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February Notes N' News

2023

Welcome New Members

Welcome new members: [Ashley Petriches](#).

Court Zoom ID

The zoom ID information for the judges is correct on the court website and this link will take the attorneys to the correct page.

<https://7thcircuitcourt.com/judges/>

Genesee County Bar Foundation

Thanks to [Clifford & Alice Hart](#) for making a donation to the Foundation in memory of Judge Stewart Newblatt.

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

FORE!

Hey GCBA golfers and golf fans. The annual Golf outing is right around the corner. The event will take place on June 12, 2023 at Flint Golf Club. Registration begins at 11 with lunch on the patio and shotgun start at 1 p.m. Get the date on your schedule, get your team together and get ready to have some fun.

Not a golfer, please come out and join us for the dinner and take part in the raffle of prizes after dinner.

As always we are looking for donations for the prizes, so ask a business client to donate, buy a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant and donate it to the GCBA to use at this event, or buy a scratch off lottery ticket and donate it to the GCBA and we will put all the tickets donated on 1 board for a raffle item. There are a lot of ways you can help, just use your imagination. Registration will be open soon!

State Bar of Michigan - 50-Year Honorees

Congratulations to the following Genesee County Bar Association members who will be honored at the 50-Year Golden Celebration Luncheon to be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at Saint John's Resort in Plymouth: [Dennis M. Haley](#), [Stephen J. Hitchcock](#), [Michael Krellwitz](#), [Michael A. Mason](#), [Samuel A. Ragnone](#), and [Steven F. Spender](#).

Change of Address

[Benjamin J. Stoltman](#) has relocated to Stoltman Law, PLLC 702 Church St., Flint, MI 48502. Email: Benjamin@stoltmanpllc.com. Phone: 810-644-5697. Fax: (810) 396-6832.

Grand Blanc Living Magazine

Grand Blanc Living, a local magazine for Grand Blanc residents, has given the GCBA space for an article monthly at no charge. We are in need of volunteers to contribute articles for Grand Blanc Living Magazine. This is a positive and free way to promote the Association as well as our members. Articles can be on any subject except for Estate Planning and Business Law (a local attorney has the exclusive ability to write on those two subjects.) Length: 500 words max. If you are interested please email me at tyb@gcbalaw.org for more details.

GeneseeLegal.com

The new marketing campaign and website has launched. We encourage all members in need of marketing to participate. This program will go a long way to generating new clients for your practice, plus promote the use of local Attorneys. Those interested can call our program partner, Crossroads Marketing at (810) 654-0202 or email Preston Hards at Preston@crcminc.com.

Find The Right Lawyer, Right **HERE!**

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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; and
- Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

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.

John S. Beagle Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the John S. Beagle Scholarship established to assist students from Genesee County, Michigan with financial support while in their second or third level of law school. A minimum scholarship of \$5,000 will be awarded. The application deadline is May 1, 2023. Scholarship applications can be found [here](#).



Economics of Law Survey 2023

The State Bar of Michigan needs your help! Every three years, the State Bar of Michigan conducts the Economics of Law Survey to assess the economic state of the legal profession, help courts determine attorney fees, and identify economic disparities.

The survey takes just 5 minutes to complete. Participation from both private and non-private practice attorneys in all occupation areas from throughout the state is critically important to ensure the accuracy of the report, which is used every day by Michigan courts and others. The survey calculates county-by-county and statewide average billing rates and income for private and non-private practice attorneys in all occupation areas. The data also can be used by Michigan lawyers to determine how their billing rates and salaries compare.

Take the 2023 Economics of Law Survey today:

- [Click here for the Private Practitioner Survey](#)
- [Click here for the Non-Private Practitioner Survey](#)

The State Bar of Michigan last conducted an Economics of Law Survey in 2020, just before the COVID-19 pandemic — making this year's survey even more significant because it will help determine the impact of the pandemic. The survey also will allow Michigan attorneys to anonymously share their firsthand experiences related to the pandemic.

Those who complete the survey can enter a drawing for a chance to win a gift card. The State Bar of Michigan will give away two \$500 Amazon gift cards and five \$100 Amazon gift cards to survey participants.

