

New Members

Welcome to our newest members: **Adam Matthew Dale, Glenn Cotton** and **Eric James Sheppard**.

Case Evaluation Late Fee Donors

Thanks to **Robert Chimovitz, Richard Behm, Ricky Carlson, Mike Rizik, Glenn Simmington, Peter Diesel, Mark Newman** and **Theodore Leffler** 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 **Richard Cooley** for making a donation to the Foundation in memory of Shaker Brackett and James Shaker.

... to **Robert MacDonald**, our newest Foundation Lifetime Member.

... to **Teresa Knight** and **Josephine Knight** for making a donation to the Foundation in memory of Shaker Brackett.

Get Well Soon

Lisa Lang was recently in a serious car accident and is now out of ICU. She will be away from her office for the next three months, but is managing her case load.

Address Change

Heather Burnash and **Jessica Hammon** formed The Law Office of Burnash & Hammon, PLLC., PO Box 617, Flint, MI 48501; fax # 810-239-3525. Heather's cell and email is 810-922-2242, heatherburnash@burnashhammon.com. Jessica's cell and email is 810-265-3276, jessicahammon@burnashhammon.com. The firm's website is www.burnashhammon.com. Focus areas will be criminal matters, family law, probate and estate planning, immigration law and mediation services.

Sonja Markwart has relocated to 601 S. Saginaw St., Ste. 214, Flint, MI 48502. Phone: (810) 234-8357. Email: Sonja@markwartlaw.com.

Benjamin Allyn has relocated to 601 S. Saginaw St., Ste. 214, Flint, MI 48502. Phone: (810) 234-8359. Email: allynben@att.net.

Jill Creech Bauer has relocated to 328 S. Saginaw St., Ste. 907, Flint, MI 48502. Phone: (810) 233-9747. Fax: (810) 233-9745.

Condolences

... to **Hon. Christopher Odette** on the death of his mother Frances Odette.

... to family, friends, and colleagues of Genesee County Probate **Judge Robert E. Weiss**, who passed away on January 7, 2009. In lieu of flowers donation can be made to Maltreated Infant/Toddler Court. Make checks payable to: Maltreated Infant/Toddler Court. Mail to: James N. Bauer, Genesee County Probate Court, 900 S. Saginaw St., Flint, MI 48502.

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:

January 15	Debt Collection
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

January 19, 2009: Courts & GCBA closed. MLK day.

January 22, 2009: Young Lawyers Lunch N' Learn featuring Hon. Archie Hayman on "Civility in the Court Room." See enclosure.

January 26, 2009: Lunch with Larry. See enclosure.

February 6, 2009: Probate Court Contested Matters & Non-Jury Trial Seminar. See enclosure.

February 12, 2009: Courts closed. Lincoln's Birthday.

February 16, 2009: Courts closed. Presidents' Day.

February 26, 2009: Young Lawyers Lunch N' Learn featuring Anthony P. Vance on "Criminal Law for the Young Lawyer." See enclosure.

2008 Holiday Dinner

Thanks to the following donors
(as of 1-7-09):

Santa's Workshop—\$500 donation

Brian & Doris Barkey; Danielle McCluskey; John Siler; and State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section.

Santa's Helper — \$250 donation

Darrin Andrus; Hon. Duncan Beagle; Hon. John Christensen; Cline, Cline & Griffin, P.C.; Jim & Janey Dillard; Hon. Paul Gadola; Garan Lucow Miller P.C.; Arthur Hurand; Mark Latchana; Dennis & Karen Lazar; David Leyton; Barbara Menear & John Nickola; Sander Simen; Michael Smith; and the late Hon. Robert E. Weiss.

Santa's Elf—\$ 150 donation

Philip Beauvais; Howard Bueche; Francine Cullari; Hon. Judith Fullerton; Gault Davison, P.C.; Ed & Donna Henneke; Jon Lawniczak; L. David Lawson; Robert & Joan Pierson; Hon. Robert Ransom; Daniel Rittman; Hon. Larry Stecco; Reese Stipes; Hon. Michael Theile; and The Williams Firm.



