

### Circuit Court Records

Internet access to circuit court records is currently limited. Access is available from **5:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.** This limitation is necessary because of an increased demand on the system during business hours. In order for the court and county clerk to maintain courtroom and operational systems, this action is necessary. Long term modifications are under review. We appreciate your patience. *Barbara A. Menear, Court Administrator, Genesee County Circuit Court*

### New Members

Welcome to our newest member **Jacob Miller, Katherine Sutton, Monica Wilson, Linda Graham, Jodi Beck** and **William Grossmann.**

### Condolences

. . . to **Norman Gottlieb** on the death of his wife Vivian Sosna Gottlieb.

### Genesee County Bar Foundation—Thank You

. . . to **Roger Isaac; Robert Bancroft; The Williams Firm; Howard Bueche; Edwin Jakeway; Henry Hanflik; George Killeen;** Nick & Jeanne Bereznoff; Mitchell & Marion Bereznoff; James & Helen Morgan; Joe & Carolyn Roberson; and Lewis & Knopf for making a donation in memory of **Duke Parker.**

. . . to **Hon. Duncan Beagle; Robert P. Keil; Cooley, Moulton & Smith, LLP** and **Barbara Menear & John Nickola** for making a donation in memory of **Duke Parker** and **Gil Rubenstein.**

. . . to **Hon. Thomas Yeotis; Jack & Stephanie Neal; Harry & Wanda Piper;** and **Robert H.S. Schaffer** for making a donation in memory of **Gilbert Rubenstein**

. . . to **Carl Bekofske** for making a donation in memory of **Bill Hayes, Duke Parker, and Gil Rubenstein.**

. . . to **Sander Simen** for making a donation in memory of **Duke Parker, Bill Hayes, Dale Riker,** and **Laura Bekofske.**

. . . to **Hon. Allen Nelson** for making a donation in memory of **Doug Philpott, Duke Parker, and Bill Hayes.**

. . . to **James Ricker** for making a voluntary donation to the Bar Foundation through his dues statement.

### 68th District Court

The 68th District Court will close on Friday, December 18, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of assembling the Judges, Administrators, Supervisors and Court Staff.

### Congratulations

. . . **Brian and Doris Barkey** who were honored by Boy Scouts for service to our community.

### Young Lawyers Horn of Plenty—Thank You

. . . to Hon. Peter Anastor, Lori Tallman, Jonathan Hartman, Dawn Crichton, Anthony Vance, Chris Ebbott, Ramona Sain, Bill Khouri, Kristen Jansen, Ruth DeMaria, Tatilia Burroughs and an anonymous donor for their donations. 18 phones/charges and 42 glasses/cases were collected for the Lions Club and YWCA.

### Address Change

**Stacy J. Belisle** and **Kevin K. Kilby** has joined the law firm of McGraw Morris P.C., 2075 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 750, Troy, MI 48084, (248) 502-4000. [www.mcgrawmorris.com](http://www.mcgrawmorris.com).

Effective January 1, 2010, **John A. Tosto** will relocate to Mott Foundation Building, 503 S. Saginaw Street, Ste. 1410, Flint, MI 48502. Phone: (810) 244-5862.

After 49 years of practice in Flint, **Clifford Hart** is moving his Office to his home in Ann Arbor. New Mailing Address effective 1-1-2010 is 5412 Pinnacle Ct. Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108. Office telephone will remain 810-235-5631, New Fax 734-470-6569. Cell phone 810-908-1530 email: [clhart@umich.edu](mailto:clhart@umich.edu). He will continue membership in GCBA and spend time in his former office in the Mott Foundation Building when conducting Mediations.

### Case Evaluation Late Fee Donors

Thanks **Timothy Knecht, Randolph Piper, Jeffrey Himelhoch,** and **Glenn Lenhoff** for donating their Circuit Court Case Evaluation late fees which are placed in a restricted building maintenance account.

### Calendar of Events

**December 16th:** Holiday Party at Brick Street Bar & Grille. See enclosed flyer for more information.

**December 22nd:** Community Holiday Dinner.

**January 15, 2010:** Family Law and Bankruptcy Committee Seminar.

**January 25, 2010:** Monthly Membership Meeting featuring funny and memorable stories from GCBA members. Reese Stipes, Master of Ceremonies.

**January 29, 2010:** Computer Seminar on Word and Excel. See enclosed flyer for more information.

### Free Legal Advice Seminars For The Public

Seven legal advice seminars will be held at the Flint Public Library starting this month. Mail or drop off your business cards to be distributed at each event.

