

New Members

Welcome to our newest members: **Kathie Dones-Carson** and **Eric J. Mead**.

Case Evaluation Late Fee Donors

Thanks to **Kevin Rush, Tom Connolly, and Otis Stout** for donating their Circuit Court Case Evaluation late fees. Donations are placed in a restricted account for long term maintenance of the building.

Thanks

... to **David Megdell; Janet Patsy; Barbara Menear & John Nickola; Duke & Carol Parker; and John Siler** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory of Hon. Robert E. Weiss.

... to **David Megdell** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory of Frances Odette.

... to **Carl Bekofske** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory of James Shaker, Hon. Robert E. Weiss, and Shaker Brackett.

... to **Edwin Jakeway** for making a donation to the Bar Foundation in memory of James Shaker.

Heather Burnash and **Jessica Hammon** would like to thank **J. Dallas Winegarden** for sponsoring their membership in the Michigan Association for Justice.

Address Change

Anthony Vance has relocated to 316 W. Water St., Flint, MI 48503. Phone: (810) 239-4777.

Condolences

... to **Carl Bekofske** on the death of his mother, Laura Bekofske. Friends may visit the family from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, February 20, 2009 at Hill Funeral Home and one hour prior to the funeral at the church. The funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, February 21, 2009 at Grand Blanc United Methodist Church, 515 Bush Ave., Grand Blanc.

... to **Kathleen Swart** on the death of her mother-in-law Holly Weller-Krupp.

Probate Seminar

DVD's and materials from the Probate Court Contested Matters & Non-Jury Trial Seminar is available for purchase. If you are interested please contact Tina at the GCBA at (810) 232-6012.

Limit on Alias Request for 68th District cases:

In an effort to remain in conformance with other courts in the surrounding Genesee County area, including 67th District Court, the 68th District Court announces that effective March 1, 2009, the court will only allow (1) one Alias per case filing. If service is not timely after (1) one Alias is granted, the case must be re-filed.

Community Legal Seminars

The GCBA, in collaboration with LSEM and The Flint Public Library, is hosting the following free public seminars, 6-8pm, at the Flint Public Library:

February 26	Lowering Property Taxes: Commercial and Residential
March 12	Child Support
April 14	Landlord Tenant: Rights & Responsibilities
May 21	Foreclosure
May 28	Estate Planning
June 11	Bankruptcy

A table will be set up at each seminar to display member business cards. If you want your cards available for distribution, drop off 20+ cards at the GCBA office. The Attorney Guides will also be distributed. *Funded by a grant from the Genesee County Bar Foundation.*

Calendar of Events

February 12 & 16: Courts closed.

February 26: Young Lawyers Lunch N' Learn featuring Anthony P. Vance on "*Criminal Law for the Young Lawyer*." See enclosure.

March 16: Membership Meeting featuring State Bar President Edward Pappas.

March 17: Deadline for nominating forms for the GCBA Board of Directors.

March 26: Young Lawyers Lunch N' Learn featuring Past President Kraig Sippell on "*Client Development for General Practitioners*."

April 20: Membership Meeting featuring Dr. David Hall on the "*Stresses in a Law Practice*."

May 1: Law Day.

May 18: Membership Meeting featuring the election of GCBA and GCBF Officers and Directors.

May 28 & 29: Criminal Law seminar.

Once again, thanks to everyone who contributed to making our 2008 Golf Outing an overwhelming success. Please remember to support businesses that support the GCBA! Contact us at 810) 232-6012 for 2009 sponsorships.

