



GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

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May Notes N' News

2025

Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers is Monday, May 19, 2025 at the Flint Farmers' Market, 12 noon. The Foundation meeting will immediately follow. Slate of proposed officers and directors: President **Elias J. Fanous**, Vice President **Eric J. Mead**, Treasurer **Richard D. Hetherington**, Secretary **Cara Willing** and Directors **Eric M. Froats**, **Steven M. Robb**, **Amneh Sheikh-Khalil** and **Christopher A. Stritmatter**.

Annual Awards Night

Congratulations to 2025 Herbert A. Milliken Jr. Civility Award recipient **Barbara C. Dawes**; the 2025 Roberta J.F. Wray Award for Excellence in Legal Advocacy recipient **Janet L. McLaren**; LSEM Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award recipient **Elias J. Fanous**; and 2025 Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy recipient **Kyle D.W. Lawrey**. The GCBA and Centennial American Inn of Court will have a joint awards night on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 5:30 p.m. outdoors at Brick Street of Grand Blanc. RSVP today!

Case Evaluation

Thank you to **Sean Siebigteroth** for donating their Case Evaluation late fees, which are placed in a restricted building account.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Audrey Forbush** on being selected by Crain's Detroit Business as one of the news publication's 2025 Notable Litigators & Trial Attorneys.

Welcome

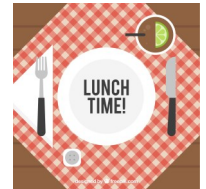
Welcome new member **Bernard Jocuns**.

Admission Ceremony

Congratulations to those who passed the State Bar Examination. The GCBA will host an admission ceremony for new admittees on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., in the courtroom of the Honorable Dawn M. Weier, Genesee County Circuit Court, 900 S. Saginaw Street, Flint. If you wish to participate in the ceremony, please register by Monday, June 6, 2025 at <https://tinyurl.com/bd2arzky>.

GCBA Senior Attorneys

The GCBA Senior luncheon will be Thursday, June 12, 2025, 12 noon, at Redwood Lodge, located at 5304 Gateway Centre Blvd., off Hill Rd., close to US 23 and I-75. 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.



Genesee County Bar Foundation

Thanks to **LindaLee Massoud** for making a donation in memory of Hon. Archie L. Hayman.

Thanks to **Jakeway, Jakeway & Jakeway, P.C.** for making a donation in memory of David S. Ripka.

Donate to the Genesee County Bar Foundation by [clicking here](#).

Genesee County Bar Foundation Scholarship Opportunities

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.

Details on the grant can be found [here](#). 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.

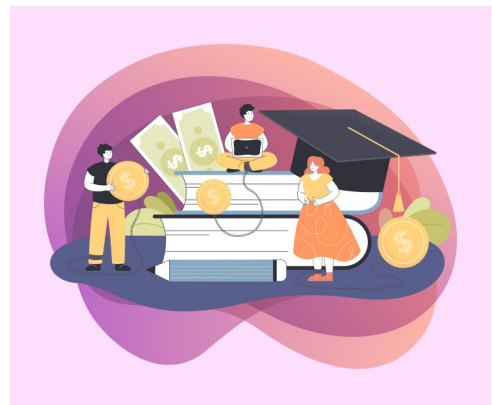


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Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

May 19, 2025 • 12 noon
Flint Farmers' Market
Ramsdell Room
300 E. 1st St. • Flint, MI 48502

Election of Officers & Board of Directors:

President Elias J. Fanous	2025 – 2026
Vice President Eric J. Mead	2025 – 2026
Treasurer Richard D. Hetherington	2025 – 2026
Secretary Cara Willing	2025 – 2026
Director Eric M. Froats	2025 – 2028
Director Steven M. Robb	2025 – 2028
Director Amneh Sheikh-Khalil	2025 – 2028
Director Christopher A. Stritmatter	2025 – 2028

*Genesee County
Bar Foundation
Annual Meeting
to Immediately
Follow*

This is an official business meeting and our bylaws state the following in Article III, section 3: "At least forty-five (45) members of the Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any General Membership Meeting or the Annual Meeting." Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks to Judge B. Chris Christenson for being our Dessert Sponsor

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RSVP Deadline:
May 14th

Registration Fees:

- ☐ Sustaining Member - Free
- ☐ GCBA Member - \$12
- ☐ Non-member - \$15
- ☐ Walk-ins - \$15
- ☐ Unpaid no-shows - \$15

Event Registration:

- ☐ May 19, 2025

Cancellation Policy:

No refunds for cancellations the day of the luncheon.



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Mail: 315 E. Court St. • Flint, MI 48502. Fax: to (810) 232-8310. On-line: register at www.gcbalaw.org.
Telephone reservations are not accepted.

