

Genesee County Bar Association

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May Notes N' News

2007

Election of Officers & Awards Ceremony

The GCBA Election of Officers and Awards Ceremony is Monday, May 21, 2007, Masonic Temple, downtown Flint, 12 noon; The lunch is **FREE** for members of the GCBA and their guest, compliments of the Genesee County Bar Foundation, BUT reservations are required. The slate of Officers and Directors are: President **Kurtis L.V. Brown**; Vice President **David S. Leyton**; Treasurer **Timothy H. Knecht**; Secretary **Karen L. Folks**; and Directors **Shayla Blankenship, Orene Bryant, Ridley S. Nimmo II, and Jeremy R.M. Piper**. Awards will be bestowed upon the Distinguished Case Evaluator of the Year **TBA**; the 2007 Herbert Milliken, Jr. Civility Award **TBA**; Pro Bono Attorney of the Year **James C. Dillard**; and 2007 Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award **Gregory T. Gibbs**; 2006 Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award **Robert L. Segar**. The **Genesee County Bar Foundation Annual Meeting will follow immediately**.

Attorney Update

Effective June 1st **Jack Tubbs** of Flint Patent Service will become a Patent Analyst for Landon IP, Inc., in Southfield, MI. Jack would like to thank the GCBA for its support during the past four years.

Congratulations

Francine Cullari has received her MBA from University of Michigan – Flint and has been inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the national honor society for business graduates. She continues her full-time practice and teaches Business Law at the University of Michigan.

Case Evaluation Late Fee Donors

Thanks to **Charles McKone** and **Robert Chimovitz** for donating their Circuit Court Case Evaluation late fees. Donations are placed in a restricted account for long term maintenance of the building.

Condolences

. . . to **Richard Hamilton** on the death of his mother, Elinor Beatrice Hamilton, who passed on April 16, 2007.

Yeotis Lifetime Achievement Tribute

On Tuesday, May 15, 2007, the Honorable Thomas C. Yeotis will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Tribute hosted by the Centennial American Inns of Court on behalf of the Genesee County Bar Foundation at the Flint Golf Club. Congratulations Judge Yeotis!

Thanks

. . . to **David Leyton, James Zimmer, Robert MacDonald, Edward Henneke, The Williams Firm** and **Julia Black** for contributing to the Annual Meeting. Thanks to the generosity of the **Genesee County Bar Foundation** for graciously agreeing to pay for the annual meeting.

. . . to **Richard Barron** for donating two tickets to the Genesee County Bar Foundation for the Flint Symphony Orchestra with a request that a contribution be made to the Genesee County Bar Foundation. **Michael and Alice Edmunds** purchased the tickets and made a generous donation to the Foundation.

. . . to **Judge Allen Nelson** for making a donation to the Genesee County Bar Foundation in memory of Michael B. Rizik Sr.

Gadola's Motion Day Schedule Change

Effective Monday, June 4, 2007, all of Judge John A. Gadola's afternoon motions will be scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Judge Gadola will no longer use the staggered time schedule of 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. Judge Gadola's morning motion call schedule will remain as is. This change is being made to alleviate the necessity of Judge Gadola's motion call going any later than 5:00 p.m. Motions not heard due to scheduling conflict of counsel will automatically be adjourned to the next available motion day. Notification will be made to interested parties of the time change in any motions that are currently scheduled on Monday, June 4, 2007, as well as motions currently scheduled on any Monday after that. We appreciate your assistance in making this transition as smooth as possible.

Attorney Window at 68th District Court

The attorney window will require carbons w/ paperwork filed as they oftentimes have multiple filings which are time consuming. Signs will go up designating the attorney's window.

Listserv

One of the outcomes of the Board of Directors strategic planning efforts was the creation of a member only e-mail listserv. We are pleased to announce this listserv is now available. Below is an invitation to join a general discussion listserv that is available to all GCBA members. You can subscribe any time at <http://lists.gcbalaw.org>

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 to add your name to the list.

Law Day Donations

Thanks to the following contributors for sponsoring student Law Day lunches: **Nancy Abraham; Ira Bare; Hon. Duncan Beagle; Carl Bekofske; Sherri Belknap; Carolyn Boegner; Tim Bograkos; George Brueck; Orene Bryant; Howard Bueche; Clay Carter; Ward Chapman; Sharon Chapel; Darryl Chimko; Christenson & Fiederlein, P.C.; Dolores Coulter; Dawn Crichton; Carol Fallis; Karen Folks; John Folts; Hon. Paul Gadola; Ron Haldy; Arthur Hurand; Daniel Jaworski; Michael Kelly; Mary Lazar; David Leyton; John Lukes; Robert MacDonald; LindaLee Massoud; Fred Meiers; Barbara Menear; Tracey Merithew; Jill Nylander; Gilbert Rubenstein; Richard Ruhala; Hon. Larry Stecco; Tess Sullivan; Lynne Taft; Michael Tesner; and Anthony Tomaszewski.** Thanks also to **Lynne Taft** and her husband **Jim Draper** and **H. William & MaryAnn Reising** for sponsoring the theatrical production of "To Kill A Mockingbird."

