

# Genesee County Bar Association

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March Notes N' News

2007

## Notes N' News by Email

More than 100 members have signed up to receive Notes N' News by email. Sign up at [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org) to add your name to the list.

## Law Day Poster Contest

Members will be judging the 2007 Law Day Posters at the March 19th Membership Meeting. One winner from each grade level will be chosen and each will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Border's Bookstore.

## New Members

Welcome new member **Colin Michael Linsenman**.

## Case Evaluation Late Fee Donors

Thanks to **William Brickley, Robert Shegos, Edward Davison, Steve Iamarino** and **Glenn Lenhoff** 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 **Hon. Joseph J. Farah** for donating two tickets to the Genesee County Bar Foundation for the Flint Institute of Arts Wine Tasting with a request that a contribution be made to the Genesee County Bar Foundation. **Pat and Suellen Parker** purchased the tickets at and donated the full ticket purchase amount to the Foundation.

... to **Cline, Cline & Griffin, Barbara Menear** and **Roberta Wray** for making a donation to the Genesee County Bar Foundation in memory of Carole Dunn Baker.

## Mark Your Calendar

GCBA Annual Golf Outing has been scheduled for Monday, June 4, 2007, at Flushing Valley Golf & Country Club.

## Congratulations

... to **John Lindholm** who is among this year's inductees into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame. He will be inducted May 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Law Day Donations

Thanks to the following contributors for sponsoring student Law Day lunches: **Sherri Belknap; George Brueck; Ward Chapman; Christenson & Fiederlein, P.C.; Dolores Coulter; Michael Kelly; John Lukes; Fred Meiers; and Hon. Larry Stecco.**

## 100,000 Guides

The Flint Journal is printing more than 100,000 attorney guides for distribution in the Sunday, April 29, 2007 paper. To get your FREE 2x2" listing, return the enclosed paperwork to the Journal by March 30, 2007. A category for Other Members (i.e. private client, non profit, retired, honorary) is available with name only. The Journal has already begun promoting the guide (see reverse side of flyer).

## Listserv

The GCBA will begin a member-only Listserv beginning in mid-March. More details will be forthcoming.

## Condolences

... to **Doug Theodoroff** on the death of his father, Theodor (Ted) Theodoroff.

... to **Mark Latchana** on the death of his paternal grandmother.

... to **Craig Fiederlein** on the death of his grandmother, Dorothy Hellspron.

... to **LindaLee Massoud** on the death of her father-in-law, Antoine Massoud.

## Calendar of Events

### March

- 16 Deadline to receive GCBA Board of Directors Nomination form, Herbert A. Milliken Civility Award Nomination form, and Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award Nomination form.
- 19 Monthly Membership Meeting featuring, Kim Cahill, State Bar of Michigan President; 12 noon; Masonic Temple, downtown Flint.
- 19 Professional Practice committee meeting; 1:30 p.m.; GCBA.
- 20 TGIF 5K Run/Walk committee meeting; 12:15 p.m.; Milliken Mediation Room.
- 26 Criminal Law Lunch Break Seminar; 12 noon; Genesee County Circuit Court Jury Room.

### April

- 6 Courts and GCBA closed.
- 10 GCBA Senior Attorneys meeting; 12 noon; Valley Coney Island; No RSVP needed.
- 16 Monthly Membership Meeting featuring, Hon. Jessica R. Cooper of the Michigan Court of Appeals; 12 noon; Masonic Temple, downtown Flint.
- 18 Probate committee meeting; 12 noon; GCBA.
- 23 Criminal Law Seminar; see attached.

# *March Membership Meeting*

*featuring*

## *Kim Cahill*

*President, State Bar of Michigan*

*Monday, March 19, 2007 ♦ Masonic Temple - 12 noon*

*Members will be judging the 2007 Law Day Posters. One winner from each grade level will be chosen.*

# *April Membership Meeting*

*featuring*

## *Hon. Jessica R. Cooper*

*Michigan Court of Appeals*

*Monday, April 16, 2007 ♦ Masonic Temple - 12 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.

RESERVATIONS FOR:

February 26, 2007

March 19, 2007

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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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](mailto:rls@gcbalaw.org); or register on line at [www.gcbalaw.org](http://www.gcbalaw.org). No refunds after the Friday before each luncheon. **No-shows not paid in advance will be billed \$15. TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED!**



Criminal Law Lunch Break Seminar  
Monday, March 26, 2007  
Jury Room ♦ Genesee County Circuit Court  
12 noon – 1:30 p.m.

12:00 – 12:30 p.m.                      Barbara A. Menear, Court Administrator – Defender Program  
7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court

12:30 – 12:45 p.m.                      Jan Burgess, Defender Program Specialist

12:45 – 1:00 p.m.                      Mary Langdon, Principal Account Clerk – Defender Program

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.                      Mary Fortino, Jury Board Administrator

An early R.S.V.P. would be appreciated. Luncheon \$5.00.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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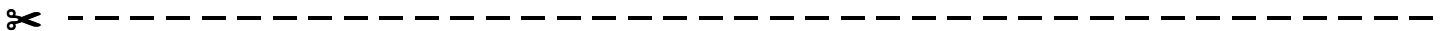
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Mark your calendar for the following tentative schedule:

Monday, April 9, 2007	Sentencing Alternatives
Monday, April 23, 2007	Pretrial and Preliminary Examinations
Monday May 7, 2007	Pleas



# LAW DAY 2007



Theme: *Empowering Youth, Assuring Democracy*

Donations are needed to sponsor student meals for the Law Day luncheon on Friday, May 4, 2007. A modest gift of \$15.00–\$20.00 or more would very much be appreciated and will cover the cost of one student.

