



GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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July Notes N' News

2026

New Members

Welcome new members: **Jack Mahon** and **Samuel Olson**.

Dues Statement

If you have already paid your dues - THANK YOU!!

If you have not already paid your dues, please return the statement with remittance. If you have not received your dues statement or you would like to pay via credit card please email tyb@gcbalaw.org.

Committee Sign Up

Are you thinking of serving on a committee? Complete the Committee Sign-up form enclosed in this mailing. Check which committee(s) you are interested in, and return the completed form by mail or fax to the GCBA.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of **Joseph James Sefa**, who passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at the age of 86. Click here to view his obituary www.swartzfunerahomeinc.com.

Bar Foundation

Thanks to the following members who made a voluntary donation to the Bar Foundation through their dues statement: **Jo Robin Davis, Morgan H. Jakeway, Matthew D. Karr, Eric McCormick, Eric J. Mead, Andrew O. Stout, Anthony J. Tomaszewski, Robin L. Wheaton, and John A. Zintsmaster**.

Donate to the Genesee County Bar Foundation by [clicking here](#) or mail a check made payable to Genesee County Bar Foundation, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Judge Herman Marable** who was honored by the American Red Cross with a Lifesaving Award for saving a man's life on a business trip in New York City.

GCBA Senior Attorneys



The GCBA Senior luncheon will meet Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 12 noon, at Brickstreet of Grand Blanc, 1223 E. Grand Blanc Rd., in Grand Blanc. Lunch will be selected from the menu and may be ordered and paid for individually. All attorneys and their guests are welcome, regardless of age. Let us know if you are coming. RSVP to gcba@gcbalaw.org.

GCBA Website

The GCBA is looking to create a new website. If you know of a website developer, please let us know at gcba@gcbalaw.org.

48th Annual GCBA Golf Outing!



Thank you to everyone who participated in our 48th Annual Golf Scramble at the Flint Golf Club. The weather was comfortable and we enjoyed a great day on the greens. Special thanks to our volunteers Brendan Docherty, Alyssa Thames, and Cheryl Tomaszewski.

1st Place team: Kyle Lawrey, Dave Lawrey, Sophia Rossi, and Pat Patterson.

2nd Place team: Jerry Bommarito, Mark Dybicki, Tony Lopez, and Noah Lopez.

Longest Drive Female:	Sophia Rossi
Longest Drive Male:	David Houbeck
Closest to the Pin Male:	Paul Wodjylak

Congratulations to David Houbeck for getting a Birdie on 17.

To view pictures from the outing click here <https://flic.kr/s/aHBqjCXwDf>

Genesee County Bar Foundation Scholarship Opportunity

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;
- Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan; and
- Michigan Defense Trial Counsel.

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.

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.

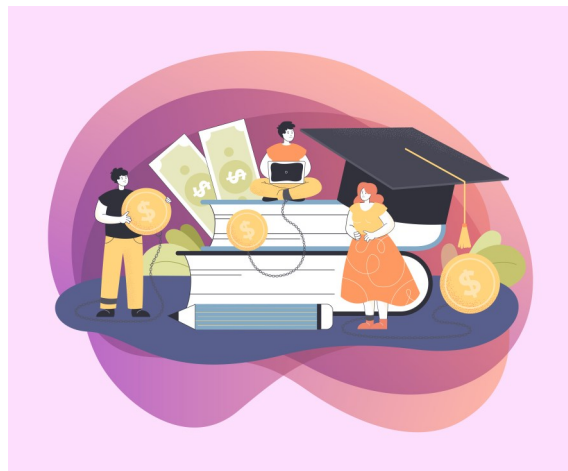


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GST Michigan Works will be hosting an upcoming expungement fair on **Friday September 25th, 2026 from 12pm-4pm**, and we are looking for volunteer attorneys and law students that are willing to provide legal support at the fair. No prior experience with the expungement law is required.

Volunteer attorneys/law students will receive training materials prior to the fair, and on the day of the fair to assist with screening individuals for eligibility under the law. Thank you in advance for any support you are able to provide, and please feel free to let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for any support you are able to provide, and please feel free to circulate this email amongst your colleagues. Volunteer attorneys and law students can sign up [here](#).

