

Congratulations

... to GCBA board member **Michael J. Kelley** on his election to the Michigan Court of Appeals, from the 4th District. Mike won the election by garnering 54% of the vote.

... to **Joan N. Pierson** who was recently elected to the Urban League Board of Directors.

Thanks

... to **GCBA Past President A. Ron Sirna** for donating two UM football tickets to the GCBA.

... **Joan N. Pierson** and **Helen Church** who have been diligently purchasing gifts for the 2008 Holiday Dinner.

New Members

Welcome to our newest members: **Charles Hilliker** and **Randolph Bodwin**.

Condolences

... to GCBA employee **Star Estep** on the death of her husband, Danny Estep.

... to family, friends, and colleagues of long time GCBA member **Shaker Brackett** who passed away on October 23, 2008. Thanks to **Roger Isaac**, **Jack Minore**, and **Michael Kelly** for making a donation to the Genesee County Bar Foundation in his memory.

Case Evaluation Late Fee Donors

Thanks to **Brian Barkey** and **Susan Philpott Preketes** for donating their Circuit Court Case Evaluation late fees. Donations are placed in a restricted account for long term maintenance of the building.

GCBA Ball Cap

White ball caps, embroidered with the GCBA burgundy logo, are now available. To purchase a ball cap contact the GCBA at 810-232-6012.

Unclaimed Property

One of our retired members has been researching the Michigan Treasury Department website for unclaimed money and noticed a few of our local attorneys listed on the site. To see if you or a family member is listed go to www.michigan.gov/treasury.

Admission Ceremony

Everyone is invited to the Admission Ceremony for new lawyers on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the court room of **Judge David J. Newblatt**. GCBA student members **Kimberly Hornik** and **Heather Burnash** passed the bar along with Alejandro Sanchez, son of **GCBA Past President Francine Cullari**. Congratulations!

Calendar of Events

November 11, 2008: Courts & GCBA closed for Veterans' Day.

November 17, 2008: November Membership Meeting featuring Inside Michigan Politics' Bill Ballenger; 12 Noon, Masonic Temple, downtown Flint. See enclosed flyer.

November 19, 2008: 3rd Annual GCBA Art Show; 5 - 7 p.m., Greater Flint Arts Council. Listen to **Shelly Spivack's** son who will perform bass with the jazz group "Sleep Patterns." See enclosed flyer.

November 27 & 28, 2008: Courts & GCBA closed for Thanksgiving.

December 2, 2008: Holiday Dinner Gift Wrapping Party; 5:30 p.m.; GCBA

December 17, 2008: GCBA & GCBF 2008 Community Holiday Dinner, Masonic Temple. See enclosed flyer.

December 18, 2008: Holiday Party 2008; Brick Street Bar & Grille. See enclosed flyer.

December 24 & 25, 2008: Courts & GCBA closed for the holidays.

December 31, 2008 & January 1, 2009: Courts & GCBA closed for the New Year.

January 12, 2009: January Membership Meeting featuring Dr. David Hall, Psychologist; 12 Noon, Masonic Temple, Downtown Flint. Dr. Hall will discuss the "Stresses in a Law Practice." See enclosed flyer.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN**

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR REAPPOINTMENT OF
INCUMBENT MAGISTRATE JUDGE
VIRGINIA M. MORGAN**

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Virginia M. Morgan at Detroit, Michigan is due to expire on June 4, 2009. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a Merit Selection Panel to consider the reappointment of Magistrate Judge Morgan to a new eight-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge position include (1) the conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) the conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether Magistrate Judge Morgan should be recommended by the Panel for reappointment by the Court. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, December 19, 2008, and should be directed to:

Merit Selection Panel
814 Theodore Levin United States Courthouse
231 W. Lafayette Boulevard
Detroit, Michigan 48226

October 27, 2008

2008 Holiday Dinner

Thanks to the following donors (as of 11-6-08):

Santa's Workshop—\$500 donation
John Siler

Santa's Helper — \$250 donation
Jim & Janey Dillard
Mark Latchana
Barbara Menear & John Nickola
Michael Smith