2025 MAY 28TH 5:30-7:00

Genesee County Bar Association
&
Centennial American Inn of Court

JOINT AWARDS NIGHT

Guest Speaker: Dayna Harper, ED.D
Community Resolution Center

Herbert A. Milliken Jr. Civility Award
Recipient: Barbara C. Dawes

Roberta J.F. Wray Award for Excellence in Legal Advocacy
Recipient: Janet L. McLaren

LSEM Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award
Recipient: Elias J. Fanous

Jerome O'Rourke Advocacy Award
Recipient: Kyle D. W. Lawrey

BRICKSTREET OF GRAND BLANC

1223 E. Grand Blanc Rd

\$30 for non-Inn of Court Members -Cash Bar
RSVP to: gcbalaw.org

Checks can be made payable to: Centennial Inn of Court and mailed to
GCBA or brought the night of the event



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2025 ANNUAL PROBATE COMMITTEE SEMINAR

From the GCBA Probate Committee
Thursday, June 5, 2025 ♦ Mott Community College

PLEASE REGISTER BY MAY 23, 2025

THURSDAY, June 5, 2025

8:30 - 8:50 a.m. Registration

8:50 - 1:00 p.m. Mott Community College RTC1301

REGISTRATION FEE

- ☐ \$25 GCBA member
- ☐ \$25 GCBA member staff (per person)
- ☐ \$50 Non-member (fee must accompany registration)
- ☐ \$15 Added for walk-ins

\$_____ Total amount enclosed.

Fee includes: Materials and refreshments. Seating and material not guaranteed for late registrations

***Genesee County Bar Association Members:** The reduced rate for this seminar is brought to you by the Genesee County Bar Foundation MacGregor Fund. For more information, or to join the GCBA, call (810) 232-6000. Please RSVP by 5/23/2025*

FACULTY AND TOPICS

8:30 a.m. *Registration. Breakfast will be served.*

8:50 a.m. *Opening Remarks*
Eric J. Mead, Chairperson of the GCBA Probate Committee
Eric J. Mead, Mead & Stout, PLLC

9:00 a.m. *Funeral Planning*
RJ Sharp & Bradley Foster, Sharp Funeral Home

10:00 a.m. *Tax Preparation for Estates & Fiduciaries*
Steve Treece, Yeo & Yeo CPA's & Advisors

10:50 a.m. *Break*

11:00 a.m. *Evidence in Probate Proceedings*
Hon. Joseph J. Farah, retired Circuit Court Judge

12:00 p.m. *Probate Bonding*
Richard McNally, Carl Mason Agency

12:30 p.m. *Probate Court Update: Law & Court Rules*
Samuel Olson, Genesee County Probate Court

METHOD OF PAYMENT

☐ I have enclosed check # _____ payable to the GCBA.

Credit Card Payment: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard
☐ American Express

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Mail registration form with check to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. **Fax** registration and credit card information to the GCBA at 810-232-8310. **Online** registration may be made at www.gcbalaw.org

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.

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

LOCATION

**Mott Community College
Regional Technology Center - 1301
1401 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48503**



47th Annual Golf Outing

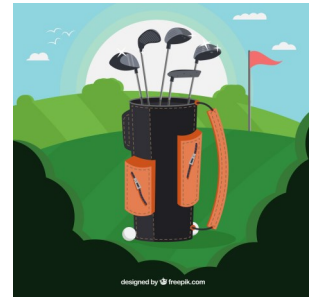
Thanks to everyone who supported the 2025 Annual Golf Outing

Flag Sponsors:

- Piper Legal In Memory of Harry Barrett
- The Fireplace of Lake Fenton
- In Loving Memory of Mita Pogonis
- CF Legal PC
- Judge Jessica Hammon, 67th District Court
- Jeff Wright, Drain Commissioner
- Judge Chris Christenson
- Mead & Stout PLLC
- Prosecutor David Leyton
- Law Office of Bruce Leach
- Hamo Law Firm

Tee/Green Sponsors:

- Hamo Law Firm
- The Fireplace of Lake Fenton
- McCredie Insurance Agency, Inc
- Soggy Bottom Bar & Wolverine Bump & Paint
- Judge Mark C. McCabe
- Cline, Cline, & Griffin
- Jeff Wright, Drain Commissioner
- Mead & Stout PLLC
- Attorney Matthew L. Norwood
- Shane Adams Group



Donors & Door Prize Sponsors:

- SweetGrass Golf Club
- The Fireplace of Lake Fenton
- Aubree's Pizzeria & Grill
- Atlas Valley Golf Club
- The Fireplace of Lake Fenton
- Copper Ridge Golf Club
- Goodrich Country Club
- North End
- Fenton Farms Golf Club

Donations Needed

Please consider donating a gift certificate to your favorite restaurant for a door prize at the golf outing. Contact Tina at tyb@gcbalaw.org or 810-232-6000 ext. 101 for more information.

