

Election of Officers & Awards Ceremony

The GCBA Election of Officers and Awards Ceremony is Monday, May 18, 2009, Masonic Temple, downtown Flint, 12 noon; \$15 per person; Sustaining Members free. Slate of officers and directors: President **Timothy H. Knecht**; Vice President **Chris Christenson**; Treasurer **Karen L. Folks**; Secretary **Erwin F. Meiers, III**; and Directors **Jade J. Edwards, Richard S. Harris, Lynne A. Taft, and Anthony P. Vance**. The following awards will be bestowed: 2009 Herbert Milliken, Jr. Civility Award, **William D. Smith**; Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, **M. Susan Schneberger**; and 2009 Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award, **David S. Grant, Jr.** The GCBF Annual Meeting will immediately follow.

New Members

Welcome to our newest members: **Brian Smith, Morgan Cherry** and **Denise Couling**.

Baby Barristers

... to **Mark and Elizabeth (Hughes) Latchana** on the birth of their son William Aidan Latchana. William was born April 29, 2009, weighing 8 lbs, 4 oz, and 20 1/4 inches long. Congratulations also to grandpa **Judge Richard Hughes**.

... to **Rhonda and Matt Stowers** on the birth of their son Connor Matthew Stowers. Conner was born April 30, 2009, weighing 8 lbs, 4 oz, and 20 1/2 inches long.

Congratulations

... to **F. Kay Behm** on her recent appointment to the Probate Court bench.

... to **Hon. Paul V. Gadola** for being honored as the 2009 Civil Libertarian of the Year by the Greater Flint ACLU.

Condolences

... to **John T. Hermann** on the death of his father and GCBA Member **John J. Hermann** who passed away at the age of 79. John practiced law for 56 years and many might recall that he was honored for his membership in the GCBA for 50+ years. He will be missed.

Community Legal Seminars

The GCBA, along with LSEM and the Flint Public Library, is hosting the following free public seminars on:

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| May 14 | Landlord Tenant Rights & Responsibilities |
| May 21 | Foreclosure |
| May 28 | Estate Planning |
| June 11 | Bankruptcy |

Member business cards will be displayed each evening. To be included, drop off 20+ cards at the GCBA office. Made possible through a grant from the Genesee Count Bar Foundation.

Thanks to **Matt Norwood, Tony Vance, and Amy Kline** for volunteering in the Traffic Law free community seminar.

Bar Beat Archives

The Flint Public Library needs to update their local periodicals. The following issues of *Bar Beat* are needed: January/February 1988 through November/December 1988; January/February 1991 through May/June 2008; and September/October 2008. Please mail them to the GCBA so we can forward them to the library.

Genesee County Bar Foundation

Robert MacDonald is the Foundation's newest Life Time Member. For others interested in a Life Time membership contact the GCBF/GCBA office at 810-232-6012.

Calendar of Events

- May 18:** Membership Meeting featuring the election of GCBA and GCBF Officers and Directors.
- May 25:** Courts and GCBA closed. Memorial Day.
- May 28 & 29:** Criminal Law Seminar.
- June 8:** 31st Annual Golf Outing.
- June 12:** Family Law Seminar.
- June 24:** Tigers v Cubs game. All tickets sold!

Golf Outing

Thanks to those who have committed early to sponsor the 2009 Golf Outing. Please remember to support businesses that support the GCBA! Contact us at (810) 232-6012 for sponsorship information.

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Law Day

Thanks to the following for sponsoring student Law Day lunches: **Deborah A. AdeOjo, Nancy A. Abraham, Terry R. Bankert, Richard M. Barron, Hon. Duncan M. Beagle, Carl L. Bekofske, Sherri L. Belknap, Julia L. Black, Shayla D. Blankenship, Carolyn C. Boegner, Timothy G. Bograkov, Lashonda Bourgeois-Lewis, Orene Bryant, Clifford C. Carter, Cynthia L. Carty, T. Ward Chapman, Hon. Tracy Collier-Nix, Dolores M. Coulter, Francine Cullari, Hon. M. Cathy Dowd, Jade J. Edwards, Hon. Joseph J. Farah, Cynthia Favila-Terry, Barbara Pietila Foley, John K. Folts, Hon. Judith A. Fullerton, Gregory T. Gibbs, G. David Guinn, Arthur Hurand, Lynnmarie A. Johnson, Amy M. Kline, Timothy H. Knecht, Michael J. Kolarski, Mark W. Latchana, Mary T. Lazar, David S. Leyton, Nikayela D. Lockett, Robert MacDonald, Erwin F. Meiers, Barbara A. Menear, Tracey L. Merithew, Hon. Allen J. Nelson, Jane O'Dell, Richard J. Ruhala, Glenn M. Simmington, Hon. Larry J. Stecco, Teresa S. Sullivan, Lynne A. Taft, Barbara Tanase, Rochelle J. Thompson, Anthony Tomaszewski, Anthony P. Vance, James J. Wascha, Robin L. Wheaton, Roberta J.F. Wray, and Hon. Thomas C. Yeotis.**

