### GENESEE COUNTY PROFESSIONALISM SINCE 1897 BAR ASSOCIATION

#### May Notes N' News

**Election of Officers & Awards Ceremony** 

The GCBA Election of Officers and Awards Ceremony is Monday, May 17, 2010, Masonic Temple, downtown Flint, 12 noon; \$15 per person; Sustaining Members free. Slate of officers and directors: President Chris Christenson; Vice President Karen L. Folks; Treasurer Erwin F. Meiers, III; Secretary Orene Bryant; and Directors James N. Bauer, Shayla D. Blankenship, Roger G. Isaac, and Jeremy R. M. Piper. The following awards will be bestowed: 2010 Herbert Milliken, Jr. Civility Award, Brian M. Barkey; Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, Roger L. and Ilene A. Segar; and 2010 Jerome F. O'Rourke Advocacy Award, Terrance P. Sheehan. The GCBF Annual Meeting will immediately follow.

#### Genesee County Bar Foundation Donations Thank You

... to Hon. Robert & Lynne Ransom for making a donation in memory of L. James Hicks, James Zimmer, Craig Drewett, and Atwell Robb.

... to **Hon. Thomas C. Yeotis** for making a donation in memory of Walter Leech and Atwell Robb.

... to **Henry M. Hanflik** for making a donation in memory of Atwell Robb.

... to Hon. Allen Nelson for making a donation in memory of James Zimmer.

... to **Hon. Duncan Beagle** and **Carl Bekofske** for making a donation in memory of **James Zimmer** and Craig Drewett.

#### Condolences

... to Lynnmarie Johnson on the death of her husband, Michael Johnson, who passed on Monday, May 14, 2010.

#### **Baby Barristers**

... to **Tabitha** and **Jermarx Marsh** on the birth of their son Justice on March 22, 2010. Justice weighed in at 5 lbs., 15.5 ounces and is 18.5 inches long.

... to **Craig** and **Heidi McAra** on the birth of their daughter Alice on April 19, 2010. Alice weighed in at 8lbs, 3 ounces, and is 20 inches long.

#### **Summer Hours**

Beginning Friday, June 4th through September 3rd, the GBCA will close at 4:00 p.m. on Fridays.

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#### Cell Phone Ban Cell Phones, cameras, and electronic re-

cording devices have been banned from all Genesee County Court Facilities effective May 17, 2010. There will be no place to temporarily store these items at any court house please advise your clients to leave their cell phones, cameras, and electronic recording devices in their car or at home. Attor-

neys, police officers, properly identified jurors, and other government employees are excluded form the ban. *Local Administrative Order C25 2010-02J, P25 2010-01J, D67 2010-01J, D68 2010-02J.* 

#### Law Day Student Luncheon Donations

Sherri L. Belknap, Julia L. Black, Shayla D. Blankenship, Carolyn C. Boegner, Timothy G. Bograkos, George F. Brueck, Orene Bryant, Heather Burnash, Ward Chapman, Hon. Tracy Collier-Nix, Dolores M. Coulter, Dawn D. Crichton, Hon. M. Cathy Dowd, Hon. Joseph J. Farah, Barbara Pietela Foley, John K. Folts, Charles A. Grossmann, Jeffrey J. Himelhoch, Arthur Hurand, Lynnmarie A. Johnson, Timothy H. Knecht, Andrea L. LeGendre, David S. Leyton, Erwin F. Meiers, III, Barbara A. Menear, Morrissev Bove Ebbott, Hon. Allen J. Nelson, Chadd O'Brien, Randall J. Petrides, Jeremy R.M. Piper, Hon. Robert M. Ransom, Lynne Ransom, Richard J. Ruhala, Robert L. Segar, Teresa Schafer Sullivan, Glenn M. Simmington, Gerald D. Snodgrass, II, Hon. Larry J. Stecco, Lynne A. Taft, Michael A. Tesner, Anthony Tomaszewski, J. Dallas Winegarden, Barry A. Wolf, and Hon. Thomas C. Yeotis. Special thanks to the Genesee County Bar Foundation, the Flint West Optimist Club and Dean T. Yeotis.

#### Thanks

Thanks to Mark Horrigan of Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse (Corunna Rd.) for donating \$300+ in materials/supplies for the GCBF/GCBA Holiday Dinner. The supplies will be used to make stanchions for crowd control, saving the Holiday Dinner Fund about \$500 in stanchion rental fees each year. Mark volunteered with **Teresa Knight** at the 2009 dinner and wanted to do his part to help make a difference!

#### May Notes N' News

#### **Calendar of Events**

May 13th: GCBA Senior Attorneys meeting; noon;
Valley Coney Island; No RSVP needed.
May 17th: Annual Meeting & Election of Officers.
See enclosed flyer for more information.
May 28th: County Furlough Day.
May 31st: GCBA and Courts Closed. Memorial Day.