### GALSP and Friends Gift Wrap Party

Thanks to Holiday Dinner gift wrappers: Ann Lossing; Rosemary Leszczynski; Lorraine Nemecek; Elizabeth Nemecek; Rebecca Jurva-Brinn; Sue Gregory; Kathy & Bob Kranz; Lisa Carreras; Katie Lyon; Becky Raquepan; Melanie Bellamy; Ron & Dawn Crichton; Heather Burnash; Claire Givena; Kylene Cole; Donah Kval; Susan Baker—Redfield; and Corinn Burhans.

Thanks to Joan Pierson; Kaygee Goggins; and Helen Church for their assistance in purchasing gifts for the holiday dinner.



### 2009 Holiday Dinner

<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$12,500</b>
<b>RAISED:</b>	<b>\$13,469</b>

**Not only did we reach our goal—we beat it by almost \$1,000 two weeks BEFORE the dinner. An unbelievable achievement, particularly in these difficult economic times. This is truly a heartwarming reminder of the generosity of GCBA members and our friends in the legal community. Happy Holidays!!!!**

### Santa's Workshop—\$500 donation

Jim & Janey Dillard; Philip Olson; John Siler; Michael Smith; and State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers.

### Santa's Helper — \$250 donation

Hon. Duncan Beagle; Philip Beauvais; Hon. F. Kay Behm & Michael Behm; Howard Bueche; Hon. John Christensen; Cline, Cline & Griffin; Mark Latchana; Dennis & Karen Lazar; Mary Lazar; David & Therese Leyton; Robert MacDonald; Barbara Menear & John Nickola; Jack & Stephanie Neal; Tom Pabst; Shedd Frasier & Grossman, PLLC; Sander Simen; Timothy Hensick & Associates; and Waun & Parillo, PLLC.

### Santa's Elf—\$ 150 donation

Jeffrey Clothier; Flint Council No. 29 United Commercial Travelers; Gault Davison; Joan Pierson; Randolph Piper; Judge Robert Ransom & Lynne Ransom; M. Susan Schneberger; Spender & Robb; Hon. Larry Stecco; James Wascha; and Roberta Wray.

### Holiday Chef—\$100 donation

Anonymous Donor (3); Rex Anderson; Sherri Belknap; John Blanchard; George Brueck; Christenson & Fiedlerlein; Cooley, Moulton & Smith, LLP; Dawn & Ron Crichton; Lawrence Day; Karen Dearlove; John Farah; Barbara Foley; Hon. Judith Fullerton; George Hamo; Henry Hanflik; Clifford Hart; Jonathan Hartman; Henneke, McKone, Fraim & Dawes; Hon. Michael Hluchaniuk; Roger Isaac; Jakeway, Jakeway, & Jakeway, P.C.; Daniel Jaworski; L. David Lawson; John Lukes; Hon. Mark McCabe; Randy Petrides; Gilbert Rubenstein; JD Winegarden and Barry Wolf.

### Santa's Reindeer—\$0-\$50 donation

Hon. Peter Anastor & Alice Anastor; Richard Barron; Celeste Bell; Julia Black; Carolyn Boegner; Cindy Carty; Ward Chapman; Robert Chimovitz; Hon. Tracy Collier-Nix; Dolores Coulter; Carol Fallis; Hon. Joseph Farah; Denise Fish; Sherri Frame; Herbert Herrick; Lynnmarie Johnson; Matthew Karr; Byron Latter; Andrea LeGendre; Beverly Martin; LindaLee Massoud; Hon. Allen Nelson; Jane O'Dell; John Pavlis; Richmond Riggs; Jeffry & Anne Rocco; Richard & Arlene Ruhala; Stephanie Satkowiak; Robert Schaffer; Robert Shegos; Scott Stensaas; Teresa Sullivan; Lori Tallman; Anthony Tomaszewski; Anthony Vance; Michael Winterfield; and Hon. Thomas Yeotis.

# Season Greetings

The Genesee County Bar Association,  
Genesee Association of Legal Support Professionals &  
Friends of the Legal Community

## Holiday Party 2009

Wednesday, December 16th  
at

### Brick Street Bar & Grille

1223 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Directions: east of Fenton Road and just west of Dort Hwy.

Coming from US-23 take Exit #88. Coming from I-75 take Exit #109.

### The Party of Parties

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Piano Bar & Sing-A-Long



#### Who is Invited

Genesee County 67th & 68th District Courts, Circuit Court, Family, Probate Court and staff, All Federal Courts and Staff. Federal Bankruptcy Court and Staff. All Judges and staff. Genesee County Sheriff, Friend of the Court, Prosecutor, Registrar of Deeds, Treasurer, Drain Commission & Clerks Offices and staff. All Attorneys, paralegals and support staff. Court Reporters, Process servers, Title Companies and all others who are associated with the legal community.