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JackToria by “dad” Kraig Sippell

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2008 DOOR PRIZE DONATED BY BUSINESSES AND GCBA MEMBERS

Paul Goebel Group
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Brick Street, courtesy of Jackie and Mike Jablonski
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Stone Cold Creamery courtesy of Laine and Shaun Marks
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Roberts J.F. Wray
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Anthony Vance
Capital Coney
Orene Bryant
Allen & Hope Process Services
Flint Journal
Mike Joliat
Citizen's Bank
Mitch Dembo courtesy of Colin's Angels
Tim MacDonald

Lunch With Larry – Attending Supporters

Thanks for the following members and friends for attending *Lunch With Larry*: Marti Austin; Brian Barkey; Dorie Barkey; Jan Barkman; Richard Barron; Richard Behm; Sonya Bellafant; Shayla Blankenship; Orene Bryant; Brittany Bulleit; Corrin Burhans; Dennis Burr; Ward Chapman; Diane Chema; Chris Christenson; Helen Church; Tom Connolly; Donna Connolly; Steve Connolly; Richard Cooley; Dolores Coulter; Francine Cullari; Susan DeCourval; Marc Dedenbach; Jim Draper; Kathy Duval; Craig Fiederlein; Hon. Judith Fullerton; Sue Gregory; Walt Griffin; Ron Haldy; Tori Hendricks; Ed Henneke; Mike Joliat; Olof Karlstrom; Bill Khouri; George Killeen; Tim Knecht; Pauline Mandelaris; John Mandelaris; Beverly Martin; Libby Maynard; Barbara Menear; Sam Miscisin; Steve Moulton; Lorraine Nemeck; John Nickola; Joan Pierson; Jeremy Piper; Randy Piper; Linda Pohly; Shelly Robinson; Gil Rubenstein; Richard Ruhala; Ann Lossing; Jose Sanchez; Susan Schnerberger; Glenn Simmington; Allan Smith; Lorna Stecco; Mike Stecco; Hon. Larry Stecco; Trina Stroope; Carolyn Stubbs; Lynne Taft; Jack Tubbs; Anthony Vance; R. Paul Vance; Tim Winship; Barry Wolf; Tatilia Burroughs; Starlynn Estep; and Ramona Sain.

March 16, 2009 Membership Meeting

featuring
Edward H. Pappas,
State Bar of Michigan President

Masonic Temple — Noon

April 20, 2009 Membership Meeting

featuring
Dr. David Hall, Psychologist
“Stresses in a Law Practice”

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.

March 16, 2009

April 20, 2009

Name (s): _____

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Signature: _____

Return to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502; or fax to (810) 232-8310; or email the GCBA at rls@gcbalaw.org, or register on line at www.gcbalaw.org. No refunds after the Friday before each luncheon. **No-shows not paid in advance will be billed \$15. TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED.**

STATE OF MICHIGAN
68TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



CHIEF JUDGE PRO TEM WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD II • PRESIDING JUDGE NATHANIEL C. PERRY III
JUDGE HERMAN MARABLE, JR. • JUDGE TRACY COLLIER-NIX
IRMA J. CHENEVERT, Interim Court Administrator

68TH DISTRICT COURT Announces

AMNESTY PROGRAM: ONE TIME DEAL on waiving \$30.00 default fee

Got outstanding bench warrants with unpaid fines and costs, traffic and parking tickets with unpaid fines and costs?

The **68TH DISTRICT COURT** has a one time deal for you: Pay in person or by mail **March 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009** and avoid paying not only the default fee but the 20% late fees as well.

Those with unpaid traffic and parking tickets can come into the court to pay their fines and costs. Payments by mail must have the ticket/case/citation number on the check or money order, indicate for amnesty program, and must be **postmarked no later than March 31, 2009** to get a break on the default fee and the 20% late fees. Those people currently in bench warrant status are included in the amnesty program and will have no threat of arrest for these violations.

The amnesty program, however, is only a break on local late fees. The court cannot excuse the state's penalties and fines, for example, for those who have suspended driver's licenses.