SBM Accepting Nominations for the 2023 Representative Assembly Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for two State Bar of Michigan Representative Assembly awards honoring attorneys for their outstanding achievements.

The Michael Franck Award honors a Michigan attorney for contributing to improving the legal profession. The Unsung Hero Award honors a Michigan attorney who exhibits the highest standards of practice and commitment to the benefit of others. Both awards are given annually.

Nomination forms are available [here](#) and are due by Saturday, March 18, 2023.

Nominees for the awards must be State Bar of Michigan members in good standing. The honors can be for contributions made in the past year or a cumulative effort over several years.

The Representative Assembly's Nomination and Awards Committee will review the nominations and select the recipients. The Representative Assembly is the final policy-making body of the State Bar.

For more information, contact Carrie Sharlow at repassembly@michbar.org or (517) 346-6317.





67th DISTRICT COURT GENESEE COUNTY

Honorable Vikki Bayeh Haley
Honorable William H. Crawford II
Honorable David J. Goggins
Honorable G. David Guinn
Honorable Jessica J. Hammon

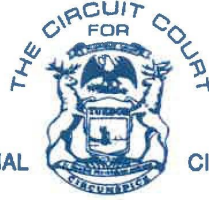
630 S. SAGINAW ST., FLINT, MI 48502
CENTRAL COURT – 810-257-3170
FIFTH DIVISION – 810-766-8968

CHRISTOPHER R. ODETTE – CHIEF JUDGE
WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD II – CHIEF JUDGE PRO TEM
CHRISTAL JONES – COURT ADMINISTRATOR

Honorable Jennifer J. Manley
Honorable Herman Marable Jr.
Honorable Tabitha M. Marsh
Honorable Mark C. McCabe
Honorable Christopher R. Odette

Please be advised, effective Monday, February 6, 2023, all individual and bulk landlord tenant cases filed in the 67-5th Division will be assigned a new judge by blind draw at each transaction/visit.

67th District Court Administration



THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN

Honorable Duncan M. Beagle
Honorable Celeste D. Bell
Honorable B. Chris Christenson
Honorable John A. Gadola
Honorable Khary L. Hanible
Honorable Ariana E. Heath

900 SOUTH SAGINAW ST., FLINT, MICHIGAN 48502
810-424-4355

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

LEGAL COMMUNITY

CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET AND JUDGE ASSIGNMENTS

Please be advised that the Genesee County Circuit Court completed docket modifications and judicial reassignments. This was a major undertaking under the supervision of the Chief Judge and done in conformity with the requirements of the Michigan Court Rules.

In some instances, attorneys may receive notification of a change in court date to conform to the schedule of a newly assigned judge.

<u>Criminal Civil Division Judges</u>	<u>Courtroom Assignment</u>
Judge Celeste D. Bell	308
Judge B. Chris Christenson	303
Judge Elizabeth A. Kelly	306
Judge Mark W. Latchana	305
Judge David J. Newblatt	300
Judge Brian S. Pickell	307
<u>Family Division Judges</u>	
Judge John A. Gadola	507
Judge Khary L. Hanible	501
Judge Ariana E. Heath	504
Judge Dawn M. Weier	515

If there are any questions about case status, please contact the judicial office of the assigned judge for further direction. Attorneys should be attentive to email notifications that may be utilized for scheduling information.

Barbara A. Menear
Administrator
Genesee County Circuit Court

1.13.2023



Monthly Membership Meeting



Katie Stanley,
Attorney and Community
Engagement/Education
Manager at Legal
Services of Eastern
Michigan

Topic:

Lawyer Well-Being and Embodied Social Justice Reform



Molly Ranns,
Director for the State Bar
of Michigan's Lawyers
and Judges Assistance
Program

February 27, 2023 • 12 noon

Flint Farmers' Market

Ramsdell Room

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☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express Charge my credit card for \$ _____

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**RSVP Deadline:
February 22nd**

Registration Fees:

- ☐ Sustaining Member - Free
- ☐ GCBA Member - \$12
- ☐ Non-member - \$15
- ☐ Walk-ins - \$15
- ☐ Unpaid no-shows - \$15

Event Registration:

- ☐ February 27, 2023

Cancellation Policy:

No refunds for cancellations the day of the luncheon.