For Reservations and information contact 810-603-2114



# GCBA & GCBF



## 2009 COMMUNITY HOLIDAY DINNER

Tuesday, December 22, 2009 from 4:00 ~ 7:00 p.m.  
Masonic Temple, Downtown Flint

### DONOR FORM:

Donations are needed to support this program, which are used exclusively to purchase items for the dinner. Categories of giving:

- Santa's Helper**     \$250 pays for 50 toys for 50 children
- Santa's Elf**     \$150 pays for 150 children's pictures with Santa
- Santa's Chef**     \$100 pays for a meal for 25 guests
- Santa's Reindeer**   \$1-50 every \$5 pays for a child's toy

Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_made payable and sent to:

Genesee County Bar Foundation, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. As required by relevant Federal Statute we hereby confirm that we did not provide any goods or services in exchange for your gift.

### GIFT WRAPPING PARTY:

The GALSP will be hosting a gift wrapping party on Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at the GCBA/GCBF office. Pizza will be served. Please join us! \_\_\_\_\_

### VOLUNTEER FORM:

**Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your shift**

**Tuesday, December 22, 2009**

**Children 12 & older welcome with a parent**

1:30-3:30 p.m.	Decorations/Set up	_____	
3:30-5:30 p.m.	First Shift	_____	Assignments will be made upon arrival
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Second Shift	_____	Assignments will be made upon arrival
6:00-7:00	Sing/Entertainment	_____	
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Clean Up	_____	

Please note special consideration for job duties: \_\_\_\_\_

If you want to volunteer a few hours of your time to this worthwhile cause, please fill out the form and return by fax to the GCBF/GCBA at (810) 232-8310.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



# YOUNG LAWYERS LUNCH N' LEARN SERIES



*Thursday, December 17, 2009*

*featuring*

***Barbara A. Menear***

***Genesee County Circuit Court Administrator***

*"Ins and Outs of the Public Defender"*

*12 Noon ♦ GCBA Office*

*Save the following Thursdays for future meetings:*

*January 28, 2010*

*February 25, 2010*

*March 25, 2010*

*April 29, 2010*

*May 27, 2010*

*~ Reservations absolutely required ~*

***Open to GCBA members with five or fewer years of practice, or those under the age of 35.  
Luncheon cost is \$5. Unpaid no-shows will be billed \$10.***

*Thanks to the GCBF MacGregor Restricted Fund for underwriting some of the costs relating to the luncheon.*

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

December 17th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Information:     I will pay at the door     Note the attached check # \_\_\_\_\_    Checks payable to the GCBA

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# COMPUTER SEMINAR 101: EXCEL AND WORD

Friday, January 29, 2010  
Mott Community College • RTC Building (map below)

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010

**8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Registration and Light Breakfast**  
(Room 2016, RTC Building). Note: Food and beverages are NOT allowed in the Lab so please arrive early and give yourself enough time to enjoy breakfast.

**9:00 - 12:00 p.m. Mott Community College**  
RTC Building (Computer Lab Room 2017)

### REGISTRATION FEES (handouts and light breakfast included)

GCBA Member	\$25.00
GCBA Member support staff	\$35.00
Non-members	\$50.00

*Genesee County Bar Association Members: The reduced rate for this seminar is brought to you by the Genesee County Bar Foundation Louis D. McGregor Continuing Legal Education Fund. For more information, or to join the GCBA, call Ramona Sain at (810) 232-6012.*

### REGISTRATION FORM (form may be photocopied)

- Registration fee:
- \$25.00 Member
  - \$35 Member support staff
  - \$50.00 Non-member (payment required in advance)
  - Add \$15.00 for walk-ins

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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. No-show reservations (not paid in advance) will be assessed an additional \$10.00 handling fee.

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### FACULTY AND TOPICS

**Mott Community College Professor LindaLee Massoud**

**Word:** Styles, Paragraph numbering, Headers and footers (including document identification and location), Autotext, Drafts and Versions, Master and merge documents (letters, labels, envelopes), Tables, Sorting, Table of Cases/Authorities, Table of Contents, Index.

