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Please include suggestions or proposed solutions and any applicable law or authority to support your position. All questions and comments will be confidential and will be re-typed for anonymity. Once the Probate Court has had an opportunity to read and reflect on the questions and comments, you are invited to attend an informal discussion session on February 29, 2008, from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. in Judge Barkey's courtroom. Please submit your questions and concerns by February 22, 2007, so they may be re-typed, provided to the Court, and included for discussion. If you have questions concerning this meeting, please contact Craig L. Wright 810-235-6695.

Free Books Available

FREE books are available to anyone wishing to enjoy them: CCH Pension Plan Guides Black Volume 1-6 plus extra 19 Books; Martindale Hubbell Law Directory Volume 1-VI - 5 books; Banking Law Journal 1 book; Michigan Statutes Annotated Volume 1-27 - 81 Books Brown Leather; CCH Standard Federal Tax Reporter Volume 1-16 - 1980-1998 --58 Books; US Tax Cases Brown Leather 50 Books; Reinstatement of the Law 5 Books; Mathew Bender- University of Miami- Heckerling - 27 Books; Capitol Adjustments 1969-1989 - 6 Books. For more information please contact Tracey Mathews, at JP Morgan Chase Bank, at (810) 237-3780.

Case Evaluation Late Fee Donors

Thanks to **Ricky Carlson; Glenn Lenhoff; Timothy Ruwart; and Susan Philpott Preketes** for donating their Circuit Court Case Evaluation late fees. Donations are placed in a restricted account for long term maintenance of the building. Recently, funds were used to replace the second floor ceiling of the GCBA office. This improvement could not have been done with the support of our case evaluators. Thank you.

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Lunch with Larry

Join your friends and colleagues for "**Lunch with Larry**" on **Monday February 4, 2008**. What better way to thank the Battiste family for their hard work during the GCBF & GCBA's Annual Holiday Dinner than giving them our luncheon business? No RSVP necessary – just show up.

January 2008 Membership Meeting

Featuring

*Hon. Donald Williamson,
Mayor City of Flint*

*on the
"State of the City"*

*Monday, January 28, 2008
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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Return to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502; or fax to (810) 232-8310; or email the GCBA at _____ 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.**
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Ramona Sain, Executive Director
Genesee County Bar Association
315 E. Court Street
Flint, Michigan 48502

January 10, 2008

DEAR GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION & ITS EXTENDED FAMILY:

Thank you for providing to the women and children of the YWCA's SafeHouse an extraordinary evening of delectable food, delightful Christmas gifts for the kids delivered personally by Santa Claus and a contagious, energetic holiday excitement that for a memorable moment erased all the social, economic, cultural and ethnic barriers that often divide this community. We, in the GCBA, generally look to the numbers to assess the successfulness of the annual Holiday Dinner at the Masonic Temple. And yet, through the eyes of a non-profit served, the true measure of its success is the extent to which we create the environment that allows our dinner guests to once again experience what it feels like to belong, to be cared for, to be excited by the wonderment that is Christmas, and to be given that glimmer of hope that life can be more than just survival. What a gift to these fragile souls to feast on a traditional Christmas dinner and, if only for a brief, magical second, feel a welcome part of the holiday celebration, friendly spirit and comfort that many of us often take for granted.

Many of the women and children you served this Christmas arrived at the YWCA's SafeHouse Shelter with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. They left violent relationships and everything familiar behind to seek this new beginning. But hope often dims during the holidays when, separated from family, they feel lost, disconnected and forgotten. Through your most generous gift, you provided these women with a tangible symbol and reminder that they are indeed surrounded and embraced by a community family that loves them and believes in the miracle of new beginnings.

This year, the extra Holiday bonus to the YWCA's SafeHouse women and children came 3 days later, on Saturday December 22nd when a Genesee County Bar Association attorney thoughtfully donated his Flint Golf Club unused food credits to provide for an incredible catered and delectable banquet delivered directly to the SafeHouse. For this bounty from the Genesee County Bar Association and its extended family, our SafeHouse women were immensely and tearfully grateful. Truly, our Genesee County Bar Association attorneys are rock stars to this needful greater Flint community!

So many in Genesee County are thirsty for transformation in the quality of life here, however, they are hesitant to come forward and be agents of that change. Thank you to the Genesee County Bar Association for leading by example and raising the quality of this holiday's celebration for our SafeHouse women and children. Moreover, thank you for showering the YWCA with your compassionate support and generous spirit. May this New Year embrace you with unending love, joy, happiness and peace. And may you continue to believe and invest in life affirming miracles!

With Warmest Regards,


Karen L. Folks, Chief Executive Officer

RETIREMENT PARTY!