630 S. SAGINAW STREET
FLINT, MICHIGAN 48502-1526
(810) 766-8968
FAX (810) 424-4499



**YOUNG LAWYERS
LUNCH N' LEARN SERIES
WINTER/SPRING 2009**



Thursday, February 26, 2009

featuring

Anthony P. Vance

“Criminal Law for the Young Lawyer”

12 Noon ♦ GCBA Office

Thursday, March 26, 2009

featuring

Kraig S. Sippell

“Client Development for General Practitioners”

12 Noon ♦ GCBA Office

Reservations are absolutely required. Luncheon cost is \$5. Unpaid no-shows will be billed \$10.

February 26th

March 26th

Name(s): _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Check # _____ I will pay at the door

CREDIT CARDS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED

Visa MasterCard Charge my credit card for \$ _____

Credit Card Account # _____

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Phone #: _____

Signature: _____

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No-shows not paid in advance will be billed \$10. Telephone reservations no longer accepted.

Open to attorneys with five or fewer years of practice, or those under the age of 35.

The Flint Children's Museum and Fox 66 Present:

Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? Fundraiser Event



Featuring local celebrity contestants:

Judge Jennie Barkey,

Dan Kildee, Reverend Wilkinson, Kay Kelly, David Smith and KU Professor Reg Bell.

**Friday, February 27
7 PM**

**Kettering University McKinnon Theater
Desert Reception by Fandangles' Immediately Following**

Tickets \$5

**For more information call the museum at 810-767-5437
Or Linda Pohly at 810-733-7480**



GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S NOMINATION FORM 2009-2010

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

For the position of: (more than one can be chosen)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President (1 year term) | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary (1 year term) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer (1 year term) | <input type="checkbox"/> Director (3 year term) 4 positions |

Please list the nominees' **current** GCBA, State Bar, ABA and specialty bar activities. Include all committee assignments, Law Day participation, financial contributions, Holiday Dinner activities, Foundation support, Board membership, and other related activities, including Specialty Bars. _____

Please list the nominees' **prior** activities as requested above. _____

Please list nominees' **community** activities, including other boards. _____

Note: If you have not confirmed this nomination, do not submit nominees' name until approval is obtained.

- Yes. I have talked with this nominee who is agreeable to the submission of their name.
- Yes. This is a self-nomination.