Law Day Committee and Volunteers

Co-Chairs Deborah A. AdeOjo and Sherri L. Belknap; Hon. Duncan M. Beagle; M. Alexis Bowen; Orene Bryant; B.D. Chris Christenson; Dolores M. Coulter; Jade J. Edwards; Torchio W. Feaster; Barbara Pietila Foley; Karen L. Folks; Jeffrey J. Himelhoch; Lynnmarie A. Johnson; Chadd O'Brien; Janet Patsy; Jeffry D. Rocco; Donald G. Rockwell; Ann Lossing Ruwart; Stephanie Satkowiak; Glenn M. Simmington; Hon. Thomas C. Yeotis; Chris White; Roberta J. F. Wray; and Michigan District Optimist Club.

Mock Trial Judges and Attorney Advisors

Hon. Jennie E. Barkey; Hon. Duncan M. Beagle; Hon. John J. Gadola; Hon. Archie L. Hayman; Hon. David J. Newblatt; Hon. Michael J. Theile; Hon. Geoffrey L. Neithercut; Deborah A. AdeOjo; Sherri L. Belknap; Sonya Bellafant; Kurtis L.V. Brown; David B. Clark; Jade J. Edwards; Cynthia Favila-Terry; Torchio W. Feaster; G. David Guinn; Jeffrey J. Himelhoch; Amy M. Kline; Mark W. Latchana; Randall J. Petrides; Sean M. Siebigteroth; Samuel R. Terry; and Robin L. Wheaton.

Thanks to the Genesee County Bar Foundation for sponsoring Law Day activities including the coloring and poster contest, expenses related to the mock trial, and the court house banners.

May Membership Meeting featuring Election of Officers & Awards Ceremony

Masonic Temple, downtown Flint ♦ May 18, 2009 ♦ 12 Noon

♦ Election of Officers & Board of Directors:

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| President Timothy H. Knecht 2009-2010 | Vice President Chris Christenson 2009-2010 |
| Treasurer Karen L. Folks 2009-2010 | Secretary Erwin F. Meiers, III 2009-2010 |
| Director Jade J. Edwards 2009-2012 | Director Richard S. Harris 2009-2012 |
| Director Lynne A. Taft 2009-2012 | Director Anthony P. Vance 2009-2012 |

- ♦ 2009 Herbert Milliken Jr., Civility of the Year Award: **William D. Smith**
- ♦ 2009 Legal Services of Eastern Michigan Pro Bono Attorney of the Year: **M. Susan Schneberger**
- ♦ 2009 Centennial American Inns of Court Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award: **David S. Grant, Jr.**

Genesee County Bar Foundation Annual Meeting to Immediately Follow

An early R.S.V.P. would be appreciated. Luncheon free to Sustaining Members.
\$15 members; \$20 non-members; \$20 walk-ins. Unpaid no-shows will be billed \$20.

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Return to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502; or fax to (810) 232-8310; or email us at gcbalaw.org; or register on line at www.gcbalaw.org. No refunds after the Friday before each luncheon. No-shows not paid in advance will be billed \$20.

~Telephone Reservations Are No Longer Accepted~



JUDGE PAUL GADOLA NAMED CIVIL LIBERTARIAN OF THE YEAR BY GREATER FLINT ACLU

The Board of Directors of the Greater Flint American Civil Liberties Union has unanimously voted to present the 2009 Thomas A. Baltus Civil Libertarian of the Year Award to Judge Paul Gadola in recognition of his work as a founding member of the Greater Flint Branch of the ACLU and his judicial decisions preserving civil liberties.

Judge Gadola attended Michigan State University, earning a B.A. in 1951 and the University of Michigan Law School earning a J.D. in 1953. After serving in the U.S. Army, he returned to Flint and practiced law between 1955 and 1988. While practicing in Flint, Judge Gadola volunteered his time to many organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union. He was one of the founding members of the Greater Flint Chapter in 1963 and fought to protect civil liberties. Three of his memorable efforts were:

1. Advancing the right of free association by securing a decision from the Court of Appeals overturning an order banning an anti Vietnam War group from meeting in Flint City Council Chambers.
2. Advancing the right to equal protection of the laws by supporting the Flint Fair Housing Ordinance, which forbids housing discrimination in the City of Flint.
3. Advancing free speech rights of all speakers, no matter how unpopular their message, by defeating attempts to block George Lincoln Rockwell from speaking.

