIGAN 48502
810.257.3252

DAVID J. NEWBLATT - CHIEF JUDGE
BARBARA A. MENEAR - COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Honorable Elizabeth A. Kelly
Honorable Mark W. Latchana
Honorable David J. Newblatt
Honorable Brian S. Pickell
Honorable Dawn M. Weier



GENESEE COUNTY
MICHIGAN
LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER

GENESEE COUNTY LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER

-MOVES TO TEMPORARY LOCATION-

-DIRECTOR TO START-

Effective Monday, September 9, 2024, the Genesee County Legal Resource Center (LRC) will re-locate to the 1st floor, suite 103, during the construction project.

Emily Space and Judy Williams, LRC paralegals, will be moved to the location.

Attorney Rachel Hawrylo, the newly hired LRC Director will start on Wednesday, September 11, 2024. Rachel is a practicing attorney with over 12 years of experience, working in a variety of civil practice areas.

She is anxious to begin a new chapter as the inaugural Director of the Genesee County Legal Resource Center, developing new partnerships to connect the self-represented litigant to legal information and community services. Electronic legal research and limited hard copy legal materials will remain available.

The Genesee County Legal Resource Center is the collaborative effort of the Michigan Supreme Court, Access to Justice Commission, Self-Help Centers Initiative, the 7th Judicial Circuit & Genesee County Probate Courts and the Genesee County Board of Commissioners.

A Spring 2025 grand opening of the new LRC is expected.

**Secrest Wardle is Pleased to Announce the Addition
of Samantha J. Orvis to our ADR Practice**



Samantha J. Orvis, Troy

Secrest Wardle is pleased to announce the addition of Samantha J. Orvis to our ADR practice. Samantha has over a decade of experience representing individual and corporate clients in a variety of claims, including those involving automotive and trucking litigation, no-fault, premises liability, general negligence, and insurance coverage disputes.

Samantha has completed the 40-hour General Civil Mediation Training which earned her the title of certified civil mediator. Samantha is one of only ten female attorneys on the court-approved roster of civil mediators in Genesee County and she serves as a case evaluator in both Genesee and Saginaw counties.

In addition to her ADR practice, Samantha continues to litigate cases for Secrest Wardle as a member of our General Negligence, Insurance Coverage, Motor Vehicle Litigation and Premises Liability practice groups.

For more information regarding Ms. Orvis, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3VYc4F4> or contact Ms. Orvis at SOrvis@secrestwardle.com or **248-539-2857**.



Call for Articles – Bar Beat December Issue

Dear Genesee County Bar Association Members,

We are now accepting and reviewing editorial content for the upcoming **December issue of Bar Beat**. With the recent release of the September issue, we are excited to call on you to submit your contributions for the next edition. Please aim to submit your articles **by September 30th**.



While this may seem like a quick turnaround, remember that **your content is what matters**. Our committee is here to assist in ensuring that your message reaches the members of the Genesee County Bar Association, offering valuable insight from your area of expertise.

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.
- **Legal Topic Articles:** Maximum 1,500 words. Cover updates in court rules, legislative changes, or topics specific to a particular area of law. With the transition to a digital format, there is some flexibility on word count.

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 barbeat@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 Winkfield

Editor, Bar Beat





Monthly Membership Meeting



Judicial Candidate Forum featuring candidates for 7th Judicial Circuit Court & 67th District Court 4th Division



October 21, 2024 • 12 noon
Flint Farmers' Market
Ramsdell Room
300 E. 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502

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October 15th**

Registration Fees:

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Event Registration:

- October 21, 2024

Cancellation Policy:

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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.