Nominated by: _____

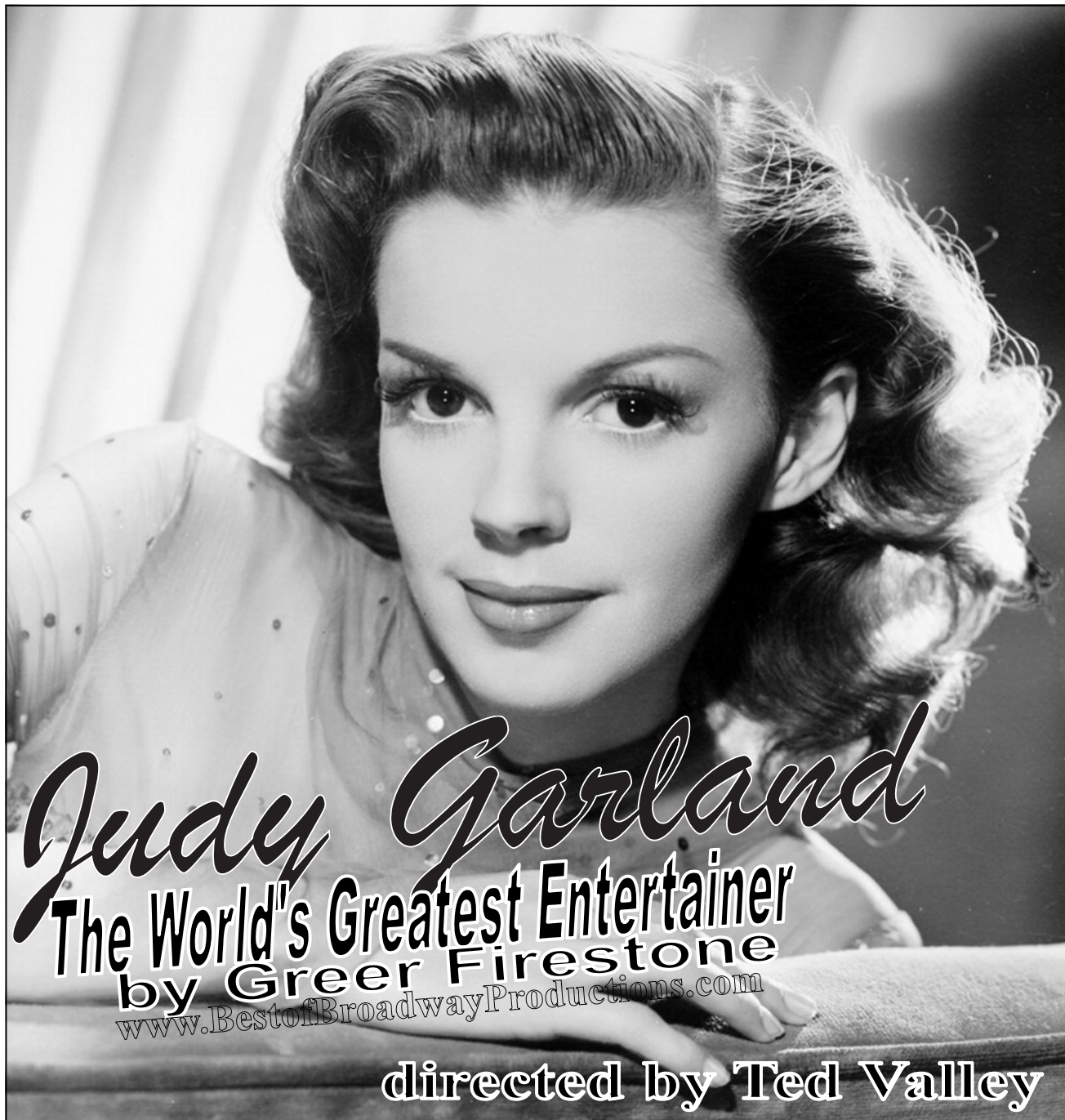
Telephone number: _____ Date: _____

All nominees will be considered by the Genesee County Bar Association Nominating Committee who will recommend a final slate to be elected at the Association's Annual Meeting.

Send forms to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502; or fax to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310. THE DEADLINE TO RESPOND IS TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009, 5:00 P.M.

DINNER THEATRE

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Friday & Saturday
February 13 - 14 &
February 20-21, 2009

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Show: 8:00 p.m.
Dinner/Show Ticket: \$45
Show Only Ticket: \$30

Sunday Matinee
February 15, 2009

Dinner: 1:30 p.m.
Show: 2:30 p.m.
Dinner/Show Ticket: \$45
Show Only Ticket: \$30

TICKETS:
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LAW DAY 2009

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Name _____ Phone# _____
Please Print

Law Day Lunch Donations

Donations are needed to sponsor student meals for the Law Day Luncheon. A modest gift of \$15.00–\$20.00 or more would very much be appreciated and will cover the cost of sponsoring student Law Day activities. This year we expect 200 students for the Law Day Luncheon. \$ _____ Amount Enclosed.

Law Day Luncheon

Assist with decorations, registration and publicity. _____

Senior Outreach

Speak to senior citizens throughout the county about estate planning, durable power of attorney and many other important issues. _____

Mock Trial Attorney Advisor

Assist high school students with mock trial preparations _____

Teens & The Law

Speak to students, community educators and parents about legal topics. Please select your preferences. _____

Constitutional Law

- Freedom of Speech/or Religion
- Racial Profiling
- Privacy Law
- Election Law
- Search and Seizure

Family Law

- Abuse and Neglect
- Child Support
- Custody
- Emancipation
- Guardianship
- Teen Fathers/Mothers