Judge Gadola was confirmed as a U. S. District Judge by the U.S. Senate in October of 1988 and assumed senior status on January 31, 2001. He continued to carry a full caseload until 2008. As a Federal Judge, Gadola made many decisions advancing the Bill of Rights including:

1. A decision upholding an ACLU challenge to the City of Troy political sign ordinance finding it restricted political speech in violation of the First Amendment. This decision was later used by the Greater Flint ACLU to successfully enjoin the City of Fenton political sign ordinance.
2. A decision granting habeas corpus to a woman convicted of first-degree murder on the grounds that she was denied her right to effective assistance of counsel under the Sixth Amendment.

Judge Gadola will receive this award at the Greater Flint ACLU's Annual Dinner on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at the Flint Golf Club. The featured speaker, Frank Eaman, will address the efforts by the ACLU and other groups to secure effective assistance of counsel for indigent defendants in Michigan. Tickets are \$35 each and may be purchased on line at www.aclumich.org or by sending a check made payable to the ACLU Fund of Michigan, to Greater Flint ACLU, P.O. Box 1001, Flint, MI 48501.

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EXPERT WITNESS SEMINAR

presented by GCBA Criminal Law Committee &
Genesee County Public Defender Program

SARVIS CONFERENCE CENTER ♦ FLINT, MI

THURSDAY, MAY 28th 8:30 AM-5:00 PM
AND
FRIDAY, MAY 29th 8:30 AM -12:30 PM
~ Registration and check in beginning at 8:00 a.m. ~

REGISTRATION FEES

- \$50.00 GCBA New Admittee (5 or fewer years of practice or those under the age of 35)
- \$75.00 GCBA member
- \$150.00 Non-member (payment must accompany registration)
- \$15.00 Added for walk-ins (seating not guaranteed)
- \$ _____ Total amount enclosed:

Fees include: Breakfast and lunch Thursday; breakfast Friday; and materials.

***GCBA Members:** The reduced rate for this seminar courtesy of the Genesee County Bar Foundation Louis D. McGregor CLE Fund. For more information, or to join the GCBA, call Ramona Sain at (810) 232-6012.*

METHOD OF PAYMENT

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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

THURSDAY

- 8:30-8:45 a.m. **Criminal Law Committee Chair Lynne A. Taft & Public Defender Barbara A. Menear**
Welcome
- 8:45-9:15 a.m. **Hon. Joseph J. Farah: 7th Judicial Circuit**
Overview
- 9:15- 10:30 a.m. **Robert A. Yano: Senior Forensic Expert**
The attorneys' guide to technical forensic experts
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45-11:45 a.m. **Dr. Allen Bellamy: Clinical Psychologist**
Insanity, criminal responsibility and competence
- 11:45-1:00 p.m. Working lunch ~**Mark Corrigan & Chad Woycehoski**
MDOC Probation Enhancement Program
- 1:00-1:45 p.m. **Dr. Brian Hunter: Genesee Co. Medical Examiner**
Forensic pathology
- 1:45-2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:00-5:00 p.m. **Todd Hill: "PowerPoint in the Courtroom"** in partnership with SADO pursuant to a grant from MCOLES

FRIDAY

- 8:30-10:30 a.m. **Dr. Solomon Fulero: Lawyer, psychologist, and chairman of the Sinclair College psychology department.**
Eye witness identification and false confessions
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45-11:15 a.m. **Curt Caterer: Certified accident reconstructionist**
Accident reconstruction
- 11:15-12:30 p.m. **Adam Kelly and Mark McKinnon: Computer evidence discovery experts on Computer forensics**

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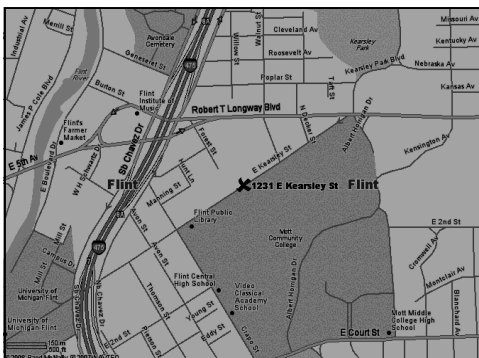
MAIL registration form with check to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. **FAX** registration with credit card information to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310. **ONLINE** registration at www.gcbalaw.org.

Attendance at the seminar will comply with the annual CLE requirement for the Genesee County Defender Program.