**June 10th:** GCBA Senior Attorneys meeting; noon; Valley Coney Island; No RSVP needed.

**June 14th:** Golf Outing. Elks Club. See enclosed flyer for more information.

June 18th: County Furlough Day.

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

Thanks to **Mike Rizik, Bill Brickley, and Peter Mooney** for donating their Case Evaluation late fees, which are placed in a restricted building account.

#### **Address Change**

**Chadd O'Brien** has joined the law firm of Christenson & Fiederlein, PC located at 302 E. Court Street, Flint, MI 45802. Telephone number (810) 232-1222.

#### Grant for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and Visually Impaired Consultations

The Genesee County Bar Foundation has grant money available to pay for initial costs of an attorney consultation with a deaf and hard of hearing or visually impaired person. (Maximum \$75, one hour consultation.)

ADA law requires that attorneys must pay for the cost of translators, but cannot directly pass those costs to the client. (See *Bar Beat* article by LindaLee Massoud, Jan/Feb 2005 edition.)

This grant supports the Foundation's mission supporting "worthy projects which improve the administration of justice. . . and educate the public about its legal rights and obligations."

For more information, contact the GCBA.

#### SAVE THE DATE

... for a joint Judicial Council and GCBA Professional Practice Committee Ethics Seminar at MCC Regional Technology Center on October 29, 2010. **Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly** will be the keynote speaker.

#### **GCBA Senior Attorneys**

The GCBA senior attorneys will meet at noon, May 13th & June 10th, at Valley Coney Island, Linden and Miller Rd. Those over 65 (retired or not) are welcome.

#### **Golf Outing**

Thanks to those who have committed early to sponsor the 2010 Golf Outing. Please remember to support businesses that support the GCBA! Contact us at (810) 232-6012 for sponsorship information.

Flag Sponsors (14 more available) Christenson & Fiederlein, PC Law Office of James C. Dillard Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton Yeo & Yeo, P.C. Carl L. Bekofske

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

Larry Day Mark Latchana for 67th District Court Eric S. Peterson & Associates Mortgages Lenders, LLC Halo Burger Piper-McCredie Agency, Inc. Security Credit Union

#### **Door Prizes/Donations**

PD's Pub Records Deposition Service Paul Goebel Group Roger Isaac

#### From President Timothy H. Knecht

I have some news to report which is important to the Genesee County Bar Association as well as to our community as a whole. Ramona Sain, our extremely skilled and talented Executive Director, after 12 years of dedicated service to our organization, has made a career move.

She will begin a new job as the Corporate Development Officer for the Flint Cultural Center Corporation on June 16th. Continuing in her devoted and unselfish manner, Ramona will continue in her role as our Executive Director for our organization until June 15th.

We, the GCBA, now have several jobs. The first is to congratulate Ramona on her new job. The second is to find a replacement for her. I will be putting together a search committee shortly to do just that. *Timothy H. Knecht, President* 

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Masonic Temple, downtown	Flint 🔶 May 17, 2010 ·	◆ 12 Noon		
<ul> <li>★ Election of Officers &amp; Board of Directors: President Chris Christenson 2010-2011 Vice President Karen L. Folks 2010-2011 Treasurer Erwin F. Meiers III 2010-2011 Secretary Orene Bryant 2010-2011 Director James N. Bauer 2010-2013 Director Shayla D. Blankenship 2010-2013 Director Roger G. Isaac 2010-2013 Director Jeremy R,M. Piper 2010-2013     </li> <li>★ 2010 Herbert Milliken Jr., Civility of the Year Award: Brian M. Barkey</li></ul>				
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. Name(s):				
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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 gcba@gcblaw.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~				

# DOWNTOWN OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT

### 302 E. COURT STREET, FLINT, MI

2 Blocks from Circuit Court (4 minutes from your desk to the metal detector!!!) 3 Blocks from Central - 67<sup>th</sup> and 68<sup>th</sup> District Court

Upper Level Units start at: \$500.00/month

#### AMENITIES INCLUDE:

- > (2) Conference rooms
- > (5) Bathrooms
- > (2) Kitchen areas
- > Parking
- > Dumpster
- Hi-Speed Internet access for the building
- > T-1 Phone line
- > Support staff work areas
- > New carpet upper level
- Professional Lobby with receptionist

#### ADDITIONAL AMENITIES AVAILABLE:

Phone System Access (voicemail, etc.) Credit Card Processing (independent account with processing company) Access to High Speed Copier/Scanner

### For more information or to schedule an appointment for a walk-through, please call Chris Christenson or Craig Fiederlein at (810) 232-1112.

# GCBA Young Lawyers General Meeting



# Thursday, May 27, 2010

12 Noon ♦ GCBA Office

Open to GCBA members with five or fewer years of practice, or those under the age of 35. Luncheon cost is \$5. Unpaid no-shows will be billed \$10.

Thanks to the GCBF MacGregor Restricted Fund for underwriting some of the costs relating to the luncheon.