Calendar of Events

May

- 10 GCBA Senior Attorneys meeting; 12 noon; Valley Coney Island; no RSVP needed.
- 15 Lifetime Tribute honoring Hon. Thomas C. Yeotis, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Flint Golf Club.
- 16 Bankruptcy Seminar for the Non-Bankruptcy Practitioner; 12 noon; Masonic Temple, downtown Flint. See enclosed flyer for additional information.
- 21 Monthly Membership Meeting featuring the Election of Officers & Directors, and Awards Ceremony; 12 noon; Masonic Temple, downtown Flint. See enclosed flyer for additional information.
- 28 Courts and GCBA closed.
- 30 GCBA 5K Run/Walk Committee meeting; 12:15 p.m.; Milliken Mediation Room.
- 30 Cocktail Reception for Incoming President Kurtis L.V. Brown; 5 p.m.; Big Easy Restaurant.

June

- 4 Golf Outing
- 15 5K Road Race





Bankruptcy Seminar for the Non-Bankruptcy Practitioner

Wednesday, May 16, 2007 ♦ Masonic Temple
Registration and Lunch 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. ♦ Seminar 12:30 - 4 p.m.

- \$20 GCBA Members (lunch/materials included)
- \$40 for Non-GCBA Members (lunch/materials included)

SPEAKERS

JUDGE DANIEL OPPERMAN , U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge for Flint and Bay City	MICHAEL MASON , Chapter 7 Trustee
CARL L. BEKOFKSKE , Standing Chapter 13 Trustee	ERWIN F. MEIERS , Bankruptcy Practitioner
LAURA BRECKENRIDGE , Chapter 13 Practitioner	BARBARA FOLEY , Staff Attorney to Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Trustee
REX ANDERSON , Bankruptcy Practitioner	

TOPICS

THE COURT'S VIEW, BANKRUPTCY OVERVIEW FOR THE NON - BANKRUPTCY PRACTITIONER

CHAPTER 7 ISSUES FOR THE NON - BANKRUPTCY PRACTITIONER

Who is a good Chapter 7 candidate	Exemption issues (what the debtor can keep when filing)
Top reasons for filing	“How not to run afoul of Judge Opperman”

CHAPTER 13 ISSUES FOR THE NON - BANKRUPTCY PRACTITIONER

Who is a good chapter 13 candidate	What chapter 13 can do for the debtor
Top reasons to file chapter 13	DSOs and payment of DSOs in the ongoing chapter 13 case
Discharge of Domestic Support Obligations (DSOs) in the chapter 13 case, under what circumstances	

DOMESTIC RELATIONS ISSUES IN CHAPTER 7 AND CHAPTER 13

What is a DSO	How is the DSO provided for in the Bankruptcy Code?
To what does the Automatic Stay apply?	How to avoid the Automatic Stay when necessary

EXCEPTIONS TO THE AUTOMATIC STAY – OTHER THAN FOR DOMESTIC MATTERS

Landlord Tenant issues	Other 362 stay issues
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COMMON CONSUMER LAW CAUSES OF ACTION

Fair Debt Collection Practices Act violations	Adversarial proceedings in bankruptcy cases
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

REGISTRATION

An early RSVP is appreciated. No refunds after 5-10-07. Walk-ins will be charged an additional \$10.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$ _____ I will pay at the door.

Credit Card Payments: Debit Visa Master Card Exp. Date: _____ Last 3#'s on back of card _____

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May Membership Meeting featuring Election of Officers & Awards Ceremony

Masonic Temple, downtown Flint ♦ May 21, 2007 ♦ 12 Noon

♦ Election of Officers & Board of Directors:

<i>President</i> Kurtis L. V. Brown	2007-2008	<i>Vice President</i> David S. Leyton	2007-2008
<i>Treasurer</i> Timothy H. Knecht	2007-2008	<i>Secretary</i> Karen L. Folks	2007-2008
<i>Director</i> Shayla Blankenship	2007-2010	<i>Director</i> Orene Bryant	2007-2010
<i>Director</i> Ridley S. Nimmo, II	2007-2010	<i>Director</i> Jeremy R.M. Piper	2007-2010

- ♦ 2007 Herbert Milliken Jr., Civility of the Year Award: **Richmond M. Riggs**
- ♦ 2007 Distinguished Case Evaluator of the Year: **Walter P. Griffin**
- ♦ 2007 Legal Services of Eastern Michigan Pro Bono Attorney of the Year: **James C. Dillard**
- ♦ 2007 Centennial American Inns of Court Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award: **Gregory T. Gibbs**
- ♦ 2006 Centennial American Inns of Court Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award: **Robert L. Segar**

Genesee County Bar Foundation Annual Meeting to Follow Immediately

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Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Fax your reservation to (810) 232-8310 or email your reservation to gcbalaw.org.