You are invited to celebrate the retirement of

Roberta J.F. Wray

Friday, January 18, 2008

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

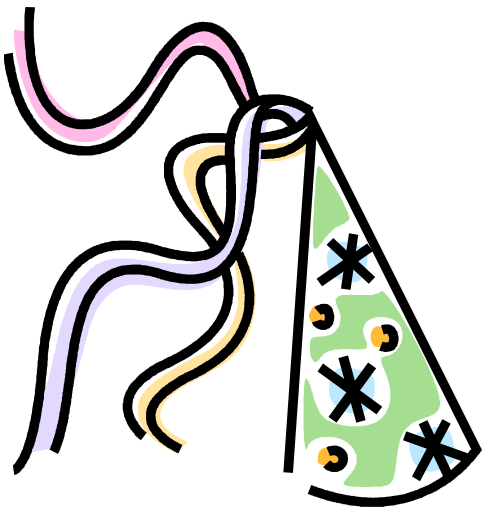
67th District Court - Third Division

11820 N. Saginaw St.

Mt. Morris, MI 48458

A light lunch will be served

This event is sponsored by the 67th District Court and the
Genesee County Bar Association



RSVP respectfully requested.
Register by calling the GCBA at (810) 232-6012

SENTENCING GUIDELINES SEMINAR

from the GCBA Criminal Law Committee &
Genesee County Public Defender Program

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration
9:00 - 12:15 p.m. Seminar: Washington Conference Room

REGISTRATION FEES (handouts and continental breakfast included)

GCBA members \$35.00
Non-members \$70.00

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: \$35.00 GCBA member
 \$70.00 Non-member
 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 handling fee.

FACULTY AND TOPICS

Attorney Sheila Robertson Deming, on *"The Michigan Sentencing Guidelines: Scoring, Challenging and Recent Decisions."*

Hon. Judith A. Fullerton, 7th Judicial Circuit Court, Presiding Judge, Criminal Division on *"A Judicial Perspective."*

Attorney Ann Yantus, State Appellate Defender Office, on *"Post Conviction Issues: Motions, Remedies and Appeals."*

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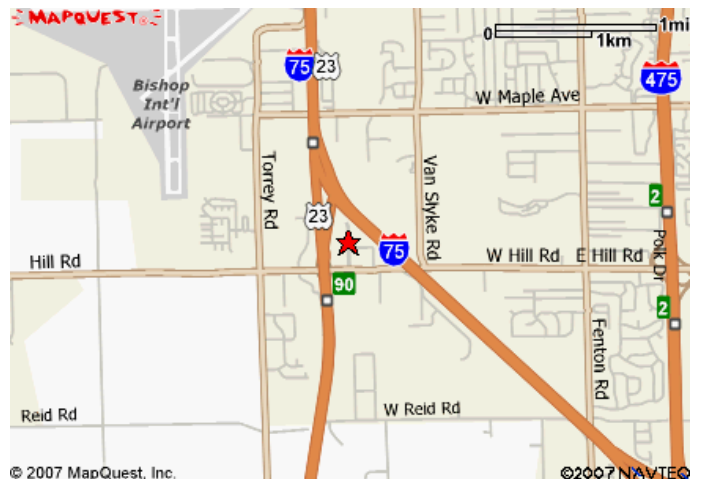
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MAIL registration form with check to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. **FAX** registration with credit card information to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310. **ONLINE** registration at www.gcbalaw.org.

LOCATION

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



Special Invitation

Meet & Greet

Hon. Tracy Collier-Nix

New 68th District Court Judge

Thursday, January 17, 2008 ♦ 8:30 a.m. — 9:30 a.m.

Genesee County Bar Association

315 E. Court St.

Flint, MI 48502

Light refreshments will be served.

*This event is sponsored by the District Court Committee
of the Genesee County Bar Association*

RSVP respectfully requested.

Register by calling the GCBA at (810)232-6012

Special Invitation



*Federal Magistrate Reception
honoring*

Hon. Michael Hluchaniuk

*Newly appointed
United States Magistrate Judge in Flint*

*Thursday, January 31, 2008 ♦ 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Genesee County Bar Association
315 E. Court St.
Flint, MI 48502*

Coffee, Tea, Punch and Cookies will be served

***This event is sponsored by the Federal Practice Committee
of the Genesee County Bar Association.***

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calling the GCBA at (810) 232-6012.***

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2008 SWEARING IN CEREMONY AT THE U.S. SUPREME COURT WASHINGTON D.C.



DEPART METRO: Friday, April 25th
approx. 5:00 p.m.

SWEARING IN: Monday, April 28th
at 10:00 a.m.

DEPART D.C.: Monday, April 28th
approx. 4:30 p.m.

CAPITOL HILTON: \$197 each night, single or double occupancy (not including hotel tax and porter fee). Hotel bill payable upon check out.

COST: \$425.00 per person, including airfare; Saturday morning breakfast; Gray Line city tour featuring all the major monuments, with box lunch en-route; tour of the U.S. Capitol; cocktail reception; and breakfast at the U.S. Supreme Court Renquist Dining Room.

NOT INCLUDED: \$200.00 attorney Supreme Court admission fee; transportation fees; food not mentioned above, and incidentals.

NOTE: The U.S. Supreme Court limits the number of attorney admittees to 15. Reservations are on a first come, first serve basis.

Notes N' News
A Little of What's Inside This Issue!

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- ◆ Meet & Greet Receptions
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- ◆ Seminar
- ◆ Lunch with Larry



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