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Telephone reservations are not accepted.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOMINATION FORM

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 nominee's 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 nominee's prior activities as requested above. _____

Please list the nominee's community activities, including other boards. _____

Note: If you have not confirmed this nomination, do not submit the nominee's 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 which 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; fax# (810) 232-8310;
or email to tyb@gcbalaw.org.***

THE DEADLINE TO RESPOND IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023, at 5:00 P.M.



Monthly Membership Meeting



Featuring

James W. Heath
President, State Bar of Michigan

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

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☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express Charge my credit card for \$ _____

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RSVP Deadline:
March 15th

Registration Fees:

- ☐ Sustaining Member - Free
- ☐ GCBA Member - \$12
- ☐ Non-member - \$15
- ☐ Walk-ins - \$15
- ☐ Unpaid no-shows - \$15

Event Registration:

- ☐ February 27, 2023

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BRIAN M. BARKEY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD 2023 NOMINATING FORM

The Brian M. Barkey Community Service Award recognizes a GCBA attorney member or affiliate member who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to community service and provided volunteer services to charitable, religious, civic, community, governmental or educational organizations which have improved Genesee County.

Criteria Guidelines:

The recipient has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to community service by volunteering in the following ways:

- Community service hours which show a length and degree of the recipient's service and dedication to community service.
- All services provided must be voluntary, uncompensated, and not compelled.
- The recipient should serve as a role model for compassion, service, and strive to make the Genesee County community a better place.
- The recipient's actions have made a lasting or meaningful contribution to the community.

Name of Nominee: _____

Please explain why this nominee should be awarded the Brian M. Barkey Community Service Award.

Please list agency, organization, board or other charitable organization where the nominee performed community service and dates.

Nominated by: _____

Telephone number: _____ Date: _____

All nominees will be considered by the Genesee County Bar Association Professional Practice Committee who will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. The award recipient will be recognized at the Bar Association's Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

The deadline to respond is Friday, March 17, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. Please send this form to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502 or to our temporary fax (810) 355-2691.



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2023 HERBERT A. MILLIKEN, JR. CIVILITY AWARD NOMINATING FORM

Standard

The nominee is a long-time, practicing member of the Genesee County Bar Association who is recognized for the habit of offering professional guidance and advice to their fellow attorneys and being widely recognized as a professional role model who demonstrates the highest standards of professional courtesy and civility combined with a zealous and thorough advocacy on behalf of their clients.

For a list of past recipients please visit www.gcbalaw.org

Name of Nominee: _____

Please explain why this nominee should be awarded the 2023 Herbert A. Milliken, Jr. Civility Award:

Nominated by: _____

Telephone number: _____

Date: _____

All nominees will be considered by the Genesee County Bar Association Professional Practice Committee who will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. The award recipient will be recognized at the Bar Association's Annual Meeting and Election of Officers.

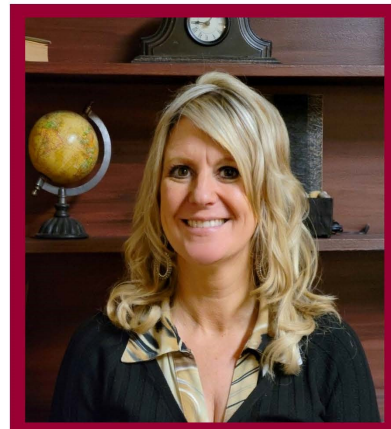
The deadline to respond is Friday, March 17, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. Please send this form to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502 or; fax (810) 232-8310.