Consumer Issues

- Bounced Checks
- Buying a Car
- Consumer Protection
- Credit Cards/CARE Program
- Small Claims Court

Landlord Tenant/Renting a House

- Understanding the Lease
- Rights and Responsibilities

Miscellaneous

- Babysitting Responsibilities
- Curfews
- Tolerance
- Settlements for minors
- The courts: who does what

Criminal Law

- Drugs & Alcohol
- Forfeiture
- Gang Activity
- Graffiti & Vandalism
- Shoplifting

Traffic Law

- Driving Impaired & Zero tolerance
- Fake Identification
- Vehicle Searches
- Violations: lights; tinted windows; loud music

Employment Law

- Employment of Minors
- Minimum Wage
- Working Hours

Fax this form to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310 or mail to 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. Deadline to respond is Tuesday, March 31, 2009.



Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award Protocol



The Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award will be considered annually for recognition of a member of the Genesee County Bar Association who demonstrates the highest level of professional excellence in advocacy, and who exemplifies the other principles of the American Inns of Court: Professionalism, Ethics and Civility. Previous recipients include: Max Dean, Robert L. Segar, Gregory T. Gibbs, and H. William Reising. The Executive Committee of the Centennial American Inn of Court will select a recipient using the following protocol.

Nomination

The Executive Committee will solicit nominations from the membership of the Genesee County Bar Association at GCBA membership meetings, when appropriate, and using an insert in the GCBA flier. The Inns will provide the flier insert.

Selection

The Executive Committee will consider nominations every year, but the Committee might not select an award recipient every year. The factors considered by the Committee will include:

The use of novel and effective legal arguments or techniques;

The willingness to represent unpopular clients or causes;

The willingness to recognize and promote the interests of the client, including the promotion of settlement or alternative dispute resolution where appropriate;

The promotion of respect for the legal profession and the judicial system by cooperation with all participants in the legal system, including court personnel, opposing counsel, opposing clients, witnesses, and the public; and

Recognition of his/her stewardship in the judicial system by avoidance of conduct that disparages the Courts and its officials and other counsel.

Award

A recipient of the award will be recognized by the President of the Inn at the GCBA annual meeting. The Inn will provide a suitable plaque at its expense.



2009

JEROME F. O'ROURKE ADVOCACY AWARD NOMINATING FORM



Standard

The nominee is a member of the Genesee County Bar Association who demonstrates the highest level of professional excellence in advocacy and who exemplifies the other principles of the American Inns of Court: Professionalism, Ethics and Civility.

The Centennial Chapter of the American Inns of Court established this award in honor of its first president, Jerome F. O'Rourke. The award protocol is described on the opposite page. The Executive Committee of the Centennial Chapter respectfully requests that Genesee County Bar Association members consider nominations for lawyers in any area of practice, including criminal law, family law, and general civil litigation.

Name of Nominee: _____

Please explain why this nominee should be awarded the 2008 Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award:

Nominated by: _____

Telephone number: _____ Date: _____

The Executive Committee of the Centennial Chapter will consider all nominees. The award recipient will be recognized at the Genesee County Bar Association Annual Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2009.

THE DEADLINE TO RESPOND IS TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2009, BY 5:00 p.m. Please send this form c/o Centennial Chapter Administrator, Linda A. Pohly, 5091 Miller Road, Flint, Michigan 48507, or fax to 810-733-6120.

2009 GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 31st ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Monday, June 8, 2009 ✧ Flint Elks Country Club

FLAG & T/GREEN ADVERTISING FORM

- YES!** I will sponsor _____ embroidered personalized tee flag(s) for \$175, as a souvenir of the outing. Only 18 will be sold! Hole choice: _____ (first come, first serve)

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

- YES!** I will sponsor _____ personalized t/green sign(s) for \$125, as a souvenir of the outing. T/Green hole choice: _____ (first come, first serve)

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

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

Contact Person _____

Name of Business _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

PAYMENT

Make checks payable to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502.

