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May Notes N' News

2021

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers is Monday, May 17, 2021 at 12 noon. Slate of proposed officers and directors: President **William J. Brickley**, Vice President **Nancy K. Chinonis**, Treasurer **Craig R. Fiederlein**, Secretary **Angela N. Wheeler** and Directors **Vinson F. Carter**, **Elias J. Fanous**, **Leo J. Foley Jr.**, **Paul J. White** and **Erica A. Vicari**. The Foundation meeting will immediately follow. [Register here.](#)

Annual Awards

Congratulations to 2021 Herbert A. Milliken Jr. Civility Award recipient **Hon. Mark C. McCabe** and the 2021 Brian M. Barkey Community Service Award recipient **Dean T. Yeotis**. The GCBA and Centennial American Inn of Court will have a joint awards night on Wednesday, May 26, 2021, outdoors at Brick Street of Grand Blanc, subject to any applicable COVID-19 restrictions. To register see enclosed flyer.

Condolences

Our condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of former GCBA President **James J. Wascha** who passed away Thursday, May 6, 2021.

Genesee County Bar Foundation

Thank you

- To **Sam Ragnone** for his donation in memory of Dennis Snyder;
- and to the GCBA in memory of **James J. Wascha**.

Case Evaluation

Thank you to **Ricky Carlson**, **Danielle McClusky**, **Peter Mooney** and **J. Dallas Winegarden** for donating their Case Evaluation late fees, which are placed in a restricted building account.

Congratulations

To **Prosecutor David S. Leyton** who was named the statewide "Champion for Crime Victims." The award is given to one recipient each year by the Michigan Crime Victims Foundation.



Welcome New Members

Welcome new Affiliate member, **Jenna Gardner** and new attorneys **Lisa H. Litton**, **Todd J. Stearns**, and **Susan Payne Woodrow**.

Change of Address

Mitchell Manwell has moved. His new address is Law Office of Mitchell Manwell, 503 S. Saginaw St., Ste. 734. Flint, MI.

Calendar

May

- 5/17 Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
- 5/26 Awards Night
- 5/31 Memorial Day

June

- 6/8 Family Court Committee Meeting
- 6/12 GCBA Volunteer Day
South End Soup Kitchen
- 6/14 43rd Annual Golf Scramble
- 6/18 Shred Day

Attention Attorney Families

The last several issues of Bar Beat have spotlighted attorney families in our area. We don't want to miss anyone, however. If you have two or more 1st degree relative family member attorneys (you plus at least one other) and you have not been included, please be sure to let us know. (As long as there are at least two 1st degree relatives, then our story can also include more distant relatives as well) Send a note to barbeat@gcbalaw.org with a short summary and good contact information. We will get back to you.





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; and
- Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

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.





Virtual Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

Via Zoom
Monday, May 17, 2021
12 noon EST

Election of Officers & Board of Directors:

- President William J. Brickley: 2021 – 2022
- Vice President Nancy K. Chinonis: 2021 – 2022
- Treasurer Craig R. Fiederlein: 2021 – 2022
- Secretary Angela N. Wheeler: 2021 – 2022
- Director Vinson F. Carter: 2021 – 2023
- Director Elias J. Fanous: 2021 – 2023
- Director Leo J. Foley, Jr.: 2021 – 2023
- Director Paul J. White: 2021 – 2023
- Director Erica A. Vicari: 2021 – 2022

*Genesee County
Bar Foundation
Annual Meeting
to Immediately
Follow*

***This meeting is FREE but registration is required!
You must register in order to receive the meeting
link. Limited to the first 100 registrants.***

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



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Mail: 315 E. Court St. • Flint, MI 48502. Temporary Fax: (810) 355-2691.
On-line: register at www.gcbalaw.org. Telephone reservations are not accepted.

**CENTENNIAL AMERICAN INN OF COURT and
GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

**BRICKSTREET RESTAURANT
1223 W. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, MI**

BUFFET DINNER (SERVED BY STAFF)

TOSSSED SALAD W/RANCH AND ITALIAN DRESSING
ROLLS AND BUTTER
HERB ROASTED CHICKEN
SLOW ROASTED ROAST BEEF WITH BROWN DEMI
GARLIC MASHED POTATOES
SEASONED GREEN BEANS

VEGETARIAN/GLUTEN FREE DINNER AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

\$23.00 for GCBA members and guests
\$23.00 for CAIC non-members and guests

**RSVP MUST BE IN BY THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021 to:
Paula Androsky at pandrosky56@gmail.com**

**Checks may be made payable to:
Centennial American Inn of Court
and sent to Andrea Rossi, 915 Main Street, Fenton, MI 48430**

**Payment by credit card may be made at the event
(with a small surcharge)**

We look forward to seeing you!



SOUTH END SOUP KITCHEN

GCBA VOLUNTEER DAY

Date:

Saturday, June 12, 2021

Time:

10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

South End Soup Kitchen
3410 Fenton Rd #1566
Flint, MI 48507

If you are interested in volunteering at the South End Soup Kitchen please fill out the volunteer form send to GCBA temporary fax number (810) 355-2691.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Additional Volunteers:

Questions? Contact
Genesee County Bar Association
810-232-6000
gcba@gcbalaw.org

Note: Three (3) volunteers are needed. Please consider volunteering with the GCBA!

We ask those in attendance to adhere to safety and social distancing protocols.