Santa's Elf—\$ 150 donation
Ed & Donna Henneke
Robert & Joan Pierson
Hon. Larry Stecco



Holiday Chef—\$100 donation
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Roger Isaac
Robert Segar



Santa's Reindeer—\$0-\$50 donation
Hon. Peter Anastor
Denise Fish
Pamela Mason
John Potbury
Jeff Rocco
Robert Shegos
Scott Stensaas
Tess Sullivan



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* The Holiday Dinner Committee is in *
* need of heavy duty gift wrapping *
* paper. If you would like to donate a *
* roll please deliver the paper by *
* Monday, December 1, 2008. *
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* Your donation is tax deductible. *
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It is not too late to donate. Please make your check payable to the Genesee County Bar Foundation, in care of 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. 100% of your donation is spent on the Holiday Dinner!

November 17, 2008 Membership Meeting

Featuring

Inside Michigan Politics' Bill Ballenger
"State and Federal Post-election Analysis"

Masonic Temple — Noon

Luncheon Sponsors: David Leyton, Tim Knecht, Chris Christenson and Kurtis Brown

January 12, 2009 Membership Meeting

Featuring

Dr. David Hall, Psychologist
"Stresses in a Law Practice"

Masonic Temple — Noon

An early R.S.V.P. would be appreciated. Luncheon free to Sustaining Members; \$10 members; \$15 non-members; \$15 walk-ins. Unpaid no-shows will be billed \$15.

† **November 17, 2008** † **January 12, 2009**

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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. No refunds after the Friday before each luncheon. **No-shows not paid in advance will be billed \$15. TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED.**



GCBA & GCBF



2008 COMMUNITY HOLIDAY DINNER

Wednesday, December 17, 2008 from 4:00 ~ 7:00 p.m.
Masonic Temple, Downtown Flint

DONOR FORM:

Donations are needed to support this program, which are used exclusively to purchase items for the dinner. Categories of giving:

- Santa's Helper** \$250 pays for 50 toys for 50 children
- Santa's Elf** \$150 pays for 150 children's pictures with Santa
- Santa's Chef** \$100 pays for a meal for 25 guests
- Santa's Reindeer** \$1-50 every \$5 pays for a child's toy

Enclosed is a check for \$_____made payable and sent to:

Genesee County Bar Foundation, 315 E. Court St., Flint, MI 48502. Your gift is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. As required by relevant Federal Statute we hereby confirm that we did not provide any goods or services in exchange for your gift.

GIFT WRAPPING PARTY:

The GALSP will be hosting a gift wrapping party on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. at the GCBA/GCBF office. Pizza will be served. Please join us! _____

VOLUNTEER FORM:

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your shift

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

1:30-3:30 p.m.	Decorations/Set up	_____	
3:30-5:30 p.m.	First Shift	_____	Assignments will be made upon arrival
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Second Shift	_____	Assignments will be made upon arrival
6:00-7:00	Sing/Entertainment	_____	
6:30-8:00 p.m.	Clean Up & Delivery	_____	Volunteers with vans are also needed to help deliver items back to the GCBA.

Please note special consideration for job duties: _____

If you want to volunteer a few hours of your time to this worthwhile cause, please fill out the form and return by fax to the GCBF/GCBA at (810) 232-8310.

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

SPECIAL INVITATION

hosted by the Sustaining Members of the GCBA

to Genesee County Bar Association members, spouses, family and staff,
for a night to socialize with friends and colleagues

3rd Annual GCBA Art Show

Premier of Original Artwork from
GCBA Members and their Family
at the

Greater Flint Arts Council

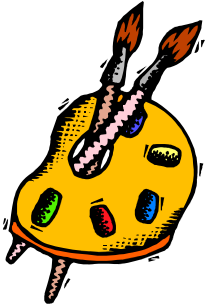
816 S. Saginaw Street ♦ downtown Flint

Wednesday, November 19, 2008 ♦ 5 – 7 p.m.
Cocktail reception with hors d'oeuvres
Jazz entertainment by Sleep Patterns