NOTE: As a courtesy, please contact the GCBA at (810) 232-6012 if you need to cancel your reservation so that money is not unnecessarily spent on the cost of your luncheon.

GCBA 5K Run for the BAR

Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteer Name _____ Phone# _____

Please Print

Email Address: _____

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE INDICATE YOUR SHIRT SIZE (Circle) S M L XL XXL

RACE DAY: Friday, June 15, 2007

(time includes 30 minute orientation)

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Deliver supplies | 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | (4 volunteers needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Picnic | 2:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. | (10 volunteers needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Office volunteers & finish line | 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | (10 volunteers needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course volunteers | 5:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | (20 volunteers needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Clean-up | 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | (10 volunteers needed) |

Note: Volunteers can check off more than one time slot.

Event Sponsor Opportunities

- \$350.00 Supreme Court Sponsors**

 - ◆ Logo on t-shirt sleeve: limited to 2 donors
 - ◆ Listing in *Bar Beat* ◆ 2 race entries ◆ 2 t-shirts
- ◆ **\$250.00 Court of Appeals Sponsors**

 - ◆ Larger name printed on top back of t-shirt (imprint area: approx 4.5" x 2"): limited to 3 donors
 - ◆ Listing in *Bar Beat* ◆ 2 race entries ◆ 2 t-shirts
- ◆ **\$200.00 Circuit Court Sponsors**

 - ◆ Name printed on back of t-shirt (imprint area: approx 1" x 3"): limited to 7 donors
 - ◆ Listing in *Bar Beat* ◆ 2 race entries ◆ 2 t-shirts
- ◆ **\$150.00 Post Race Party Sponsor**

 - ◆ Name printed on banner: limited to 3 donors
 - ◆ Listing in *Bar Beat* ◆ 2 race entries ◆ 2 t-shirts
- ◆ **\$100.00 Finish Line Refreshment Sponsor**

 - ◆ Name printed on race-day refreshment sign: limited to 10 donors
 - ◆ Listing in *Bar Beat* ◆ 1 race entry ◆ 1 t-shirt
- ◆ **\$ 50.00 Water Station Sponsor**

 - ◆ Name printed on race-day water station sign: limited to 10 donors
 - ◆ Listing in *Bar Beat* ◆ 1 race entry ◆ 1 t-shirt

Sponsor Name _____ Phone# _____

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2007 Genesee County Bar Association Annual Golf Outing

Join Your Friends, Colleagues and Members of the Legal Community at the
FLUSHING VALLEY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB ♦ MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2007

Schedule:

11:00 a.m. Registration and Driving Range Open
12:00 noon Hot Dogs, Burgers, Brats, Chicken, Chips, Pop
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
6:15 p.m. Steak Dinner
Non-golfers may join us for dinner

Prizes

♦ 1st Place, 2nd Place ♦ Hole-in-1
♦ Closest to the Pin male & female ♦ 50/50 Raffle
♦ Longest Drive male & female ♦ Door prizes for all

Price Includes: ♦ Driving Range ♦ Golf & Cart ♦ Lunch ♦ Steak Dinner

*Please note: Golf fees are not waived for Flushing Valley Golf and Country Club members.
Dress Code: shirts with collars and no blue jeans.*

TEAM (4 person scramble) **LIMITED NUMBER OF TEAMS AVAILABLE: PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!**

Name _____ Name _____
Captain _____

Name _____ Name _____

Telephone Number: _____

Payment

\$125 p/person x _____ = \$ _____ \$125 tee/green sign x _____ = \$ _____
\$175 embroidered flag x ____ = \$ _____ \$25 dinner for non-golfers = \$ _____
TOTAL DUE = \$ _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Make checks payable to the Genesee County Bar Association. I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$ _____

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*For more information, contact Committee Co-Chairs Craig Fiederlein (810) 232-1112 or Gwyn Abbott at (810) 694-1215
or the GCBA at (810) 232-6012.*

Register by May 28, 2007



*INCOMING PRESIDENTS
COCKTAIL RECEPTION*

honoring

Kurtis L.V. Brown

Wednesday, May 30, 2007 ♦ 5 p.m.

Big Easy Grill and Oyster Bar
(formally Bubba's)
G-5311 Corunna Rd.
Flint, MI 48532

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres
Cash Bar

To RSVP contact:

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