Sponsored by the GCBA Community Action Committee



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2021 Genesee County Bar Association 43rd Annual Golf Scramble



Monday, June 14, 2021
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start

Schedule

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

Games (additional cost):

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

Prizes

- 1st Place, 2nd Place
- 50/50 Raffle
- Door Prize Raffle
- Lottery Ticket Board Raffle
- Longest Drive male & female

\$150 Price Includes

Driving Range • Golf & Cart • Continental Breakfast • Hot Dogs on the turn • Buffet Dinner

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:** _____

The GCBA is partnering with Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. Bring a non-perishable food item to donate. Cash donations also accepted. Please make checks payable to the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan!



Name _____

Name _____

(Captain)

Name _____

Name _____

Telephone Number: _____

**We ask those in attendance to adhere to safety
and social distancing protocols.**

GOLF FEE Individual golfers will be assigned to a team.

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

I cannot attend but would like to make a donation of \$ _____

BUFFET ONLY

☐ \$30 for buffet only x _____ = \$ _____

ADVERTISEMENT AND DONOR OPPORTUNITY (May 31st: 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 \$ _____

Credit Card Payment: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Charge my credit card for \$ _____

Account#: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name on card: _____ Last 3#'s on back of card: _____

Billing Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Return to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502; or email to tyb@gcbalaw.org; or register on-line at www.gcbalaw.org.

For more information contact the GCBA at (810) 232-6012. Early registration payment due by May 1, 2021. No refunds for cancellations made within five days of the scramble or thereafter.

Register by Monday, May 1, 2021 • Please support your local Bar Association



2021 GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 43rd ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE



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):

**We ask those in
attendance to adhere
to safety and social
distancing protocols.**

- ☐ **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 _____

PAYMENT

Make checks payable to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. For credit card payment, phone in to the GCBA office at (810) 232-6000, or complete the following and email to the GCBA at gcbalaw.org.

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express Expiration date _____ Last 3#'s on back of card _____

Name as it appears on card: _____

Billing Address: _____



Shred Day

a **FREE** GCBA Member event

Friday, June 18, 2021
10 a.m. - 12 noon
Flint Farmers' Market

Members, staff, and family are welcome
to have their documents shredded on site by Shred-it

Limit: 10 boxes each

Things that are okay to shred:

- Paperclips & Staples
- Folders with metal clips
- Hanging folders/Accordion folders
- Black Binder Clips

Things we won't shred:

- Cd's/DVD's/VHS Tapes
- Hard Drives
- Batteries - CAN CAUSE FIRE
- 3 Ring Binders
- Plastic

To reserve your spot or for more information call
(810) 232-6000



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Education Services

*Conflict presents opportunities...
LEARN to harness the possibilities!*

2021 Training Schedule

Online 40-Hour General Civil Mediator Training: This 40-hour State Court Administrative Office approved training is designed to teach participants the skills necessary to act as mediators in facilitating the resolution of general civil disputes. Participants will receive a detailed mediation manual and a jump-drive containing reproducible mediation forms.

- **Spring Dates:** March 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 22, 24, 26, 29, 31 2021 from 1:00pm –5:00pm
- **Summer Dates:** July 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 2021 from 1:00pm-5:00pm
- **Fall Dates:** November 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 2021 from 1:00pm—5:00pm

Online 40-Hour Domestic Relations Mediation Training: This 40-hour State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) approved training is designed to teach participants the skills necessary to act as mediators in facilitating the resolution of divorce and custody issues and includes the SCAO required 8-Hour Domestic Violence Screening Training for Mediators. Participants will receive a detailed mediation manual and a jump-drive containing reproducible mediation forms.

- **Dates:** May 25, 26, 27 June 2, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 2021 from 1:00pm—5:00pm

8-Hour Domestic Violence Screening Training: This 8-Hour State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) approved training is designed to teach mediators how to screen for domestic violence to determine if mediation is appropriate. The training is a required supplemental training to the 40-Hour Domestic Relations Mediator Training and will also satisfy SCAO 8-Hour advanced mediation training requirements for General Civil Mediators and Domestic Relations Mediators who previously took the 4-hour Domestic Violence Training.

- **Dates:** June 3, 4 2021 from 1:00pm—5:00pm

Online 8-Hour Advanced Mediation Training: Both novice and experienced mediators recognize that every case brings new challenges. Every dispute is unique and should cause the mediator to stretch his/her mind and dig deep into his/her tool box of skills. Advanced training is designed to enhance mediator skill set and meet the circuit court roster requirements of advanced mediation training.

- **Spring Date:** March 18 & 19 2021, from 1:00pm-5:00pm **and** May 18 & 19, 2021 form 1:00pm-5:00pm
- **Summer Date:** August 10 & 11, 2021 from 1:00pm-5:00pm
- **Fall Date:** October 20 & 21, 2021 from 1:00pm-5:00pm

Basic Conflict Resolution Workshop: A highly interactive training specifically designed to equip individuals with the necessary skills to communicate and manage conflict effectively. This training is ideal for any adult in the school, business or community sector looking to enhance their communication effectiveness.

- **Summer Dates:** June 29 & 30, 2021 from 1:00pm-5:00pm
- **Fall Dates:** September 15 & 16, 2021 form 1:00pm-5:00pm

Conflict Management in Special Education: This highly interactive workshop is designed to impart skills that help the IEP team effectively manage conflict prior to, during, and after IEP meetings.

- **Spring Dates:** May 13, 2021 from 1:00pm-4:30pm
- **Summer Dates:** July 28, 2021 from 1:00pm-4:30pm
- **Fall Dates:** October 18, 2021 from 8:30am-12:00pm
- **Winter Dates:** January 29, 2021 from 8:30am-12:00pm

For questions visit the OMC website at www.mediation-omc.org or contact the Training Department at 248-338-4280, Ext 214

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