Fair	Partners	Date and Time	Venue	Sign Up Forms (Click on link below)
Genesee County Expungement Fair	GST Michigan Works - Legal Services of Eastern Michigan-The Michigan Office of the Attorney General- Safe & Just Michigan- Michigan State Police	Friday, September 25th, 12-4pm	711 N Saginaw St, Flint, MI 48503	Sept 2026 Genesee Vol- unteer Attorney Sign up Form



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2026-2027 Committee Registration Form

The GCBA is looking for you to sign up for a committee by placing a check in the space to the left of each committee you are willing to serve on.

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GCBA.

Committees

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| ☐ ADR | ☐ Golf Outing |
| ☐ Appeals | ☐ Holiday Dinner |
| ☐ Bankruptcy | ☐ Law Day |
| ☐ Bar Beat | ☐ Lawyer Referral |
| ☐ Bench and Bar | ☐ Marijuana |
| ☐ Subcommittees: | ☐ Membership |
| ☐ ☐ Circuit Court; | ☐ Municipal Law |
| ☐ ☐ District Court; | ☐ Negligence and Personal Injury |
| ☐ ☐ Federal Court | ☐ Pro Bono |
| ☐ Business and Real Estate | ☐ Probate Committee |
| ☐ Community Action | ☐ Professional Practice & Ethic |
| ☐ Criminal Law & Defender | ☐ Social Security |
| ☐ Family Court | ☐ Young Lawyers |

Name _____
(Please Print)

Signature _____ Date _____

Email Address _____

RETURN BY August 31, 2026

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Call for Articles – Bar Beat September 2026 Issue

Dear GCBA Members,

The next issue of **Bar Beat** is officially underway, and we invite you to help shape the **September 2026** edition by sharing your knowledge, experiences, and perspectives with your colleagues.



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One of the greatest strengths of Bar Beat has always been the willingness of our members to contribute their voices. Whether you have written before or have been considering submitting your first article, we encourage you to be part of this issue. Every contribution helps strengthen our professional community and provides valuable insight to fellow members of the Genesee County Bar Association.

We are especially interested in hearing from:

- **Past Bar Beat contributors** – Your articles have helped make Bar Beat an engaging and informative publication. We hope you'll consider writing again.
- **GCBA Committee Chairs** – Please consider submitting a brief update highlighting your committee's recent activities, accomplishments, upcoming programs, or opportunities for member involvement.
- **Members engaged in community outreach** – If you've participated in pro bono work, civic engagement, public service, educational programming, or other activities that positively impact our community, we'd love to share your story.
- **Supreme Court watchers** – The conclusion of the United States Supreme Court's term always brings significant developments. We are due for another Supreme Court Roundup, and we welcome articles analyzing noteworthy decisions, emerging legal trends, and what they may mean for practitioners here in Michigan.

We also welcome submissions on a wide variety of topics, including:

- Recent developments in Michigan or federal law
- Practice tips and litigation strategies
- Technology and artificial intelligence in the legal profession
- Wellness and professionalism
- Ethics and professionalism
- Historical or local legal perspectives
- Book, film, or CLE reviews
- Reflections on the practice of law
- Member achievements and milestones

If you have an idea but aren't sure whether it would be a good fit, please don't hesitate to reach out. We'd be happy to discuss your concept and help you develop it into an article.

Article Submission Deadline: Monday, July 20, 2026

As always, thank you to everyone who has supported Bar Beat through writing, editing, proofreading, and sharing ideas. This publication is successful because of the generosity and expertise of our members. We hope you'll consider lending your voice to this issue and helping us continue to inform, inspire, and connect the legal community throughout Genesee County.

We look forward to reading your submissions!

Warm regards,

Julie Winkfield
Editor, Bar Beat



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Mark Your Calendar

2026 - 2027 Monthly Membership Meetings

September 21, 2026 • October 19, 2026
November 16, 2026 • January 25, 2027
February 22, 2027 • March 15, 2027
April 19, 2027

Annual Meeting & Elections of Officers
May 17, 2027



Ramsdell Room
300 E 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502

Luncheon **FREE** to Sustaining Members;
\$15 members; **\$20** non-members; **\$20** walk-ins.
Unpaid no-shows will be billed **\$20**.

The background of the entire page is a photograph of the historic Genesee County Courthouse. The building is a grand, multi-story structure with classical architectural features, including tall columns and a pediment. Two large American flags are mounted on tall poles in front of the building. The entrance is decorated with patriotic bunting. In the foreground, there are clusters of red, white, and blue balloons and some people walking around. The text is overlaid on this image.