*If you are an artist and wish to display your artwork, please contact the
GCBA at (810) 232-6012.*

SUSTAINING MEMBERS AS OF NOVEMBER 6, 2008

Nancy Abraham ♦ Brian Barkey ♦ Carl Bekofske ♦ Shayla Blankenship ♦ George Brueck ♦ Orene Bryant ♦
John Burgess ♦ Robert Chimovitz ♦ Bernhardt Christenson ♦ James Dillard ♦ Craig Fiederlein ♦ Paul
Goyette ♦ Ronald Haldy ♦ Clifford Hart ♦ Jeffrey Himelhoch ♦ Dennis Lazar ♦ David Leyton ♦ Michael
Manley ♦ Danielle McCluskey ♦ Erwin Meiers III ♦ William Mitchell III ♦ Tom Pabst ♦ Joan Pierson ♦
Randolph Piper ♦ Hon. Robert Ransom ♦ H. William Reising ♦ Donald Rockwell ♦ John Siler ♦ William
Smith ♦ John Streby ♦ Lynne Taft ♦ Kenneth Tucker ♦ James Wascha ♦ Kendall Williams ♦ J.D.
Winegarden Jr. ♦ Hon. Thomas Yeotis ♦ Trachelle Young ♦



Season Greetings

The Genesee County Bar Association,
Genesee Association of Legal Support Professionals &
Friends of the Legal Community

Holiday Party 2008

Thursday, December 18th

at

Brick Street Bar & Grille

1223 E. Grand Blanc Road, Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Directions: east of Fenton Road and just west of Dort Hwy.

Coming from US-23 take Exit #88. Coming from I-75 take Exit #109.

The Party of Parties

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

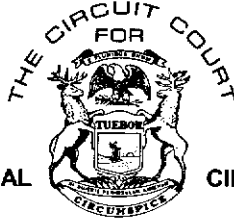
Piano Bar & Sing-A-Long



Who is Invited

Genesee County 67th & 68th District Courts, Circuit Court, Family, Probate Court and staff, All Federal Courts and Staff. Federal Bankruptcy Court and Staff. All Judges and staff. Genesee County Sheriff, Friend of the Court, Prosecutor, Registrar of Deeds, Treasurer, Drain Commission & Clerks Offices and staff. All Attorneys, paralegals and support staff. Court Reporters, Process servers, Title Companies and all others who are associated with the legal community.

For Reservations and information contact 810-603-2114



THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF MICHIGAN

900 SOUTH SAGINAW ST., FLINT, MICHIGAN 48502
810-424-4355

CRIMINAL/CIVIL DIVISION

Honorable Joseph J. Farah
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Honorable Richard B. Yuille

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BARBARA A. MENEAR - COURT ADMINISTRATOR

FAMILY DIVISION

Honorable Duncan M. Beagle
Honorable John A. Gadola
Honorable David J. Newblatt
Honorable Michael J. Theile
Honorable Robert E. Weiss

October 22, 2008

You are cordially invited to a breakfast reception in honor of local artist Lavarne Ross, at the Genesee County Courthouse, 900 S. Saginaw Street, Flint MI 48502, 3rd floor, on November 12, 2008 at 8:15 A.M.

Mr. Ross graciously donated a series of historical paintings that were formerly located at Delphi East. There will be an opportunity to view the paintings in their new location, as they grace the public halls and courtrooms.

The reception will be followed by a 9:15 A.M. meeting of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, at which time the paintings will be received by formal resolution.

This contribution is another phase of the Courthouse Square Restoration Project (1998-2003). The historic Genesee County Courthouse is on the state and national registers of historically significant sites. Built in 1926, it features original monumental murals by Edgar Spier Cameron and two additional murals completed during the restoration by local artist Stefan Davidek and the Davidek family.

Your timeliness is encouraged as regularly scheduled courtroom proceedings will commence following the reception.

For further information:

Barbara A. Menear
Administrator
810.424.4355

Notes N' News

A Little of What's Inside This Issue!



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