PRO BONO ATTORNEY OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2023

Laura Breckenridge

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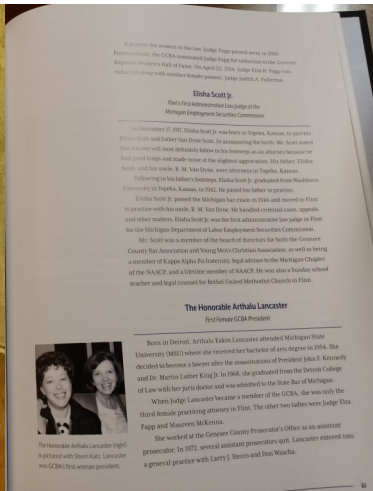
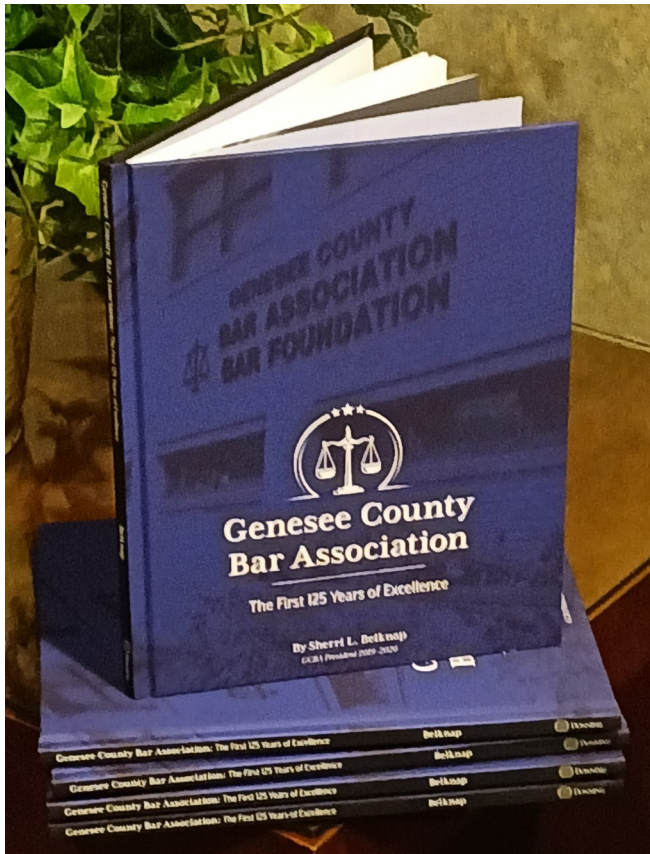


Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (LSEM) and the Pro Bono Committee of the Genesee County Bar Association (GCBA) are pleased to honor Laura Breckenridge as the January 2023 Pro Bono Attorney of the Month.

Laura Breckenridge has been practicing bankruptcy law since 2002. She attended the University of Oklahoma School of Law and Norfolk State University for her undergraduate studies. She graduated Summa Cum Laude and was a member of the American Indian Law Review. She was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2001, and to the State Bar of Michigan in 2002. She practices in the Eastern District Southern/Northern Divisions of Michigan. Her law practice focuses solely on consumer bankruptcy cases. She has prepared and filed hundreds of Chapter 7 and 13 cases. She has held the position of President of the Flint Bay City Bankruptcy Association (FBBA) since 2009. She is a member of the Genesee County Bar Association (GCBA), American Inns of Court, the Consumer Bankruptcy Association (CBA) and the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI).

Laura has repeatedly volunteered to assist low-income clients with bankruptcy matters at LSEM. In December, she graciously agreed to travel to North Branch, Michigan as the featured attorney in an Ask the Lawyer event focused on bankruptcy. In addition, she will be taking part in the upcoming Bankruptcy Legal Advice Clinic being held at LSEM later this month. She is enthusiastic in giving up her time to help those who otherwise would not have access to these services. LSEM and the GCBA greatly value and appreciate her pro bono legal assistance with bankruptcy matters.

Pro Bono attorneys are always in demand. Attorneys interested in volunteering may contact Stacy Davis at sdavis@lsem-mi.org, or Stacy Olivier at solivier@lsem-mi.org



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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

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.

Payment Methods (Please circle one)

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Check

Visa

Mastercard

AmEx

Name on card: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Checks should be payable to Genesee County Bar Association.

Any questions please contact the GCBA at (810) 232-6000

Forms may be faxed to (810) 232-8310

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BECOME A SPONSOR

Grow your business with us!

Sponsor a monthly Membership Meeting

Benefits of sponsorship:

- 6 ft. table at luncheon
- Introduction at luncheon
- Complimentary registration for two attendees
- Corporate logo on registration materials

Cost: \$350



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