



May Notes N' News 2013

### **Election of Officers and Awards Ceremony**

The GCBA Election of Officers and Awards Ceremony is Monday, May 20, 2013, Flint Golf Club, 3100 Lakewood Drive, Flint, 12 noon. Slate of proposed officers and directors: President Erwin F. Meiers, III; Vice President Jeffrey J. Himelhoch; Treasurer Michael A. Kowalko; Secretary Shayla D. Blankenship; and Directors James N. Bauer; Sherri L. Belknap; Kyle R. Riem; Angela Watkins; and Craig McAra. Awards will be bestowed for each of the following: The 2013 Herbert Milliken, Jr. Civility Award Robert M. Chimovitz and the 2013 GCBA Young Lawyer Award Erwin F. Meiers, III; and The Legal Services of Eastern Michigan Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award Rhonda Stowers.

#### Condolences

To **Hon. F. Kay Behm** on the death of her father, William Courter, who passed away April 23, 2013.

#### **Genesee County Bar Foundation**

Thank you to **Carl L. Bekofske** for his donation in memory of William Courter.

#### **Case Evaluation Late Fee Donors**

Thanks to **Kurtis Brown** and **Chris Ebbott** for donating their Case Evaluation late fees, which are placed in a restricted building account.

#### **New Members**

Welcome to our newest member: **Mary Blaney** and our newest Affiliate Member: **Jennifer Koester.** 

### **Election to the SBM Family Law Council**

There will be an election at the next Family Law council meeting, Saturday, June 1, at The Double Tree Hotel, 42100 Crescent Blvd. Novi, MI 48375 to fill two vacant seats. Breakfast is served at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting starts at 9:30. Dress is casual. The two vacancies are for 1) a term expiring September 2013 and 2) a term expiring September 2015. Applications should be submitted to chair-elect, Jim Harrington at jjh@jjharringtonlaw.com and chair, Traci Rink at rinkt@oakgov.com). All Family Law Section members are eligible for election to one of the 21 seats on the Family Law Council.

### **Law Day Donations**

Thank you to Sherry Belknap, Julia Black, Dolores Coulter, John Folts, Lynnmarie Johnson, Barbara Menear, Chief John Mullaly, Gerald Parks, Tamara Phillips, Richmond Riggs, Richard Ruhala and Lynne Taft for their Law Day donations.

### The Verdict

The GCBA private showing of The Verdict has been postponed. The movie will be rescheduled in the fall. Prepayments will be fully refunded. If you have any questions please contact at (810) 232-6012.

#### **District Court Notice**

Effective immediately, the 67<sup>th</sup> District and 68th Courts will no longer affix a "true copy" stamp to any filings submitted to the Court.

- ~ Dena Altheide, Director of Court Operations, 67<sup>th</sup> District Court
- ~ Paul McGlown, Court Administrator, 68th District Court

### **GCBA Senior Attorneys**

The GCBA senior attorneys will meet on June 14th at 12 noon at Valley Coney Island, at Linden and Miller Rd. Anyone over 65 (retired or not) is welcome to attend.

### **CCJ Board of Director Openings**

The Board of Directors of CCJ (the Center for Civil Justice) would like to appoint one or two additional attorneys to its board of directors. CCJ is accepting applications from attorneys who would like to be considered for its Board. CCJ is a nonprofit law firm serving low income people in Saginaw, Genesee and 12 surrounding counties. We use legal expertise, informed by the experiences of low income people, to monitor and improve public policy and access to governmental programs and services. CCJ is a recognized expert on the law of programs that provide food, healthcare, and other critical help to vulnerable people. Our unique advocacy role in the state has been recognized nationally by the Food Research and Action Center, and in Michigan by the Food Bank Council of Michigan and the Michigan League for Public Policy. CCJ's advocacy is oriented toward identifying and solving systemic problems. Serving on CCJ's board offers a rewarding opportunity for lawyers to share their talents and expertise to benefit their communities. If you would like to learn more about CCJ and our work, you can check out our website, www.cci-mi.org, like us on facebook, or sign up for our newsletter. For more information about CCJ or what is expected of board members e-mail carolynbe@uawlsp.com.