## *Luncheon & Awards Ceremony*

*featuring*

### *Vertigo Productions*

*vignette of*

## *“To Kill A Mockingbird”*

#### **Friday, May 4, 2007**

Masonic Temple, downtown Flint  
755 S. Saginaw St.

11:30 - 12:45 p.m. (registration at 11:00 a.m.)

#### **Luncheon Menu**

Chicken breast, twice-baked potato, california vegetable blend, salad, rolls & butter, punch, milk, iced tea, coffee & dessert.

Lunch \$15.00 each

# \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to sponsor a student

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Walk-ins will be charged \$20***

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

#### **METHOD OF PAYMENT**

◆ Check payable to the GCBA: # \_\_\_\_\_

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***Ticket Sales Deadline: April 27, 2007 ◆ Tickets Will Be Held At The Door  
Genesee County Bar Foundation, Activities Sponsor***

***Thanks to Bill & MaryAnn Reising and Lynne Taft & Jim Draper for  
underwriting the cost of the Vertigo Productions***

Return to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502; or fax to (810) 232-8310; or e-mail the GCBA at [rls@gcbalaw.org](mailto:rls@gcbalaw.org). For additional information or special dietary needs, contact the Genesee County Bar Association at (810) 232-6012.

# LAW DAY 2007

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print*

### Law Day Lunch Donations

Donations are needed to sponsor student meals for the Law Day Luncheon. A modest gift of \$15.00–\$20.00 or more would very much be appreciated and will cover the cost of sponsoring student Law Day activities. This year we expect 200 students for the Law Day Luncheon. \$\_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed.

### Law Day Luncheon

Assist with decorations, registration and publicity. \_\_\_\_\_

### Senior Outreach

Speak to senior citizens throughout the county about estate planning, durable power of attorney and many other important issues. \_\_\_\_\_

### Mock Trial Attorney Advisor

Assist high school students with mock trial preparations \_\_\_\_\_

### Teens & The Law

Speak to students, community educators and parents about legal topics. Please select your preferences. \_\_\_\_\_

### Consumer Issues

- Bounced Checks
- Buying a Car
- Consumer Protection
- Credit Cards/CARE Program
- Small Claims Court

### Criminal Law

- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Forfeiture
- Gang Activity
- Graffiti
- Shoplifting
- Vandalism

### Employment Law

- Employment of Minors
- Minimum Wage
- Working Hours

### Family Law

- Abuse and Neglect
- Child Support
- Custody
- Emancipation
- Grandparents Rights/Raising a Grandchild
- Guardianship
- Teen Fathers/Mothers

### Landlord Tenant/Renting a House

- Understanding the Lease
- Rights and Responsibilities

### Miscellaneous

- Babysitting Responsibilities
- Curfews
- Tolerance
- Settlements for minors

### Constitutional Law

- Freedom of Speech/or Religion
- Racial Profiling
- Privacy Law
- Election Law
- Search and Seizure

### Traffic Law

- Driving Impaired
- Fake Identification
- Operating Under the Influence
- Vehicle Searches
- Violations: lights; tinted windows; loud music
- Zero Tolerance

**Fax this form to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310 or mail to 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. Deadline to respond is Friday, March 30, 2007.**

# GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S NOMINATING FORM 2007-2008

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 nominees' **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 nominees' **prior** activities as requested above. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list nominees' **community** activities, including other boards. \_\_\_\_\_

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*Note: If you have not confirmed this nomination, do not submit nominees' 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 fax to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310. THE DEADLINE TO RESPOND IS FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2007, 5:00 P.M.**

# 2007 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.*

Past Recipients

1995 John T. Warren  
1996 Ernest Joseph  
1997 Robert L. Segar  
1999 Dale E. Andrews  
2000 Edwin Jakeway

2001 Jerome F. O'Rourke  
2002 Earl J. Cline  
2003 Richard M. Goldstein  
2004 Kendall B. Williams  
2005 Pamela Wistrand  
2006 Leonard B. Shulman

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

Please explain why this nominee should be awarded the 2007 Herb Milliken 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 16, 2007, by 5:00 p.m.** Please send this form in C/O Committee Chair Orene Bryant, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502 or fax to (810)232-8310.

**ATTORNEY GUIDE  
Participation Agreement**

**Yes!** In celebration of Law Day, I will participate in this very special newspaper supplement to publish in The Flint Journal on Sunday, April 29, 2007. This attorney guide will be distributed to 109,000 homes and printed on glossy paper with all ads in full color. Ad design, production and photographs is included in the below rates.