Sarvis Conference Center

located at 1231 E. Kearsley St., Flint, MI 48503; (810) 760-1350.

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 - **Sprint** – Save up to 30% on wireless contracts and 15% on wireless hardware and accessories
 - **Better Business Bureau (BBB)** – Save 20% on membership and gain benefits of the BBB accreditation
 - **Sectorlink** – Save up to 40% on web hosting, email services, domain registration, and dedicated servers
 - **Verizon** – Save 5% on up to four wireless accounts in a business or personal name, and up to 8% on 5 or more wireless business accounts
 - **Comcast Business Services** – Save on video, voice, Internet, and advertising through this bundled package
 - **Shred-it** – Save 10% on safe and bonded document disposal

For more information visit www.thegrcc.org, or call Regional Chamber Member Services representative Steve Flynn, at (810) 600-1427. To join, complete the application below and fax to (810) 600-1461 with credit card information, or mail with a check to: Genesee Regional Chamber of Commerce, ATTN: Member Services, 519 S. Saginaw St., Suite 200, Flint, MI 48502.

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2009 Genesee County Bar Association 31st Annual Golf Outing



FLINT ELKS COUNTRY CLUB

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2009

7177 E. Maple Ave., Grand Blanc, MI
(between Vassar Rd. and Irish Rd.)

Schedule:

11:00 a.m. Registration & Driving Range Open
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
6:15 p.m. Dinner Buffet
Non-golfers may join us for dinner

Prizes

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

Price Includes: ◆ Driving Range ◆ Golf & Cart ◆ Lunch ◆ Dinner Buffet

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

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

Name _____
(Captain)

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Telephone Number: _____

Payment

\$85 p/golfer x _____ = \$ _____ \$125 tee/green sign x _____ = \$ _____

\$175 embroidered flag x _____ = \$ _____ \$25 dinner for non-golfers = \$ _____

TOTAL DUE = \$ _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED = \$ _____

Make checks payable to the GCBA. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ _____

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Register by May 29, 2009

2009 GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 31st ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Monday, June 8, 2009 ✧ Flint Elks Country Club

FLAG & T/GREEN ADVERTISING FORM

- YES!** I will sponsor _____ embroidered personalized tee flag(s) for \$175, as a souvenir of the outing. Only 18 will be sold! Hole choice: _____ (first come, first serve)

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

- YES!** I will sponsor _____ personalized t/green sign(s) for \$125, as a souvenir of the outing. T/Green hole choice: _____ (first come, first serve)

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

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

Contact Person _____

Name of Business _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

PAYMENT

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DEADLINE: MAY 25th

“What Do You Mean, I Care Too Much!”

Brought to you by the Family Law and Professional Practice Committees of the GCBA

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2009
SARVIS CONFERENCE CENTER—FLINT
8:30 a.m. Registration
9:00 -12:00 p.m. Seminar

REGISTRATION FEES (handouts and continental breakfast included)

GCBA member \$25.00
Non-member \$50.00

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 Ramona Sain at (810) 232-6012.

REGISTRATION FORM (form may be photocopied)

- \$25.00 GCBA member
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- Add \$15.00 for walk-ins

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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FACULTY **DR. BARBARA WOLF, PhD.**
Director, Behavioral Medicine Education

This seminar will focus on understanding yourself in the role of the attorney, as well as delving into the complicated area of attorney/client relationships.

Attendees will:

- ◆ Investigate the meaning of ‘boundaries’ within attorney/client relations.
- ◆ Understand issues relating to attorney/client relations.
- ◆ Identify ways you may have “overstepped” boundaries. How do you know what behavior is okay and healthy?
- ◆ Learn about the true nature of detachment and co-dependency through mindfulness.
- ◆ Understand how your body is affected by stress and how it leads to ill health.
- ◆ Conclude with 3 identified behaviors to decrease stress within your practice.

This seminar will be evidence based and interactive. Come prepared to learn and have fun!

ATTORNEYS FROM ALL PRACTICE AREAS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

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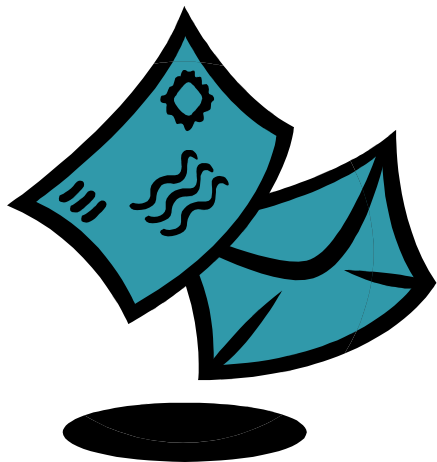
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