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### **Are You Yarning to Help?**

The GBCA still needs volunteers to knit and crochet hats, scarves, and mittens for our guests at the Annual Community Holiday Dinner. There is plenty of yarn available to anyone who is willing to help – lawyers, staff, family members, or friends. Just come to the GCBA office to pick up whatever materials you think you will be able to use. Contact Linda Pohly at 733-7480, for patterns and project ideas.



## 35th ANNUAL GCBA GOLF SCRAMBLE

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2013 CAPTAIN'S CLUB AT WOODFIELD SHOTGUN START 9:00 A.M.

#### **COUNTDOWN:**

**39** days to 35th Annual Golf Outing

### **Golf Outing**

Thanks to those who have committed early to sponsor the 2013 Golf Outing. Please remember to support businesses that support the GCBA! Contact us at (810) 232-6012 for sponsorship information.

#### Flag Sponsors

Carl Bekofske
Christenson & Fiederlein
Dort Federal Credit Union
Ebbott Law Office
Law Office of Bruce Leach
Ripka, Boroski & Associates, LLC
The Williams Firm
Yeo & Yeo

#### **Tee and Green Sponsors**

Jeff Wright
Mediation Services by Larry Day
McCredie Insurance Agency
Remington's Food & Spirits
Temple Dining Room
Torch Bar and Grill

### **Door Prize Sponsors**

Black Forest at Wilderness Valley Golf Resort Hurley Health & Fitness Italia Gardens Little Joe's Paul Goebel Group

### **Goody Bag Sponsors**

**HAP East Central Division** 

### **Golf Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers are needed for the 2013 Golf Scramble. If you are interested, please contact the GCBA at (810) 232-6012 or emh@gcbalaw.org.



### Vacancy - Board Member, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan is a nonprofit organization that gives free civil legal help to low-income people. Their mission is to use legal skills to address the causes and effects of poverty, especially those that affect a low-income person's ability to survive.

GCBA appoints three members to LSEM's Board of Directors. Currently, there is one vacancy for a term expiring December 31, 2013. If you are interested in filling this vacancy please contact GCBA Executive Director Tatilia "Tina" Burroughs at (810) 232-6012 or by email at <a href="typb@gcbalaw.org">typb@gcbalaw.org</a>.

According to regulations passed by the Legal Services Corporation in Washington, board members to local legal services agencies are to be appointed by local bar associations. The regulations do not require any particular method of appointment. Bar associations may have elections, ask for volunteers, or a Legal Aid Committee or the President of the Bar can make an appointment.

Meetings for the Board are held the third Wednesday of odd months, (January, March, May, July, September and November). They rotate between LSEM's Flint and Saginaw offices.

Board meetings usually last approximately 2 hours. Members should plan on spending 1 hour per month reviewing board meeting materials or updates from the Director.

Board members are encouraged to participate in committee work although it is not mandated. When active, committee involvement would be approximately 2-5 hours per month.

### LSEM's committees include:

Audit - responsible to review annual audit; select auditing firm every 3 years

By-Laws - responsible for updating/revising by-laws when needed

Executive - consists of a president, vice-presidents, a secretary and a treasurer

Executive Director's Evaluation – responsible for evaluation of the executive director annually

Finance – responsible for reviewing agency budgets; evaluating financial status of agency Litigation – reviews litigation for agency

LSEM/CCJ joint - members work with Board members from the Center for Civil Justice on projects; potential funding

Personnel/Grievance - responsible to address any personnel or client grievances issues Nominating - responsible for developing a slate of officers each January

### 2013 Legal Services of Eastern Michigan

### Legal Advice Clinic Volunteer Attorney

#### Recruitment Form

Volunteering for the Legal Advice Clinic at the offices of Legal Services of Eastern Michigan can be done once a month on a Friday morning, and is an easy and fulfilling way to satisfy pro bono commitments. The Clinic runs from 9:15 a.m. – 12:00 noon. During the Clinic, each of several volunteer attorneys will speak with 3 – 4 clients. The clinic appointments begin at 9:30 a.m. and run through 12:00 p.m., with individual appointments taking about 30-45 minutes.