Santa's Chef—\$100 donation

Anonymous; Carl Bekofske; Celeste Bell; Jeffrey Birrell; John Blanchard; Kurtis & Marlena Brown; George Brueck; Orene Bryant; Ricky Carlson; Robert Chimovitz; Christenson & Fiederlein, P.C.; Cooley, Moulton & Smith, LLP; Barbara Foley; John Folts; Paul Goyette; Dennis Haley; Denise Hamilton; Clifford Hart; Hon. Michael Hluchaniuk; Roger Isaac; Jakeway, Jakeway & Jakeway, P.C.; Mary Lazar; Robert MacDonald; Anthony Maxwell; Sharon Miner; Randy Petrides; Susan Philpott Preketes; Jeremy Piper; Randolph Piper (*In Memory of Shaker Brackett*); Donald Rockwell; Stephanie Satkowiak; Robert Segar; Martin Tyckoski; J. Dallas Winegarten; John Wright; Lynne Taft & James Draper; and Timothy Ruwart & Ann Lossing.

Santa's Reindeer—\$0-\$50 donation

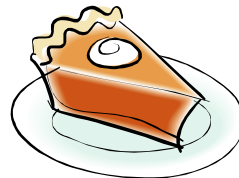
Deborah AdeOjo; Hon. Peter Anastor; Richard Morley Barron; Julia Black; Carolyn Boegner; Ward Chapman; Helen Church; Dolores Coulter; Heather Dixon; Hon. M. Cathy Dowd; Carol Fallis; Denise Fish; Sherri Frame; Gregory Gibbs; Richard Harris; Jeffrey Himelhoch; Mary Jo Hobart-Parks; Lynnmarie Johnson; Matthew Karr; Byron Latter; Andrea LeGendre; Nikayela Lockett; John Lukes; Beverly Martin; Pamela Mason; LindaLee Massoud; Hon. Mark McCabe; Erwin Meiers; Tracey Merithew; Dorothy Morse; Hon. Allen Nelson; D.M. Nicholas; Jane O'Dell; John Potbury; Michelle Richardson; Jeff Rocco; Gilbert Rubenstein; Richard Ruhala; Theresa Schurman; Robert Shegos; Scott Stensaas; Tess Sullivan; Karen Thornton; Anthony Tomaszewski; Tony Vance; and Hon. Thomas Yeotis.

*Thank you for
helping us to meet
and exceed our
fund-raising goal!*

Lunch with Larry



Larry Battiste
of Temple Dining



Join your friends and colleagues for ***“Lunch with Larry”*** on Monday, January 26, 2009. 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 sixty-two 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!



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



Thursday, January 22, 2009

featuring

Hon. Archie Hayman

"Civility in the Court Room"

~meet the judge in an informal setting~

12 Noon ♦ GCBA Office

Thursday, February 26, 2009

featuring

Anthony P. Vance

"Criminal Law for the Young Lawyer"

12 Noon ♦ GCBA Office

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

January 22nd

February 26th

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Amount Enclosed: _____ Check # _____

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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 Wednesday before each lunch.

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.

February 9, 2009 Membership Meeting

Featuring

Kathi Horton & Ann Marie VanDuyne
Community Foundation of Greater Flint
Masonic Temple — Noon

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.

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31ST ANNUAL GCBA GOLF OUTING



SAVE THE DATE OF:
MONDAY,
JUNE 8, 2009

FLINT ELKS COUNTRY CLUB

7177 E .Maple Ave., Grand Blanc, MI
(between Vassar Rd. and Irish Rd.)

SHOTGUN START AT 1 P.M.

Dear Member,

Each year the Genesee County Bar Association receives many requests for our members to provide free legal advice. We pass these opportunities along to you through Notes N' News and by email, but occasionally, something arises that needs further explanation.

As many of you are aware, Genesee County is fortunate to have the BEST Project in our community. For those unfamiliar with BEST, it is a comprehensive capacity building project to strengthen the effectiveness of key nonprofits in Genesee County, funded by The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Ruth Mott Foundation, Community Foundation of Greater Flint and the United Way of Genesee County.