We will purchase:

_____ Full Page, Full color	5.5"x 9.75"	\$989
_____ Half Page, Full color	5.5" x 4.5"	\$549
_____ 2" Listing		\$199
_____ <b>FREE</b> Specialty Listing (Select from list on back)		
_____ Each Additional Listing		\$ 25

**SPACE  
RESERVATION DUE:  
MARCH 30, 2007**

\*Attorney Name as it will appear in the guide: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*Office Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*City and State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Proof Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\*Information included in **FREE** Specialty Listing

For incremental advertising other than the **FREE** Specialty Listing, Jane Schneider will follow up with you to discuss your ad content and design.

Return or fax completed form to:

The Flint Journal, Jane Schneider 200 E. First St., Flint, MI 48502

Phone: 810.766.6216 Fax: 810.767.8922



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

Please indicate your area of interest. First listing is FREE, additional listings, \$25 each.  
Space Reservation Due: March 30, 2007

Sample Listing:  
(actual size)

**Randall Templeton**  
578 S. Main Street  
Flint, MI 48502  
**(810) 555-1234**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bankruptcy                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Mediation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business Law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Malpractice   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Rights/Constitutional Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Patent, Trademark, Copyright   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment Law                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Law                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Practice                | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Law  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Wills and Estate Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Litigation Defense              | <input type="checkbox"/> Worker's Compensation  |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Other Members (name only to appear)</i><br><i>i.e., private client, non profit, retired, honorary</i> |

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**Return or fax completed form to:**  
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**Phone: 810.766.6216 Fax: 810.767.8922**  
**Email: jschneider@flintjournal.com**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN "ASK THE ATTORNEY" COLUMN WHICH WILL  
BEGIN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2007, CONTACT JANE SCHNEIDER AT  
810.766.6216 OR GO TO GCBALAW.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



## Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award Protocol



The Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award will be considered annually for recognition of a member of the Genesee County Bar Association who demonstrates the highest level of professional excellence in advocacy, and who exemplifies the other principles of the American Inns of Court: Professionalism, Ethics and Civility. The recipient will be selected by the Executive Committee of the Centennial Chapter of the American Inns of Court using the following protocol.

### **Nomination**

The Executive Committee will solicit nominations from the membership of the Genesee County Bar Association at GCBA membership meetings, when appropriate, and using an insert in the GCBA flier. The Inns will provide the flier insert.

### **Selection**

The Executive Committee will consider nominations every year, but the Committee might not select an award recipient every year. The factors considered by the Committee will include:

The use of novel and effective legal arguments or techniques;

The willingness to represent unpopular clients or causes;

The willingness to recognize and promote the interests of the client, including the promotion of settlement or alternative dispute resolution where appropriate;

The promotion of respect for the legal profession and the judicial system by cooperation with all participants in the legal system, including court personnel, opposing counsel, opposing clients, witnesses, and the public; and

Recognition of his/her stewardship in the judicial system by avoidance of conduct that disparages the Courts and its officials and other counsel.

### **Award**

A recipient of the award will be recognized by the President of the Inns at the GCBA annual meeting. The Inns will provide a suitable plaque at its expense.



**2007  
JEROME F. O'ROURKE ADVOCACY AWARD  
NOMINATING FORM**



**Standard**

**The nominee is a member of the Genesee County Bar Association who demonstrates the highest level of professional excellence in advocacy and who exemplifies the other principles of the American Inns of Court: Professionalism, Ethics and Civility.**

The Centennial Chapter of the American Inns of Court established this award in honor of its first president, Jerome F. O'Rourke. The award protocol is described on the opposite page. The Executive Committee of the Centennial Chapter respectfully requests that Genesee County Bar Association members consider nominations for lawyers in any area of practice, including criminal law, family law, and general civil litigation.

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

Please explain why this nominee should be awarded the 2007 Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award:

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

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

The Executive Committee of the Centennial Chapter will consider all nominees. The award recipient will be recognized at the Genesee County Bar Association Annual Meeting on May 21, 2007.

**THE DEADLINE TO RESPOND IS FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2007 (??) BY 5:00 p.m.** Please send this form c/o Centennial Chapter Administrator, Linda A. Pohly, 5091 Miller Road, Flint, Michigan 48507, or fax to 810-733-6120.

# May Membership Meeting featuring Election of Officers & Awards Ceremony

Masonic Temple, downtown Flint ♦ May 21, 2007 ♦ 12 Noon  
\$10.00 per person

- ♦ Election of Officers & Board of Directors
- ♦ 2007 Herbert Milliken Jr., Civility of the Year Award: TBA
- ♦ 2007 Distinguished Case Evaluator of the Year: TBA
- ♦ 2007 Legal Services of Eastern Michigan Pro Bono Attorney of the Year: TBA
- ♦ 2007 Centennial American Inns of Court Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award: TBA
- ♦ 2006 Centennial American Inns of Court Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award recipient Robert L. Segar

**NOTE: The lunch is FREE for Sustaining Members.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets \_\_\_\_\_  Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**No refunds after May 17, 2007**



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*A Little of What's Inside This Issue!*

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