



# GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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## February Notes N' News

### Condolences

Our condolences to:

- **Lori Tallman** and her family on the death of her stepfather **Richard "Dick" Clark** who passed away Sunday, January 10, 2021.
- The family, friends and colleagues of **John R. Greene** who passed away Thursday, January 21, 2021.

### Genesee County Bar Foundation

Thank you to:

- **Howard Bueche** for his donation in memory of Hon. Allen J. Nelson;
- **Samuel Ragnone** for his donations in memory of **David S. Grant, S. Olof Karlstrom, Thomas Purcell and Frederick Schmoll III**; and
- **Sean Siebigteroth** for his donation in memory of **Howard Cline, Hon. Allen Nelson, and S. Olof Karlstrom.**

### Case Evaluation

Thank you to **Timothy Knecht, Stephen Moulton, Samantha Orvis, Christopher Scott, Sean Siebigteroth, and Jeff Zilinski** for donating their Case Evaluation late fees, which are placed in a restricted building account.

### Calendar

*Flyers enclosed*

2/13 - Volunteer Day South End Soup Kitchen  
2/10, 2/12—Domestic Relation Mediator Training  
2/22 - February Virtual Membership Meeting  
2/25 - ADR Committee Meeting  
2/25 & 2/26 —Rapid Pace Seminar

### Specialty Bar Group

Interested in joining a specialty bar group for attorneys with a degree in science or math and a sense of humor? No dues. By invitation only. Send resume to [cullarif@gmail.com](mailto:cullarif@gmail.com).

### Welcome New Members

Welcome to new GCBA member **Alexandra Page** and **Will Sanford**.

### Nomination Deadlines

March 10th—GCBA Board of Directors

March 19th—Herbert A. Milliken, Jr. Civility Award

March 19th—Brian M. Barkey Community Service

### Civil Mediation Training

Oakland Mediation Center is offering a SCAO approved 40-Hour Civil Mediator online training beginning March 8, 2021. The training will be delivered in 10 half-day sessions from 1:00pm to 5:00pm using zoom. For more information and to register [click here](#).

### High School Mock Trial - Volunteers Needed

The High School Mock Trial season has begun, and the Michigan Center for Civic Education (MCCE) is looking for volunteers! Due to the pandemic we are not able to facilitate our own mock trial competition; however, we would like to forward this opportunity to our members who may want to assist the Michigan Center for Civic Education with their virtual program. A flyer is included in this mailing or you can register [here](#).

### State Bar of Michigan Webinar

The State Bar of Michigan is pleased to offer another three-part webinar, the *Neuroscience of Decision-Making*, with Kimberly Papillon. For more information and to register for this seminar click [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](mailto:tyb@gcbalaw.org).

This grant program can be discontinued at such time as the Foundation Board determines.

### 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. Scholarship applications may be found [here](#).

***Application deadline May 1, 2021.***



# SOUTH END SOUP KITCHEN

## GCBA VOLUNTEER DAY

### Date:

Saturday, February 13, 2021

Saturday, March 13, 2021

### Time:

10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

### Meeting Location:

South End Soup Kitchen

3410 Fenton Rd #1566

Flint, MI 48507

If you are interested in volunteering at the South End Soup Kitchen please fill out the volunteer form send to GCBA temporary fax number (810) 355-2691.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteers please indicate your t-shirt size (circle):  
(T-shirts will be distributed to volunteers as available upon arrival.)

S      M      L      XL      XXL

Additional Volunteers:  
(be sure to indicate t-shirt size):

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Select date(s) you are willing to volunteer:

- ☐ Saturday, February 13, 2021
- ☐ Saturday, March 13, 2021

Questions? Contact  
Genesee County Bar Association  
810-232-6000

[gcba@gcbalaw.org](mailto:gcba@gcbalaw.org)

Note: Three (3) volunteers are needed for each date. Please consider volunteering with the GCBA! We ask those in attendance to adhere to safety and social distancing protocols.



Sponsored by the GCBA Community Action Committee



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COMMUNITY  
**RESOLUTION**  
CENTER

## SCAO 8 Hour Approved Training for Domestic Relation Mediators

### Advanced Domestic Violence (Intimate Partner Violence)



**ONLINE TRAINING DATES:** February 10 & 12, 2021  
**TIME:** 8:30 am – 12:30 pm each day

**Trainers:** Shelley Spivak, J.D. M.A. **Special Guests:** Rebecca Shiemnke  
Ann Kita, M. A.

Ashley Lowe  
Johanna Kononen  
Phillip Barnhart

**Cost:** \$50 for CDRP Volunteer Mediator  
\$100 for Bar Association Member  
\$150 for Non-Volunteer

For more information or to REGISTER contact Dayna Harper, Ed.D.