For credit card payment, which can be faxed to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310, please complete the following:

Visa MasterCard Expiration date _____

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Account # _____ Signature: _____

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DEADLINE: MAY 25th

EXPERT WITNESS SEMINAR

presented by GCBA Criminal Law Committee &
Genesee County Public Defender Program

SARVIS CONFERENCE CENTER ♦ FLINT, MI

THURSDAY, MAY 28th 8:30 AM-5:00 PM
AND
FRIDAY, MAY 29th 8:30 AM -12:30 PM
~ Registration and check in beginning at 8:00 a.m. ~

REGISTRATION FEES

- \$50.00 GCBA New Admittee (5 or fewer years of practice or those under the age of 35)
- \$75.00 GCBA member
- \$150.00 Non-member (payment must accompany registration)
- \$15.00 Added for walk-ins (seating not guaranteed)
- \$ _____ Total amount enclosed:

Fees include: Breakfast and lunch Thursday; breakfast Friday; and materials.

GCBA Members: The reduced rate for this seminar courtesy of the Genesee County Bar Foundation Louis D. McGregor CLE Fund. For more information, or to join the GCBA, call Ramona Sain at (810) 232-6012.

METHOD OF PAYMENT

♦ I have enclosed a check payable to the GCBA:
check # _____

♦ Card: VISA MasterCard

Credit Card # _____

Expiration date _____ 3 digit #on back of card _____

Billing address _____

Name (as appears on credit card) _____

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

THURSDAY

- 8:30-8:45 a.m. **Criminal Law Committee Chair Lynne A. Taft & Public Defender Barbara A. Menear**
Welcome
- 8:45-9:15 a.m. **Hon. Joseph J. Farah: 7th Judicial Circuit**
Overview
- 9:15- 10:30 a.m. **Robert A. Yano: Senior Forensic Expert**
The attorneys' guide to technical forensic experts
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45-11:45 a.m. **Dr. Allen Bellamy: Clinical Psychologist**
Insanity, criminal responsibility and competence
- 11:45-1:00 p.m. Working lunch ~**Mark Corrigan & Chad Woycehoski**
MDOC Probation Enhancement Program
- 1:00-1:45 p.m. **Dr. Brian Hunter: Genesee Co. Medical Examiner**
Forensic pathology
- 1:45-2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:00-5:00 p.m. **John Powell: SADO Webmaster**
Power up your trial presentation

FRIDAY

- 8:30-10:30 a.m. **Dr. Solomon Fulero: Lawyer, psychologist, and chairman of the Sinclair College psychology department.**
Eye witness identification and false confessions
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. **Curt Caterer: Certified accident reconstructionist**
Accident reconstruction
- 11:15-12:30 p.m. **Adam Kelly: Computer evidence discovery expert**
Computer forensics

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Fax _____

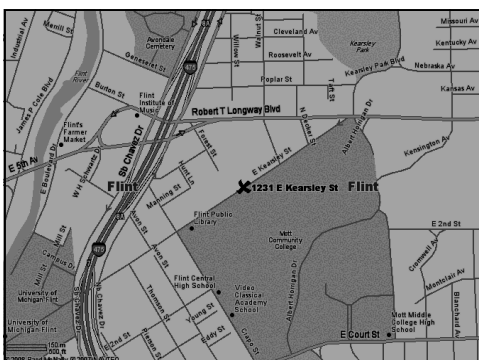
MAIL registration form with check to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. **FAX** registration with credit card information to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310. **ONLINE** registration at www.gcbalaw.org.

Attendance at the seminar will comply with the annual CLE requirement for the Genesee County Defender Program.

Sarvis Conference Center

located at 1231 E. Kearsley St., Flint, MI 48503; (810) 760-1350.

Sarvis is a non-smoking facility.



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