2025 Genesee County Bar Association 47th Annual Golf Scramble

Monday, June 16, 2025
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Flint Golf Club
3100 Lakewood Dr., Flint, MI

Schedule

- 11:00 a.m. Registration
Complimentary Driving Range
- 11:00 a.m. Hot Dog Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
- Buffet Dinner immediately following scramble

Games (additional cost):

- 50/50 Raffle
- Door Prize Raffle
- Lottery Ticket Board Raffle

Prizes

- 1st Place, 2nd Place
- Longest Drive male & female
- Closest to the Pin male & female

\$175 Price Includes

Driving Range • Golf & Cart • Hot Dogs Lunch • Buffet Dinner

Register by May 1, 2025 for the \$150 Early Bird rate

Golf fees are not waived for members. Dress Code: Shirts with collars; no metal spikes, tank tops, gym shorts, cutoffs or blue jeans.

TEAM (4 person scramble) Team captain's email: _____

Name _____
(Captain)

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Telephone Number: _____

Individual golfers will be assigned to a team.

GOLF FEE

\$150 p/golfer x _____ = \$ _____

☐ Payment received by May 1st

I cannot attend but would like

\$175 p/golfer x _____ = \$ _____

☐ Payment received after May 1st

to make a donation of \$ _____

BUFFET DINNER ONLY

☐ \$40 for buffet dinner only x _____ = \$ _____

ADVERTISEMENT AND DONOR OPPORTUNITY (May 23rd: deadline for flag and sign advertisements)

\$150 tee/green sign x _____ = \$ _____

\$200 embroidered flag x _____ = \$ _____

PAYMENT

Enclosed is a check made payable to the GCBA in the amount of \$ _____

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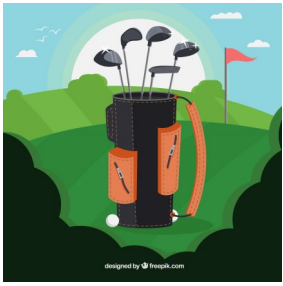
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Telephone Number: _____

Return to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502; or email to gcbalaw.org; or register on-line at www.gcbalaw.org. For more information contact the GCBA at (810) 232-6000. Early registration payment due by May 1, 2024. No refunds for cancellations made within five days of the scramble or thereafter.

Register by Friday, May 30, 2025 • Please support your local Bar Association

**ABSOLUTELY NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL IS TO BE BROUGHT OR CONSUMED
ON FGC PROPERTY!**



2025 GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 47th ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE

Monday, June 16, 2025 ♦ Flint Golf Club

FLAG & TEE/GREEN ADVERTISING FORM

- ☐ **YES!** I will sponsor ____ embroidered personalized tee flag(s) for \$200 each, as a souvenir of the Scramble. Only 18 will be sold! Hole choice: ____ (first come, first served)

Name you wish to appear on the flag (you may use two lines):

- ☐ **YES!** I will sponsor ____ personalized tee/green sign(s) for \$150 each. Tee/Green hole choice: ____ (first come, first served)

Name you wish to appear on the tee/green (you may use two lines):

- ☐ I will donate _____ as a door prize for your scramble. The value is \$ _____.
☐ Please contact me about donating door or golf prizes.
☐ Please contact me about playing in the scramble.

Contact Person _____ Telephone Number _____

Name of Business _____

Address _____

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Account # _____ Signature: _____

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SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE: MAY 23rd



67TH DISTRICT COURT GENESEE COUNTY

Honorable Vikki Bayeh Haley
Honorable Jeffrey E. Clothier
Honorable William H. Crawford II
Honorable David J. Goggins
Honorable G. David Guinn

630 S. SAGINAW ST., FLINT, MI 48502
CENTRAL COURT – 810-257-3170
FIFTH DIVISION – 810-766-8968

Honorable Jessica J. Hammon
Honorable Jennifer J. Manley
Honorable Herman Marable Jr.
Honorable Tabitha M. Marsh
Honorable Mark C. McCabe

WILLIAM H. CRAWFORD II – CHIEF JUDGE
VIKKI BAYEH HALEY – CHIEF JUDGE PRO TEM
CHRISTAL JONES – COURT ADMINISTRATOR

67th DISTRICT COURT CLOSURE

Administrative Order 2025-02

Court Closure – Mandatory Court Employee Training

Previous Local Administrative Orders Rescinded by this Order: 2025-01

IT IS ORDERED:

This administrative order is issued in accordance with MCR 8.110(C). The purpose of this order is to close the business offices of the 67th District Court to the public on designated dates to allow mandatory employee training essential to the court's function. The continuous training will occur throughout the 2025 year to ensure the court's efficiency and effectiveness upon approval by the State Court Administrative Office.

The business offices of *the 67th District Court* will be closed on the following dates:

- *Monday, March 24, 2025*
- *Monday, May 5, 2025*
- *Monday, August 11, 2025*
- *Monday, October 20, 2025*

All in-custody arraignments and emergency matters (including emergency filings) will be conducted while the court's business offices are closed to the public.

Notice of the court closure and of how emergency matters and filings shall be accomplished during the closing shall be given to the public, the court's funding unit, and other affected agencies and officials. Notice shall include a sign posted at the court.

Effective Date: March 24, 2025

Date: February 24, 2025


William H. Crawford II, Chief Judge

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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