Community Resolution Center

810.249.2619

[DLH.Mediation@yahoo.com](mailto:DLH.Mediation@yahoo.com)

**SEATS ARE LIMITED**



# COMMUNITY **RESOLUTION** CENTER

## 8- HOUR ADVANCED MEDIATION TRAINING REGISTRATION

**Trainers: Shelley Spivak & Ann Kita**  
**Registration or Questions: Dayna Harper - 810-249-2619**

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name for your Certificate of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### PAYMENT

CDRP Volunteer Mediator	Fee \$50.00
Member of the GCBA.	Fee \$100.00
MI Qualified Mediator, Non-volunteer	Fee \$150.00

### PAYMENT METHOD

Drop off at the CRC, 315 E. Court Street, Suite 200, Flint, MI 48502

Check \_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_

Credit Card \_\_\_\_ available on the CRC website: [mediation-crc.org](http://mediation-crc.org)

Home page, Donation Button - a receipt for the training will be sent to you.

**Please return to the Community Resolution Center**

**Fax: 810-239-9545 or Email: [DLH.Mediation@yahoo.com](mailto:DLH.Mediation@yahoo.com)**

# Virtual Monthly Membership Meeting

Genesee County Bar Association



*Featuring*

*Dana Nessel*  
**Michigan Attorney General**

*A former criminal prosecutor and  
civil rights attorney*

**Via Zoom**  
**Monday, February 22, 2021**  
**12 noon EST**

***This meeting is FREE but registration is required! You must register in order to receive the meeting link. Limited to the first 100 registrants.***

**[Click Here to Register](#)**



Mail: 315 E. Court St. • Flint, MI 48502. Fax: to (810) 232-8310. On-line: register at [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org). Telephone reservations are not accepted.



You are invited to a seminar sponsored by the substantive law sections of the  
Washtenaw County Bar Association

**RAPID FIRE SEMINAR via ZOOM**

Learn from experienced WCBA members in a fast-paced, **need-to-know** environment that will improve productivity and grow your practice. **How-to Practice Kits** will be part of the program materials and may include sample complaints, discovery, and other court forms. If you cannot attend, presentations will be recorded so that they can be viewed at your convenience.

**Thursday, February 25, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Friday, February 26, 2021 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Session 1 ~ Thursday:**

**New Lawyers:** *Register and use of MiFile and Zoom basics*

**Trial Practice:** *Introduction to E-Discovery*

**Business & Tax Law:** *Establishing a Business Entity*

**Labor & Employment Law:** *Civil Rights/Discrimination/Retaliation/Harassment*

**Personal Injury:** *Personal Injury Law 101*

**Bankruptcy:** *Nuts & Bolts of Bankruptcy Law*

**LGBTQ Rights:** *Recent Legal Developments*

**Medical Malpractice:** *Nuts and Bolts of Medical Malpractice*

**Session 2 ~ Friday:**

**Solo & Small Firm Practice:** *Top 5 Tips for Starting Your Own Firm*

**Appellate Practice:** *Civil Appeals in Michigan: Getting Started*

**Federal Practice:** *Federal Practice 101*

**Family Law:** *Divorce Filings*

**ADR:** *Be Prepared- What Mediation Counsel Can Learn from the Boy Scouts of America*

**Real Estate & Environmental Law:** *Effective Representation of Parties to a Real Estate Transaction*

**Criminal Law:** *Criminal Procedure in Michigan District and Circuit Courts*

**Legal Malpractice:** *How to Avoid*

The comments and opinions presented in this forum are for informational and educational purposes only and are not to be used to advance litigation or complaints to licensing boards.