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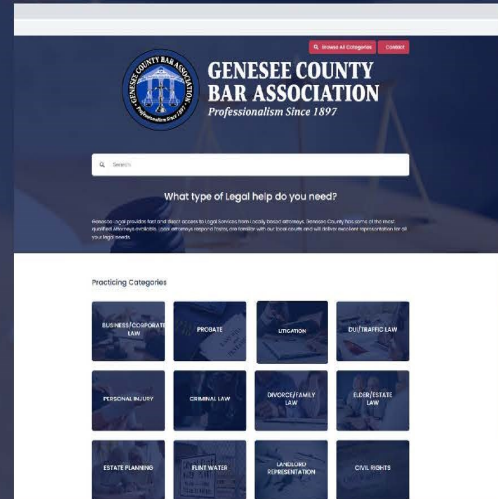
The newest most comprehensive way to promote legal services in Genesee County! GeneseeLegal.com is an online directory of local legal services available to the members of the *Genesee County Bar Association*. Different from any other legal directory, GeneseeLegal.com is consistently promoted in the market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

Program Results:

As of April, 2024

Website Visits	80,228
Clickthroughs to Subscriber websites	8,740
Direct Consultation Requests	321
Site Google Rank	#1-2
Multiple Categories of Law	



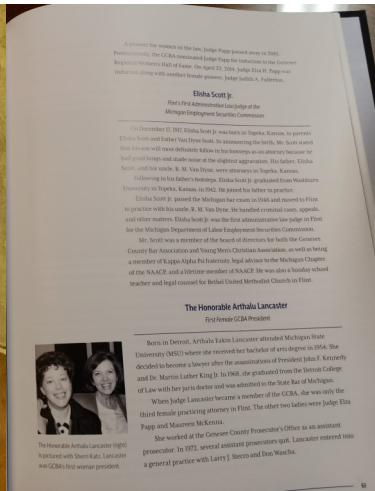
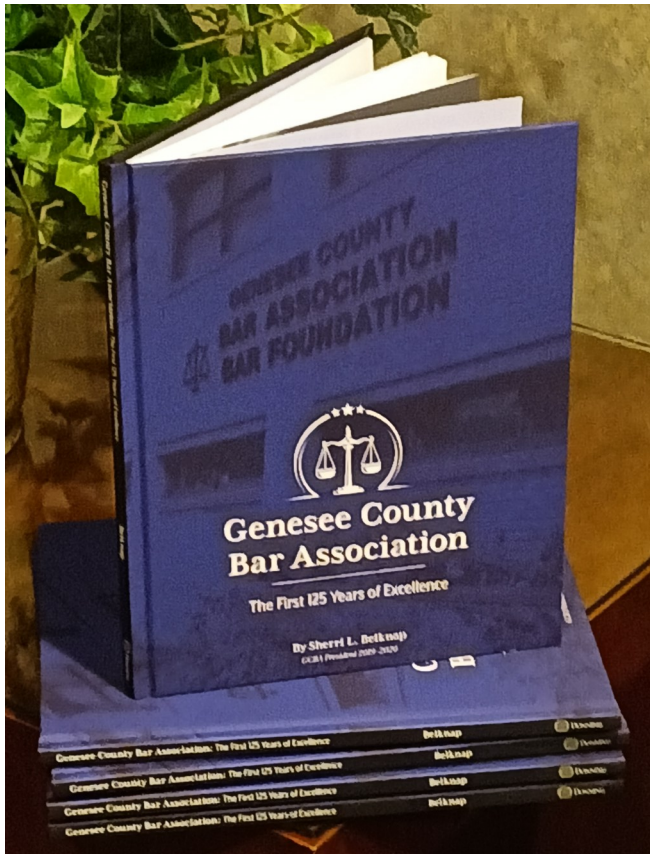
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- Association with Established Credible Group
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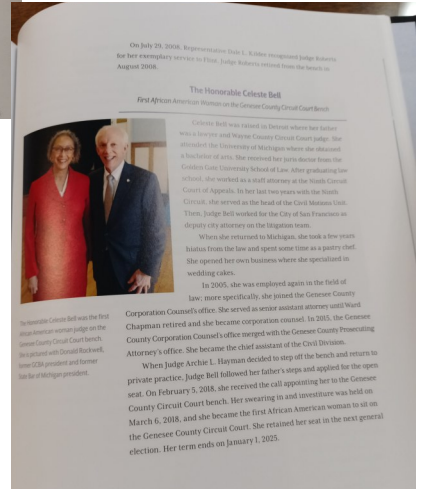
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On November 18 and 19, 1897, the Honorable George H. Durand and 64 other attorneys met to form the Genesee County Bar Association “to promote social intercourse among the members of the profession and to advance the best interests of the commonwealth 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.

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