□ May 27th □ May 27th				
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<b>MAIL</b> 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. <b>ON-LINE</b> register on-line at www.gcbalaw.org. Telephone reservations are not accepted.				



# 2010 Genesee County Bar Association 32nd Annual Golf Outing

### FLINT ELKS COUNTRY CLUB MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010



7177 E. Maple Ave., Grand Blanc, MI + Between Vassar Rd. and Irish Rd.

#### Schedule

#### ◆ 11:00 a.m. Registration & Driving Range

- ♦ 12:00 noon Lunch
- ✦ 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
- ♦ 6:15 p.m. Dinner Buffet

#### Prizes

- ◆1<sup>st</sup> Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place
- ✦ Hole-in-1
- ✦ Closest to the Pin male & female
- ◆ 50/50 Raffle

#### \$90 Price Includes

- Driving RangeLunch
- ✦ Golf & Cart✦ Dinner Buffet
- ~ JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED DAY OF GOLF AND CAMARADERIE ~

#### Limited number of teams available: register early

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

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Return to the GCBA at 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502; or fax to (810) 232-8310; or email the GCBA at rls@gcbalaw.org; or register on-line at www.gcbalaw.org. For more information contact the GCBA at (810) 232-6012.

### Register by May 28, 2010

## 2010 GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING Monday, June 14, 2010 *↔* 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, T/Green hole choice: (first come, first serve) Name you wish to appear on the flag (you may use two lines):
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prize for your outing. The value is \$ □ Please contact me about donating door or golf prizes. □ Please contact me about playing in the outing.
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<b>PAYMENT</b> Make checks payable to the Genesee County Bar Association, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502; Credit card payment accepted on-line at <u>www.gcbalaw.org</u> ; or fax credit card payment to the GCBA at (810) 232-8310.
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Please select t         \$350         \$\$190         \$\$95         \$\$95         \$\$95         \$\$35         \$\$35         \$\$25         TOTAL DUE         Payment due	<ul> <li><b>JES SCHEDULE</b></li> <li><i>he appropriate category below</i></li> <li><b>Sustaining Membership:</b> includes free monthly membership meetings.</li> <li><b>Regular Membership:</b> practicing more than 5 years.</li> <li><b>New Admittee:</b> practicing less than 5 years.</li> <li><b>Associate Membership:</b> not practicing for compensation in the last year and in the forthcoming year.</li> <li><b>Student Membership:</b> law school students.</li> <li><b>Honorary Membership:</b> Free for those with 40 years of continuous membership in the GCBA, 70 years or older.</li> <li><b>Optional: Bar Foundation Donation (or more).</b></li> <li><b>*</b></li> <li><b>*</b></li> <li><i>by June 30, 2010. Dues must be paid in order to receive member rates for seminars and meetings.</i></li> <li><i>buctible as a business expense, but are not deductible for charitable purposes.</i></li> </ul>	
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Please register me for the installment plan. Enclosed is \$, with a balance of \$ leaving two equal payments due on October 1, 2010 and December 1, 2010.		
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□ PLEASE SEND ME LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

# GENESEE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION 2010-2011 COMMITTEE REGISTRATION FORM

Want to know what is happening in your practice area? Just sign up for a committee by placing a check in the space to the left of each committee.

Fax this form by September 30, 2010 to the GCBA at 810-232-8310 or mail to:

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

#### PLEASE VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO SERVE YOUR PROFESSION.

#### **Committees**

	ADR	Bankruptcy		
	Bar Beat	Bench and Bar		
	Business Law	Criminal Law & Defender		
	District Court	Family Court		
	Federal Practice	Golf Outing		
	Law Day	Lawyer Referral		
	Legal Aid	Membership and Marketing		
	Probate Committee	Professional Practice & Ethics		
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RETURN BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 FAX TO (810) 232-8310				
Ad-Hoc Committees will be appointed by the president as needed.				



#### Attorney Notification Policy Upon Death

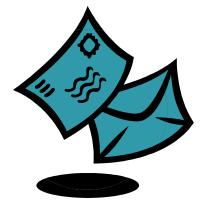
At the April 15, 2010, meeting of Genesee County Bar Association Board of Directors, the following policy on notifying members about the death of an attorney was adopted:

- Email notice to GCBA members on death of a GCBA member and a GCBA member's immediate family: spouse, child, parents, including step relations. Staff will continue to include a photo (if available) and provide pertinent bar-related background information in the email.
- Email notice to GCBA members on the death of a non-GCBA member. No notification will be made for the family of a non-GCBA member.
- Email notice to GCBA members for non-attorney "friend" of the legal community.
- Notes N' News announcement for GCBA members on death of a GCBA member and a GCBA member's immediate family: spouse, parents, child, including step relations.
- No Notes N' News announcement for non-GCBA members and their family.



# Notes N' News A Little of What's Inside This Issue!

- ♦ 2010 2011 Dues Renewal
- ♦ Annual Meeting & Election of Officers
- ♦ Golf Outing



### **ΒΕΤURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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