***\*All materials will be emailed on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> to those registered.***

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**PRE-PAYMENT IS REQUIRED!!**

***Reservation Deadline: Monday, February 22, 2021***

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**\*EMAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Single Session, WCBA Member \$ 65.00  
☐ Both Sessions, WCBA Member \$ 95.00  
☐ Single Session, Non-Member \$ 130.00  
☐ Both Sessions, Non-Member \$ 200.00

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- ☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover  
Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Session 1** ☐ **Session 2**

**Return to:**  
Washtenaw County Bar Association  
P. O. Box 8645  
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

Call (734) 994-4912, FAX (734) 663-2430  
or register online at [www.washbar.org](http://www.washbar.org)

**CANCELLATIONS:** *Refunds will be given for cancellations received by Monday, February 22, 2021.*

# GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Vice President (1 year term)

☐ Secretary (1 year term)

☐ Treasurer (1 year term)

☐ 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list the nominee's **prior** activities as requested above. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list the nominee's **community** activities, including other boards. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Note: If you have not confirmed this nomination, do not submit 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 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 use our temporary fax# (810) 355-2691;  
or email to [tyb@gcbalaw.org](mailto:tyb@gcbalaw.org).***

**THE DEADLINE TO RESPOND IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021, at 5:00 P.M.**



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## 2021 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](http://www.gcbalaw.org)*

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain why this nominee should be awarded the 2021 Herbert A. Milliken, Jr. Civility Award:

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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 19, 2021, by 5:00 p.m. Please send this form to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502 or send to our temporary fax (810) 355-2691.



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## BRIAN M. BARKEY COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD 2021 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.

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

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Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# VOLUNTEER VIRTUALLY! MICHIGAN MOCK TRIAL



Mock Trial transforms students into attorneys and witnesses creating appreciation for the law, life-long critical thinkers, and members of civic community.

Volunteers are needed to assess and encourage developing young legal minds! Mock Trial is expanding to include courtroom illustration, journalism, and middle school events!

## 2021 Virtual Dates:

February 20 - Regional 1  
February 27 - Regional 2  
March 6 - Regionals 3 & 4  
March 13 - Regionals 5 & 6  
March 20 - State Finals



## Volunteer Roles:

- Presiding Judges
- Scoring Judges
- Court Officers (Facilitators)
- Hosts and More

See the sign-up form for more information about these roles!

## Sign Up to Volunteer!

1. Visit: [www.miciviced.org/programs/mock-trial](http://www.miciviced.org/programs/mock-trial)
2. Complete the volunteer sign-up form with your available dates and times
3. Join us for one of many virtual volunteer orientations
4. Sign on and volunteer the day of the event!

## Save the Date!

The National High School Mock Trial Championship is coming to Michigan!

May 5-7, 2022

Join us in Kalamazoo for this amazing event!

[www.miciviced.org](http://www.miciviced.org)

306 Townsend St.; Lansing, MI 48933

Cell 248.321.4842



# 2021 VOLUNTEER NEEDS

**M<sup>o</sup>CK  
TRIAL**

MICHIGAN MOCK TRIAL  
PLUS COURTROOM ARTISTRY AND JOURNALISM

Every trial round requires:

- (1) Presiding Judge - Judge to oversee trial, rules on motions
- (3+) Scoring Judges - Evaluates performance from virtual "jury" box
- (2+) Court Officers - Oversees the trial, aids with technology, timing, and movement in and out of breakout rooms.

Estimates of the needs for each weekend are:

February 20

5 Presiding Judges, 15 Scoring Judges, 10 Court Officers

February 27

8 Presiding Judges; 25 Scoring Judges, 16 Court Officers

March 6

5 Presiding Judges, 15 Scoring Judges, 10 Court Officers

March 13

14 Presiding Judges, 42 Scoring Judges, 28 Court Officers

March 20

6 Presiding Judges, 18 Scoring Judges, 12 Court Officers

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*Featuring*

*Justice Megan K. Cavanagh*  
**Michigan Supreme Court**



Justice Cavanagh is the Supreme Court Liaison to Tribal Courts, Child Welfare Services, the Attorney Grievance Commission and the Judicial Tenure Commission. She also serves on the Attorney General's Elder Abuse Task Force.

**Via Zoom**  
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# Lawyer Referral & Information Service

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Your next client could be a LRIS Referral



- Want to build your practice?
- Want to find new clients in your concentration?
  - Want to develop a new practice area?

Join the Genesee County Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service. As a panel member on the LRIS, you select the areas of law for which you wish to be contacted. When the GCBA receives a call by a person seeking legal advice, the LRIS staff screens the potential client to determine the area of law they need help with and then matches them to the appropriate panel member.

For information on joining the Lawyer Referral and Information Service contact (810) 232-6000.



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