**Excel:** Spreadsheet formatting, Formulas, Text/styles in a spreadsheet, Charts, Integration of Word and Excel.

~ subject to change and presentation time ~

### CUSTOMER INFORMATION

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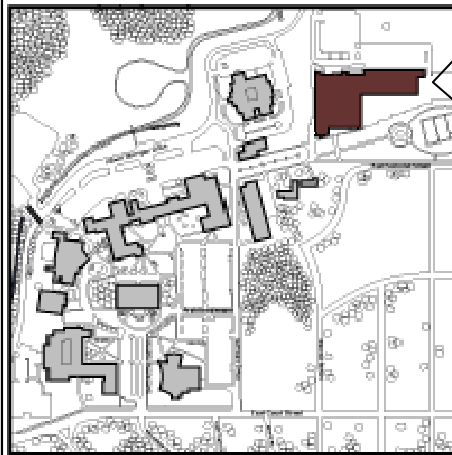
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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### LOCATION

**Mott Community College, RTC Building, Room 2106 and 2107.** The college is a non-smoking facility.



**RTC BUILDING**  
From Robert T. Longway Blvd. use the NORTH parking lot and enter the building through the main doors.

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# BANKRUPTCY AND FAMILY LAW SEMINAR

A joint collaboration from the GCBA Bankruptcy and Family Law Committees  
 Friday, January 15, 2010 ♦ Holiday Inn Gateway

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration  
 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. Washington Room, Holiday Inn Gateway

### REGISTRATION FEES (handouts and continental breakfast included)

GCBA members	\$25.00
Non-members	\$50.00

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### REGISTRATION FORM (form may be photocopied)

Registration fee:  \$25.00 GCBA member  
 \$50.00 Non-member (payment required in advance)  
 Add \$15.00 for walk-ins

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### FACULTY

#### Hon. Daniel Opperman

*U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan at Flint and Bay City (as scheduling allows)*

**Carl L. Bekofske:** Chapter 13 Trustee

**Michael A. Mason:** Chapter 7 Trustee

**Tom DeCarlo:** Chapter 13 Staff Attorney, Detroit

**Barbara A. Foley:** Chapter 13 Staff Attorney, Flint

~ and more ~

### TOPICS

- The Nuts and Bolts of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13, including stay issues, continuation of family law matter after the bankruptcy is filed, and bankruptcy timing issues.
- The Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Trustee's perspectives.
- Preferences and fraudulent transfers and how these impact the non-bankruptcy filing spouse or former spouse
- Consideration in drafting divorce judgments.

### CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### LOCATION

**Holiday Inn Gateway Centre (810) 232-5300:** 5353 Gateway Centre at Hill Road in Mundy Township, Flint, MI, 3/4 mile south of the I-75 and US-23 interchange. The Holiday Inn is a non-smoking facility.

### PAYMENT INFORMATION:

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# *January 25, 2010 Membership Meeting*

*Featuring*

## *Beat the Winter Blues with “A Day In the Life of a Lawyer. . .”*

*Reese Stipes, M.C.*

*With humorous stories by the*

*Hon. Jennie Barkey, Hon. Nathaniel C. Perry, III,  
Hon. Richard B. Yuille and James J. Wascha!*

*Masonic Temple — Noon*

An early R.S.V.P. would be appreciated. Luncheon free to Sustaining Members; \$10 members; \$15 non-members; \$15 walk-ins. Unpaid no-shows will be billed \$15.

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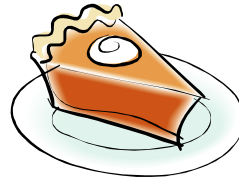
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# Lunch with Larry



Larry Battiste  
of Temple Dining

Join your friends and colleagues for ***“Lunch with Larry”*** on Wednesday, January 13, 2010. What better way to thank the Battiste family for their hard work during the GCBA & GCBF’s Annual Holiday Dinner than giving them our luncheon business?

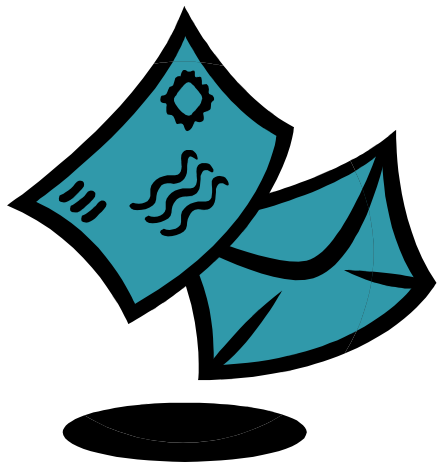
We had seventy-four members, spouses and friends show up last year and would like to increase our numbers this year.

Everyone will be given a red GCBA sticker in order to identify ourselves.

No RSVP necessary – just show up. See you there!

# *Notes N' News*

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