If you would be interested in participating in one or more of these Friday Legal Advice Clinics, please indicate your name, contact information, and which dates you will be available to commit to below and return the form. The contribution of your time and skills is appreciated.

Attorney:	Practice Areas:
Address:	
Phone:	Email:
January 25, 2013	July 19, 2013
February 15, 2013	August 16, 2013
March 15, 2013	September 20, 2013
April 19, 2013	October 18, 2013
May 17, 2013	November 15, 2013
June 21, 2013	December 20, 2013

Please send completed form to:
Jill Nylander, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan
436 South Saginaw Street
Flint, MI 48502

(810) 234-2621 ext: 126 (810) 234-9039 Fax number

Email: jnylander@lsem-mi.org

# May Membership Meeting featuring Election of Officers & Awards Ceremony



### Flint Golf Club Monday, May 20, 2013 ♦ 12 Noon

### Election of Officers & Board of Directors:

President Erwin F. Meiers, III	2013-2014	Director James N. Bauer	2013-2016
Vice President Jeffrey J. Himelhoch	2013-2013	Director Sherri L. Belknap	2013-2016
Treasurer Michael A. Kowalko	2013-2014	Director Kyle R. Riem	2013-2016
Secretary Shayla D. Blankenship	2013-2014	Director Angela Watkins	2012-2016
		Director Craig McAra	2013-2014

### Awards:

2013 Herbert Milliken Jr. Civility Award: Robert M. Chimovitz

2013 GCBA Young Lawyer Award: Erwin F. Meiers, III

2013 Legal Services of Eastern Michigan Pro Bono Attorney of the Year: Rhonda Stowers

## Genesee County Bar Foundation Annual Meeting to Immediately Follow



### Enjoy an afternoon of golf and camaraderie at

The Flint Golf Club

Special Offer to GCBA Members & Friends!

\$25: 9 holes with cart \$50: 18 holes with cart

3:30 p.m. (or after) tee time

Golf Dress Code:

Shirts with collars; no metal spikes, tank tops, gym shorts, cutoffs or blue jeans.



### **Annual Meeting & Election of Officers Registration Form:**

An early R.S.V.P. would be appreciated. Luncheon free to Sustaining Members. \$17 members; \$22 non-members; \$22 walk-ins. Unpaid no-shows will be billed \$22.

Name:	Phone #:
Annual Meeting	Flint Golf Club Fees (optional)
	\$25 p/golfer for 9 holes with cart x = \$
	\$50 p/golfer for 18 holes with cart x = \$
☐ Non-member - \$22	
☐ Total = \$	
Payment Information: /	make checks payable to the GCBA)
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Credit card information:	
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Credit Card Account #:	
Exp. date: L	ast 3#'s on back of card:
Name as appears on card:	
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Phone #:	
Golf Information:	

**MAIL** registration form with check to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. **FAX** registration form with credit card information to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310. **ON-LINE** register on-line at www.gcbalaw.org. **Telephone reservations are not accepted.** 



### YOUNG LAWYERS LUNCH N' LEARN SERIES



featuring

### Jane O'Dell

# **Executive Director Community Resolution Center**on

# **Providing Equal Access to Mediation**

Thursday, May 23, 2013 **→** 12 noon

at the

### **Genesee County Bar Association**

315 E. Court St. ◆ Flint, MI 48502

Open to attorneys with five or fewer years of practice, or those under the age of 35. Reservations are absolutely required. Luncheon cost is \$5, non-members \$10. Unpaid no-shows will be billed \$10. Thanks to the GCBF MacGregor Fund for underwriting some of the costs related to the luncheon.