The Historic Genesee County Courthouse Centennial Celebration

**900 South Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48502**

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, September 25, 2026

12:00-1:00 Unveiling and Dedication of public art
1:00-2:30 Tours of original courtrooms
2:30-4:00 Greater Flint Arts Council Reception

**Sponsored by Genesee Bar Foundation, with support from the Judge Louis B. and
Barbara H. McGregor Trust Fund, Courthouse Restoration Fund, Genesee County and
Genesee County Historical Society**



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Flag Sponsors:

- Prosecutor David Leyton
- Jeremy R.M. Piper, PLC
- Andrea LeGendre for Probate Court Judge
- The Fireplace Bar & Grill
- CF Legal PC
- Brooke Tucker for District Judge
- Cheryl Lopez For Judge
- The Law Office of Elias J. Fanous In Loving Memory of Kimberly Bayyouk Fanous
- Judge Christenson
- Cline, Cline & Griffin
- Brooke Tucker & Craig Datz on Behalf of the GCBA Young Lawyers
- Jeff Wright, Drain Commissioner
- Renaissance Spine & Injury Center
- Judge Jessica J. Hammon, 67th District Court
- Mead & Stout PLLC
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- Hamo Law Firm
- Judge Dawn M. Weier
- James & Angela Wheeler
- Eugene Butler, Private Investigator
- Security Credit Union

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- Larry Day Mediation Services
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- Judge Mark C. McCabe
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- Abu-Aita Law Firm, Elder Law & Estate Planning
- Cheryl Lopez for Judge
- Hamo Law Firm
- In Memory of Steven Tessmer
- Judge G. David Guinn, 67th District Court
- Duncan M. Beagle, Manley & Manley
- Rider Pest Management
- Attorney Matthew L. Norwood
- McCredie Insurance Agency
- Community Resolution Center

Donors & Door Prize Sponsors:

SweetGrass Golf Club	The Fireplace of Lake Fenton
Soggy Bottom	Italia Gardens
Records Deposition	Judge Jessica J. Hammon
Goodrich Country Club	Redwood
Atlas Valley Golf Club	Copper Ridge
Spring Meadows Country Club	Tyrone Hills Golf Club
Fenton Farms Golf Club	On the Bricks Food & Spirits
Little Joe's Tavern	Chief Nathaniel Perry
Charcoal & Ash	Dr. Brian Beissel
Pine Knob Golf Club	The Elks
Laundry	Dom's Diner
Sharkey's	Brothers Brunch House
Merchants	

Nancy K. Chinonis
Walter P. Griffin
Flint Golf Club
Elias Fanous
Rider Pest Management
The Ground
Great Harvest
Davison Country Club
Brick Street of Grand Blanc
Luigi's Restaurant
Madison's on Main
Davison County Club

Lawyer Referral & Information Service



Join the Genesee County Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS)

Are you looking to grow your practice and connect with clients who need your expertise? The Genesee County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS) is the perfect opportunity to expand your reach and make a difference in your community.

Why Join LRIS?

- **Tailored Referrals:** Choose the areas of law for which you want to be contacted. You decide where you want to focus. Practice areas include Bankruptcy, Criminal, Employment, Family, Real Estate, Probate, Social Security and many more.
- **Pre-Screened Clients:** The LRIS team carefully screens all potential clients to ensure they match your chosen practice areas before referring them to you.
- **Community Impact:** Help individuals in need of legal assistance by providing them with professional and reliable guidance.

How It Works:

1. **Panel Membership:** Sign up to become a panel member and select your preferred practice areas.
2. **Client Screening:** When someone contacts the GCBA for legal advice, the LRIS staff assesses their needs and determines the appropriate area of law.
3. **Attorney Referral:** Once matched, the client is referred to you for consultation and potential representation.

Benefits of Membership:

- Increased visibility for your practice.
- Access to a steady stream of potential clients.
- A simple and effective way to grow your client base.

Get Started Today!

Join the LRIS panel and become part of a trusted network of legal professionals dedicated to serving the community. For more information or to sign up, contact the Genesee County Bar Association at 810-232-6000 ext. 101 or email tyb@gcbalaw.org.

Your next client could be a LRIS Referral!



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