This year, the BEST Project selected fifteen nonprofit agencies (small, with limited resources) to assist with capacity building initiatives. One component of that assistance involves a legal compliance review, and the BEST Project is looking for volunteer attorneys to help fulfill that component.

It is estimated that the time commitment will be less than ten hours over the course of 2-3 months. BEST has partnered with Community Legal Resources in drafting all the necessary information needed to successfully complete the legal review, including questions, forms, and a template for the final report. A more detailed explanation is enclosed.

If you would like to hear specific details on this initiative, please join us for lunch at the Genesee County Bar Association on Thursday, January 29, 2009, from 12-1:30 p.m. Please RSVP at (810) 232-6012. Representatives from the BEST Project and Community Legal Resources will be in attendance to answer your questions. You do not have to have any particular expertise in nonprofit governance.

With the economic crises facing so many of our nonprofit agencies, this is one small way you can serve your community by providing assistance to nonprofit agencies who would not otherwise be able to afford legal assistance.

If you have any questions, please contact Ramona at the bar office at (810) 232-6012.

(See reverse side for additional information.)



Connecting Lawyers and Communities

NONPROFIT CORPORATION COMPLIANCE REVIEW
Service Description
December 2008

Community Legal Resources (CLR), through the assistance of volunteer attorneys, provides legal compliance reviews for nonprofit organizations. The review can be thought of as an assessment of the “legal health” of the organization.

The review is a meeting between a volunteer attorney and representatives from the nonprofit organization. It is common to have the executive director and a board member present. CLR has compiled a detailed list of nonprofit corporation compliance review questions that are used to conduct the review. Clients are given the questions before meeting with an attorney in order to review the issues to be discussed and identify necessary documents to bring to the meeting.

During the meeting, the attorney will review each of the questions, noting any areas of concern or issues that should be addressed by the organization. After the meeting, the attorney will prepare a report for the organization. CLR provides attorneys with a template for preparing the report. The attorney will send the report to CLR, who will send it to the organization. Completion of the report ends the attorney’s participation.

Organizations are encouraged to follow-up with CLR for legal assistance with any issues identified. Any follow-up assistance is handled by other volunteer attorneys. The role of the volunteer attorney conducting the review is that of issue-spotter. The attorney is not expected to address or attempt to resolve any legal issues or matters that may be raised during the review. The attorney only indicates to the organization areas of concern or issues to be addressed. It is the responsibility of the organization to pursue additional legal services for any issues identified.

PROBATE COURT CONTESTED MATTERS & NON-JURY TRIAL SEMINAR

From the GCBA Probate Committee
Friday, February 6, 2009 ♦ Holiday Inn Gateway

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2009

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration
9:00 - 12:00 p.m. Lincoln Conference Room, Holiday Inn

REGISTRATION FEES (handouts and continental breakfast included)

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

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

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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 han-

FACULTY AND TOPICS

Rules of evidence, Introduction of exhibits, Examination of witnesses.

BRETT A. HOWELL: Trial Procedure Overview

RICHARD F. McNALLY: Rules of Evidence

JASON A. METCALF: Discovery and Related Issues

CRAIG L. WRIGHT: Representation of the Elderly and Applicable Considerations

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

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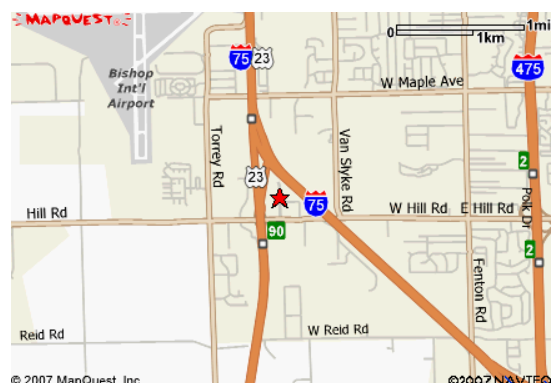
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MAIL registration form with check to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. **FAX** registration with credit card information to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310. **ONLINE** registration at www.gcbalaw.org.

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.



Notes N' News

A Little of What's Inside This Issue!



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