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### "PROBATE, ESTATE PLANNING, AND LITIGATION UPDATES"

From the GCBA Probate Committee

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013**

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration

9:00 - 1:00 p.m. Riverfront Banquet Center

□ \$25 GCBA member (including Affiliate Members)
 □ \$50 Non-member (fee must accompany registration)
 □ \$15 Added for walk-ins (seating not guaranteed)

\$ Total amount enclosed:

Fee includes: Materials and refreshments.

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 (810) 232-6012.

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

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Credit Card Payment:	□VISA	□MasterCard	
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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.

### FACULTY AND TOPICS

### Hon. Joseph Farah

Rules of Evidence

### Edward Henneke, John Zintsmaster and Linda Pohly

Accountings and Tax Preparation

### **James Bauer**

**Update from Probate Court** 

### Barbara Hunyady

Statutory/Case Law Updates

#### **David Lawson**

Drafting Tips: Powers of Attorney, Certificates of Trust, Ladybird Deeds

### Craig Wright

Do's and Don'ts

### **CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

Name		
Address		
City	_State	_Zip
Phone		
Email		

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### LOCATION



Riverfront
Banquet Center
1 Riverfront Center W.
Flint, MI 48502
(810) 768-2000

Conveniently located in the Riverfront Center Building in the heart of the beautifully revitalized Downtown Flint.



### 2013 Genesee County Bar Association 35th Annual Golf Scramble



# Friday, June 21, 2013 ♦ 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start Captain's Club at Woodfield

10200 Woodfield Dr., Grand Blanc, MI + (810) 695-5555

Schedule		Prizes	Games (additional Cost)
♦ 8:00 a.m.	Registration	♦1st Place, 2nd Place	♦50/50 Raffle
	Complimentary Driving Range	♦Hole-in-1	<b>♦</b> Prize Raffle
	Continental Breakfast	♦50/50 Raffle	◆Deck of Cards
♦ 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start		◆Longest Drive male & female	
♦ Hot Dogs or	the turn; Buffet immediately following scramble	◆Closest to the Pin male & female	

#### \$105 Price Includes

◆ Driving Range ◆ Golf & Cart ◆ Continental Breakfast ◆ Hot Dogs on the turn ◆ Buffet Lunch

TEAM (4 person scramble)	
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Telephone Number:	Individual golfers will be assigned to a team
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I cannot attend but would like to make a donation of \$	
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five days of the scramble or thereafter.

Register by May 17, 2013 → Please support your local Bar Association



# 2013 GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 35th ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE



Friday, June 21, 2013 ♦ Captain's Club at Woodfield

### FLAG & TEE/GREEN ADVERTISING FORM

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315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502 Phone: (810) 232-6012 ♦ Fax (810) 232-8310

Email: gcba@gcbalaw.org Web Site: www.gcbalaw.org

### 2013 - 2014 ANNUAL DUES

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### 2013-2014 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.

Fax this form by September 27, 2013 to the GCBA at 810-232-8310 or mail to:

Genesee County Bar Association 315 E. Court St. Flint, MI 48502

### PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GCBA.

Commit	<u>ttees</u>	
_	ADR	Bar Beat
_	Bench and Bar	Criminal Law & Defender
_	District Court	Family Court
_	Federal Practice	Golf Outing
_	Law Day	Lawyer Referral
_	Legal Aid	Probate Committee
_	Professional Practice	& Ethics
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### RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 27, 2013 FAX TO (810) 232-8310

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### Family Law Council Application

Name:	P-Number:
Address:	
Telephone Number:	Facsimile:
E-Mail Address:	_
Professional Accreditations and Affiliat	ions:
Date Admitted to the Michigan Bar:	
Professional Accomplishments, includir presentations, etc.:	ng publications, seminar presentations, media
Service to the State Bar Family Law Section, including committee work, dates of Council meetings attended:	
Provide a brief summary of your reason Council position, and what you hope to	s for requesting nomination as a candidate for a achieve during your tenure.